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

Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

| Committee Members | |
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| Present | Not Present |
| Mary Bannister, Director, Chair | Stephen Rider, Director |
| Sam Cooley, Vice Chair | Frank Capurro |
| Amy Newell, Director | |
| Rosemarie Imazio | |
| Jonathan Pilch | |
| Staff & Other Attendees | |
| Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM) | Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO) |
| Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH) | Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist (WCOS) |
| Erin McCarthy, Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County | |

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 29, 2021 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Committee Member Imazio moved to approve the September 29, 2021 minutes as amended (wording revision of item 5, first sentence, "...failure of Blend Well 1 (BW1)"; Director Newell seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Newell, Imazio, Pilch
Noes: None
Abstain: Cooley
Absent: Rider, Capurro
4. **Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. **College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the 60% designs for the College Lake Pipeline are complete and were shared with agencies involved with the project. Staff anticipate receiving the 100% designs for the weir structure, pump station, water treatment plant, and fish passage in November. Utility locating services and geotechnical work along the planned pipeline route is underway with cultural resource surveys scheduled on sites where landowners have provided access. GM Lockwood shared

that the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Adaptive Management Committee is scheduled for November 10, and that staff will publish a draft of the plan next week. He shared that PV Water received a letter from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) providing notification that the State Water Board will consider the College Lake Project water-right permit application on December 7. He noted that outreach and property acquisition efforts continue, and that two initial property offers have been made. Roundtable discussion ensued.

- b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that the State Water Board accepted the Struve Slough Project water-right permit application, issued a permit number, and that staff are executing the required publication and noticing for the permit. Following the Committee's recommendation last month to proceed with efforts to expand output of existing wells and construct new monitoring wells, staff researched existing easements of constructed monitoring wells and determined they were likely not large enough to accommodate new monitoring wells. Staff have begun discussions with the property owners regarding access to construct new monitoring wells and are researching funding opportunities to support the work. Roundtable discussion ensued.
 - c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that staff from PV Water, the City of Watsonville, and Carollo Engineers met as part of the Recycled Water Facility Reliability Study aiming to improve the efficiency and reliability of recycled water treatment. The meeting included discussion of the Phase III project to equip a second UV light train and consideration of whether to use original design and technology or update the design to utilize newer technology. Per the existing agreement, the project must be completed by December 2022.
 - d. Pajaro Valley Sustainable Groundwater Planning Project (SGMA 5-Yr Update)** GM Lockwood reported that staff presented summaries of the draft Basin Management Plan: Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022 (GSU22) and the subsidence analysis conducted by the United States Geological Survey to the Board of Directors on October 20, 2021. Staff will bring the GSU22 back to the Board of Directors for consideration of adoption at the November 17, 2021 meeting. He shared that staff held a meeting earlier today with adjacent basin groundwater sustainability agencies to discuss the GSU22 and that another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with agencies to discuss the non-jurisdictional portion of the basin.
- 5. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSO Bigham reported that demand for delivered water is slowing down as growers begin to prepare for next season with approximately 558 acre-feet delivered in September and an estimated 300 acre-feet projected for October. She shared that the City of Watsonville recently performed an IT security upgrade that unexpectedly interrupted PV Water's ability to communicate with the Recycled Water Facility and forced staff to operate the system on site. Staff are beginning to focus on maintenance activities including building a railing at the Harkins Slough pump station and an upcoming IT upgrade to better protect the SCADA system. GM Lockwood added that the lease agreement for Blend Well 1 will end at the end of the calendar year and staff continue negotiations with the property owners. Roundtable discussion ensued.

- 6. Discuss Delivered Water Customers Meeting, November 4, 2021.** GM Lockwood shared the letter invitation and draft agenda sent to growers and summarized the planned presentation. The meeting marks the first in-person meeting hosted by PV Water since the start of the pandemic.
- 7. Receive Water Quality Quarterly Report.** AH Meusel presented the 2021-Q3 water quality results to the Committee; tables and graphs summarizing the results are included in the agenda packet available on the Committee's webpage (<https://www.pvwater.org/projects-facility-operations-committee>).
- 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 4:02 p.m.**