



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Jonathan Pilch
Sam Cooley, Vice Chair	
Amy Newell, Director	
Stephen Rider, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Frank Capurro	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Chuy Martinez, Water Systems Operations Supervisor (WSOS)	Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO)
Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)	Laura Taay, Administrative Analyst (AA)
Al Eaton, Member of Public	Beau Kayser, City of Watsonville
Evelyn, Member of Public	Lauren, Member of Public

- 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 May 26, 2021 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Rider moved to approve the May 26, 2021 minutes as amended (wording revision of item 5.d., second sentence, "...and the ~~approved~~ recommended SMC."); Committee Member Imazio seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Newell, Rider, Imazio

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Pilch, Capurro (arrived after vote)

- 4. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** AA Taay reported on behalf of GM Lockwood that the project design effort continues and PV Water is engaging in meetings with property owners, the City of Watsonville, Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District, Pajaro Valley Unified School District, and the Regional Transportation Commission to advance the project.

- b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** AA Taay reported that staff inquired with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on the status of the water-right permit application and were informed it is still under review with a response approximately one month out.
 - c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** AA Taay reported that the Phase III Project is still in discussion at the staff level and a meeting with the State Water Board to discuss the project will occur July 19.
 - d. Pajaro Valley Sustainable Groundwater Planning Project (SGMA 5-Yr Update)** AA Taay reported that the planning project continues with meeting #10 scheduled for July 8. At the June meeting, the Committee voted to approve a recommendation to the Board of Directors (Board) on sustainable management items relating to interconnected surface water, groundwater dependent ecosystems, and land subsidence. The project team will be presenting a summary of the work to-date and the Committee recommendations to the Board during the July 21 meeting for consideration of approval.
- 5. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez and WSO Bigham provided a presentation that summarized facility operations, water system history, facility upgrades, maintenance, the operations team, and a look at what is upcoming (presentation is posted on the Committee's [webpage](#)). WSO Bigham informed the Committee that staff have prepared a draft letter to send to Coastal Distribution System (CDS) customers to inform them of the recent challenges facing CDS operations due to record demand and unanticipated issues. Staff requested feedback from the Committee on the letter and proposed that staff work with Chair Bannister to finalize it. Roundtable discussion of the challenges facing CDS operations, potential solutions, and the customer letter ensued. Topics in the discussion included issuing high demand alerts; the potential utility of open reservoirs; availability and water quality of customer wells; the importance of sending the customer letter out quickly; the customer priority structure; hosting a grower meeting; and the City of Watsonville water system and potential reduction of supplied potable water by 25% if Stage 1 of their recently approved Water Shortage Contingency Plan is enacted. The Committee then gave direction to staff to work with Chair Bannister and a subcommittee of members to draft a final version of the letter to circulate to the Committee prior to distribution.
- 6. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
- 7. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
- 8. Meeting Adjourned at 4:04 p.m.**