



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Absent
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Jonathan Pilch
Sam Cooley, Vice-Chair	
Bob Culbertson, Director	
Amy Newell, Director	
Frank Capurro	
Rosemarie Imazio (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)

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of June 24, 2020 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Culbertson moved to approve the June 24, 2020 minutes; Director Newell seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Culbertson, Newell,

Noes: None

Abstain: Capurro

Absent: Imazio, Pilch

- 4. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that staff and consultants continue to work with permitting agencies on permit applications. He summarized the July 10, 2020 prehearing conference call with the State Water Board for the water-right permit hearing scheduled for August 24 and 25, 2020. GM Lockwood reported that the Board of Directors formed an Ad Hoc Review Committee to evaluate the two proposals received for design and bid period services. The Committee conducted interviews with Carollo Engineers and Jacobs on July 27, 2020, deliberated, and unanimously recommended to split the

project design between the firms with the weir structure, pumping station, and treatment plant going to Carollo Engineers, and the pipeline to Jacobs. Following the Committee's decision, staff engaged with both firms to refine the scopes of work and fee estimates. Roundtable discussion ensued.

- b. Proposed Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that the project Draft EIR (DEIR) is nearly complete. Ms. Jill Hamilton of ESA, the environmental lead on the project, will present a summary of the DEIR to the Board of Directors at the August 19, 2020 meeting. A public meeting and comment period for the DEIR will follow.
 - c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the project has been substantially complete since late May and the contractor continues to work on finishing punch list items.
 - d. Coastal Distribution System F-Pipeline Expansion Project.** GM Lockwood reported that construction has advanced at a great pace with support from staff, consultants, and the contractor, who are working in coordination with property owners and their tenants. The entirety of the pipeline is in the ground with the exception of the tie-in segment, which will be completed next month. Turnouts and other appurtenances will be constructed soon, and final completion of the project is expected by year's end.
 - e. Pajaro Valley Sustainable Groundwater Planning Project (SGMA 5-Yr Update)** GM Lockwood reported that staff issued a Request for Qualifications on June 1, 2020 and received responses from Montgomery & Associates Water Resource Consultants (M&A) and EKI Environment & Water. The Review Committee met on June 29, 2020 and after significant discussion, selected the M&A team, which includes cbec eco engineering, Carollo Engineers, Strategy Driver, Inc., and Martin Feeney. The Board of Directors approved an agreement with the M&A team at the July 22, 2020 meeting and staff have scheduled a project kickoff meeting with the team in early August. One of the first recommended items will be to form an Ad Hoc Sustainable Groundwater Planning Advisory Committee; staff anticipate bringing this item for Board consideration on August 19, 2020.
- 5. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that approximately 300 acre-feet more water has been delivered year-to-date in 2020 than 2019. WSOS Martinez also noted that high turbidity levels have recently caused operational difficulty with the Recycled Water Facility. Staff are working closely City operators to address operational challenges arising from high turbidity.
 - 6. Receive Water Quality Quarterly Report.** AH Meusel presented the 2020-Q2 water quality results to the Committee; tables and graphs summarizing the results are included in the agenda packet.
 - 7. Discuss Water Users Handbook and Rules & Regulations.** GM Lockwood provided a brief review of this recurring item and inquired if the Committee would like to keep the item on future agendas. The Committee requested that the item remain on the agenda for the August 26, 2020 meeting to provide opportunity for absent committee members to provide input.
 - 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
 - 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.
 - 10. Meeting Adjourned at 3:54 p.m.**