



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Absent
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Sam Cooley, Vice Chair
Bob Culbertson, Director	Frank Capurro
Amy Newell, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Jonathan Pilch	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO)
Helen Rodriguez, Finance and Administrative Services Manager (FASM)	Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)
Ryan Smith, City of Watsonville	Danielle Greene, City of Watsonville
Kimberly Hein, Jacobs	Pete Rude, Jacobs
Paul Friedlander, Carollo Engineering	Roger Van-Horn, Monterey County Health Department
Gary Kittleson, Kittleson Environmental Consulting	

- 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 September 30, 2020 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Newell moved to approve the September 30, 2020 minutes; Committee Member Pilch seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Culbertson, Newell, Imazio, Pilch

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cooley, Capurro

- 4. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that PV Water hosted a stakeholder meeting on October 8, 2020 to discuss the status of the project and

the property right procurement process. He reported that the Board of Directors (Board), at the October 21, 2020 meeting, approved three agreements related to the project: 1) Smith & Associates for appraisal services; 2) ESA for CEQA, permitting, and Adaptive Management Plan support services; and 3) cbec eco engineering for fish passage design services. The Board also took action to form an Ad Hoc Adaptive Management Plan Committee.

- i. **Consider Non-Cost Criteria for College Lake Project Pipeline.** GM Lockwood provided a summary of the Jacobs Engineering standard process for pipeline route selection, and he detailed the non-cost criteria that will be used to help evaluate potential College Lake Project Pipeline alignments. He reported that PV Water staff, in collaboration with Jacobs Engineering, evaluated and then ranked six non-cost criteria. After presenting this information, GM Lockwood requested the Committee provide feedback on the recommended ranking, which in order of highest to lowest priority were: 1) Community Impacts; 2) Property and Right-of-Way; 3) Constructability; 4) Utility Conflicts; 5) Permits; and 6) Operations and Maintenance. Following roundtable discussion, the Committee, by consensus, agreed with the recommended non-cost criteria rankings.
 - ii. **Receive report on Water Treatment Plant Design.** GM Lockwood provided a summary of potential Water Treatment Plant design options and presented design schematics prepared in response to stakeholder concerns that included treatment process options, physical restrictions, and cost. Roundtable discussion about design options ensued.
 - b. **Proposed Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that PV Water hosted a Draft EIR (DEIR) meeting on September 1, 2020, and that the public comment period ended on October 19, 2020; PV Water received three comment letters. Staff anticipate the Final EIR (FEIR) will be presented to the Board of Directors at the January 2021 meeting. GM Lockwood shared that another year of California Red Legged Frog monitoring in the project area is complete and results of that study will be available shortly.
 - c. **Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported the Notice of Completion should be issued in the coming weeks for the Disk Filter Project. PV Water has begun seeking reimbursement from grant and State Revolving Fund loan funding, and staff are revisiting Phase III project components (UV / Storage Tank). GM Lockwood shared that PV Water staff met with City of Watsonville staff to discuss recent Recycled Water Facility improvements, operational efficiency, and overall operations coordination. Another meeting to continue the discussion is planned for next week.
 - d. **Coastal Distribution System F-Pipeline Expansion Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the project Notice of Completion should be issued shortly with the contractor working through remaining punch list items. Items to resolve prior to completion of the project include crop loss compensation, which will be brought to the Board of Directors for consideration, and completion of the record drawings.
 - e. **Pajaro Valley Sustainable Groundwater Planning Project (SGMA 5-Yr Update)** GM Lockwood reported that PV Water hosted Meeting #1 on October 14, 2020; over 20 participants attended. He will be meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee to develop strategies to facilitate input during meetings. Meeting #2 is scheduled for November 4, 2020 beginning at 2:00 p.m.
5. **Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSO Bigham reported that through September 2020, approximately 4,027 acre-feet of water has been delivered year-to-date. Delivered water use in

September was noticeably lower than September 2019 and largely is attributed to a significant amount of strawberry crops being disked early. Issues at the Recycled Water Facility in September affecting recycled water production also limited deliveries on multiple days. WSO Bigham reported that City of Watsonville recently hired a consultant to evaluate the facility operations to determine if chemical treatments could improve operation.

- 6. Receive Water Quality Quarterly Report.** AH Meusel presented the 2020-Q3 water quality results to the Committee; tables and graphs summarizing the results are included in the agenda packet.
- 7. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
- 8. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.
- 9. Meeting Adjourned at 3:59 p.m.**