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

Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Javier Zamora, Director	Mary Bannister, Director, Chair
Stephen Rider, Director	Sam Cooley, Vice Chair
Rosemarie Imazio	Frank Capurro
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)
Chuy Martinez, Water Systems Operations Supervisor (WSOS)	John Kegebein, 14th District Agricultural Association, Santa Cruz County Fair
Kimberly Hein, Jacobs	Pete Rude, Jacobs
Ryan Smith, City of Watsonville	Amy Newell, Director (listen only)

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Director Rider called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None received.
- 3. Consider Approval of October 28, 2020 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Committee member Pilch moved to approve the October 28, 2020 minutes; Committee member Imazio seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Zamora, Rider, Imazio, Pilch
Noes: None
Abstain: None

- 4. Review Committee Membership and Make Recommendation to the Board of Directors for 2021.** GM Lockwood provided a brief review of current Committee membership including the newly appointed directors. Following discussion, Committee member Imazio moved to make a

recommendation to the Board of Directors to retain the current Committee membership for 2021; Director Zamora seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Zamora, Rider, Imazio, Pilch

Noes: None

Abstain: None

5. Receive Projects and Programs Update.

a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project. GM Lockwood reported that PV Water staff and consultants have initiated the appraisal process and are meeting with College Lake property owners. Mid Coast Engineers are in the field currently conducting surveying to support the appraisal and property acquisition processes. GM Lockwood reported that work continues on the development of environmental plans including: Water Quality, Steelhead, and Invasive Species plans.

i. Consider College Lake Project Pipeline Alternatives. GM Lockwood introduced Kimberly Hein and Pete Rude of Jacobs Engineering who summarized the College Lake Pipeline Route Alternative Analysis, which evaluated two pipeline route alternatives. The study evaluated non-cost criteria for the EIR Alternative and the Rural Alternative and concluded that the Rural Alternative was preferable due to fewer impacts to the community, faster construction, and less utility conflicts. Following a discussion, Committee member Pilch moved to make a recommendation to the Board that the Rural Alternative be the recommended pipeline route; Director Zamora seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Zamora, Rider, Imazio, Pilch

Noes: None

Abstain: None

ii. Receive Report on College Lake Weir Structure Design. GM Lockwood provided a brief description of the weir structure components and presented a diagram illustrating a potential layout. GM Lockwood reported that staff and consultants recently met with the fisheries regulatory agencies to discuss the weir structure design. The agencies responded positively to the preliminary design and provided comments.

b. Proposed Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects. GM Lockwood reported that staff and consultants have met with the parties that commented on the Draft EIR (DEIR) to discuss their concerns and are preparing formal responses to comments. Staff anticipate the Final EIR (FEIR) will be presented to the Board of Directors at the January 2021 meeting.

c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project. GM Lockwood reported that PV Water staff recently met with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff to discuss an amendment to the funding agreement for the Phase II Disk Filter Upgrade Project to extend it five months. The SWRCB also will be increasing the Phase II grant funding from 35% to 50%. GM Lockwood informed the Committee that Phase III of the project will not include a new storage tank as proposed and will focus solely on equipping a second UV light train. PV Water

staff are working to update the Phase III technical memorandum and anticipate awarding a contract for construction by October 2021.

- d. Coastal Distribution System F-Pipeline Expansion Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the project is near completion as Jacobs Engineering works to develop the record drawings and delineate the permanent pipeline easement. PV Water is continuing with the grant reimbursement process with the California Department of Water Resources. The project is receiving Proposition 84, Drought Emergency Grant funds.
- e. Pajaro Valley Sustainable Groundwater Planning Project (SGMA 5-Yr Update)** GM Lockwood reported that Meeting #3 will be on December 15, 2020 and will include a presentation on the preliminary results of a land subsidence analysis conducted by the USGS. Seawater intrusion sustainable management criteria (SMC) will also be discussed. Meeting #2 was held November 4, 2020, and focused on an overall introduction to SMC and consideration of chronic groundwater level lowering SMC.
- 6. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that through November 2020, 4,971 acre-feet of delivered water has been provided to growers in the Delivered Water Zone. Staff are working through Coastal Distribution System maintenance activities, including valve exercising, and are preparing for annual maintenance of the Recycled Water Facility. WSOS Martinez informed the Committee that staff are also preparing the Harkins Slough Diversion Facility for operation in anticipation of the upcoming wet season.
- 7. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** GM Lockwood informed the Committee that the January meeting will include the water quality quarterly report and election of committee officers.
- 8. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
- 9. Meeting Adjourned at 4:08 p.m.**