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**PROJECTS & FACILITY OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
Teleconference Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Absent
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Frank Capurro
Sam Cooley, Vice-Chair	
Bob Culbertson, Director	
Amy Newell, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Jonathan Pilch (joined in progress)	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Jesus “Chuy” Martinez, Water Systems Operations Supervisor (WSOS)
Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO)	Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)
Paul Friedlander, Carollo Engineers	

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of May 27, 2020 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Newell moved to approve the May 27, 2020 minutes; Committee Member Imazio seconded. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Culbertson, Newell, Imazio
Noes: None

- 4. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the Board of Directors held a closed session to discuss the property right procurement process for the project during its June 17 meeting; there was no reportable action. During the open session, GM Lockwood and Mr. Friedlander provide an update on the permitting and environmental components of the project. GM Lockwood noted that a water-right hearing with the State Water Resources Control Board is scheduled for August 24 and 25, and that a pre-hearing conference call is scheduled for July 10. GM Lockwood reported that staff are working to prepare outreach

materials and plan for a public meeting for property owners and interested parties in the project area to provide information regarding the property right procurement process. Lastly, GM Lockwood shared that the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency approved letters of support for the project water-right application and for the Proposition 1 Stormwater Grant proposal.

- b. Proposed Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that the Board of Directors authorized and directed him to prepare and submit the water right application for 4,000 acre-feet per year from Struve Slough. The application is in final review. GM Lockwood shared that the BMP Implementation Team have one remaining chapter to review of the Draft EIR (DEIR), the Alternatives chapter, which will be followed by a complete review of the Administrative DEIR prior to its release later this summer for public comment. Jill Hamilton, ESA, the environmental lead on the project, will present the Draft EIR to the Board of Directors at an upcoming meeting.
- c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the project achieved the substantial completion milestone in late May and the contractor is working to finish punch list items. Staff anticipates bring a Notice of Completion to the Board of Directors for consideration of approval at its July or August meeting.
- d. Coastal Distribution System F-Pipeline Expansion Project.** GM Lockwood reported that a majority of the new pipeline is in the ground and the contractor is working to install the laterals. WSO Biggam added that all trenching except for the tie-in will be completed by next week and will be followed by installation of the appurtenances. The tie-in will occur in July and will be completed as a “hot-tap,” allowing the work to take place while the Coastal Distribution System is pressurized and in operation. GM Lockwood also shared that geotechnical testing of the excavated native material determined that it is suitable fill material and will provide a cost savings of approximately \$100,000 from the original plan to haul fill material. Crop loss compensation, as a result of the project, will take place following completion of work and will be brought to the Board of Directors for consideration of approval.

- 5. Consider Review Committee for Groundwater Sustainability Plan Alternative Update Statements of Qualifications.** GM Lockwood provided a brief overview of the project, the request for qualification process and schedule, and the composition of the review committee. Following a discussion, the Committee designated Director Newell, Committee Member Pilch, and Committee Member Imazio to serve on the review committee.
- 6. Consider Review Committee College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project Design and Bid Period Services Proposals.** GM Lockwood provided a brief overview of the request for proposal process as well the composition of the proposed review committee. Following a discussion, the Committee designated Committee Member Pilch and Committee Member Capurro to serve on the review committee with Committee Member Imazio serving as an alternate.
- 7. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that the Harkins Slough Facility diversion ceased pumping on May 30 resulting in approximately 1,300 acre-feet of water diverted for recharge this season. Delivered water demand is currently averaging about 24 acre-feet per day over 19-20 hours. WSOS Martinez noted that the potable water blending supply provided by the City of Watsonville is still partially limited due to the two city production wells that remain out of service. He shared that a technician from Trojan, the manufacture of the UV disinfection system, recently guided City of Watsonville and PV Water staff in replacing 90% of the UV lights and

replacing oil in the cleaning sleeve mechanisms. WSOS Martinez said the Recycled Water Facility is operating smoothly and that benefits of the new disk filters and recently performed maintenance work is evident in the plant efficiency.

- 8. Discuss Water Users Handbook and Rules & Regulations.** Not discussed.
- 9. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** Director Newell requested an update on considerations to expand the volume of supply from well 860 to the Coastal Distribution System.
- 10. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.
- 11. Meeting Adjourned at 4:02 p.m.**