



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Absent
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Rosemarie Imazio
Sam Cooley, Vice Chair	
Bob Culbertson, Director	
Amy Newell, Director	
Frank Capurro	
Jonathan Pilch	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Jesus “Chuy” Martinez, Water Systems Operations Supervisor (WSOS)
Helen Rodriguez, Finance and Administrative Services Manager (FASM)	Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO)
Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)	Marcus Mendiola, Conservation and Outreach Specialist (COS)
Erin McCarthy, Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County	Sacha Lozano, Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County
John Kegebein, 14 th District Agricultural Association, Santa Cruz County Fair	

- 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 August 26, 2020 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Newell moved to approve the August 26, 2020 minutes; Director Culbertson seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Culbertson, Newell, Pilch
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Imazio; (*Capurro was present but did not respond due to technical difficulty)
- 4. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**

- a. **College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported on the water right hearing held by the State Water Resources Control Board on September 22, 2020. He reported on a design workshop including staff from PV Water, Carollo Engineers, and Jacobs Engineering Group, held September 3, 2020. He provided notice that PV Water will host two community meetings on October 8, 2020 (10 AM and 7 PM) to update the public and landowners on the status of the project and describe the property procurement process. GM Lockwood concluded by informing the Committee the geotechnical investigations of the weir and water treatment plant sites are underway.
 - b. **Proposed Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported the project Draft EIR (DEIR) was published on September 1, 2020 and that a public meeting was held on September 23, 2020. Staff continue to engage with landowners in the project area. GM Lockwood noted that the project team is waiting for the close of the DEIR comment period prior to advancing permitting activities.
 - c. **Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the project remains at substantial completion and the contractor is continuing to work through remaining punch list items.
 - d. **Coastal Distribution System F-Pipeline Expansion Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the project is nearing completion, which staff expects will occur well in advance of the December 31, 2020 deadline as required by the grant funding.
 - e. **Pajaro Valley Sustainable Groundwater Planning Project (SGMA 5-Yr Update)** GM Lockwood reported that the Groundwater Sustainability Committee application deadline closed on September 25, 2020 and that staff received at least one application for each of the five applicant seats except for the Rural Residential representative category. Staff received responses designating representatives from all except two of the appointed seats (Monterey & San Benito County). GM Lockwood noted that staff and the consultant team are continuing outreach efforts to alert the public of the initial committee meeting, scheduled for October 14, 2020, including the completion of a Community Engagement Plan. Work is ongoing in the preparation of meeting materials.
5. **Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that 200 acre-feet more of supplemental water has been delivered in 2020 than the same point in 2019. He shared that he spoke with city staff about the recent recycled water treatment issues, and they are planning to convene a meeting to further evaluate the issue and discuss possible solutions. WSOS Martinez also reported that recovery well #9 at the Harkins Slough Recharge Facility was pulled for maintenance but is back in service.
 6. **Discuss Basin Management Plan Conservation Program Improvement Considerations.** COS Mendiola introduced Ms. McCarthy from the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County who expanded upon program improvement recommendations presented at the August 26, 2020 committee meeting and summarized potential costs. Roundtable discussion about potential program improvement ideas and challenges ensued.
 7. **Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
 8. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.
 9. **Meeting Adjourned at 4:10 p.m.**