



**PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 3:00 p.m.**

<b>Committee Members</b>	
<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Sam Cooley, Vice Chair
Stephen Rider, Director	Javier Zamora, Director
Rosemarie Imazio	Frank Capurro
Jonathan Pilch	
<b>Staff &amp; Other Attendees</b>	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO)
Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)	Chuy Martinez, Water Systems Operations Supervisor (WSOS)
Amy Newell, Director	

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of January 27, 2021 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Committee member Pilch moved to approve the January 27, 2021 minutes; Committee member Imazio seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

**Ayes:** Bannister, Rider, Imazio, Pilch

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

- 4. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
  - a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that PV Water staff and consultants are continuing the appraisal process and communicating with property owners. Design, environmental, and permitting work is progressing on all aspects of the project. A meeting for residents that may be affected by the proposed College Lake Pipeline was held February 23, 2021 at 7 p.m. and a second meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2021 at 3 p.m. The initial Ad Hoc Adaptive Management Plan Committee meeting will be scheduled soon, and staff are working to develop the draft charter for the Committee. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) recently published the draft awards list for the “Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program Round 2” and PV Water’s proposal for the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project was not included. Staff submitted a proposal to

the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for a 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Implementation – Round 1 Grant in the amount of \$5 million with draft awards notification scheduled for March. GM Lockwood shared that the Board of Directors (Board), at its February meeting, adopted the 2021 Cost of Service Rate Study and a resolution establishing rate setting procedures. The Board directed staff to schedule public meetings on the proposed rate structure and to prepare supporting outreach material (e.g. Fact Sheet).

- b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that work on supplemental information by the State Water Board for the water-right permit is progressing. The Board certified the Final EIR and approved the project at its January meeting. Additional permitting activities will follow State Water Board approval of the water-right permit application.
  - c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that PV Water recently amended an agreement with the State Water Board to extend the funding agreement for the Phase 2 project by three months, allowing additional time for closeout. The contractor recently submitted the final invoice for retention payment. Agency staff and consultants are currently preparing a technical memorandum in support of the Phase 3 Disinfection Upgrade Project.
  - d. Pajaro Valley Sustainable Groundwater Planning Project (SGMA 5-Yr Update)** GM Lockwood reported that Meeting #5 was held on February 11, 2021 consisting primarily of a presentation and discussion on sustainable management criteria for seawater intrusion. The committee, which meets on the second Thursday of each month, will meet on March 11, 2021 with the meeting's focus on seawater intrusion and chronic lowering of groundwater sustainable management criteria.
- 5. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that in January 2021, PV Water distributed approximately 130 acre-feet of delivered water to growers in the Delivered Water Zone. Staff are currently performing annual maintenance and calibration activities on the Coastal Distribution System, and City of Watsonville staff are conducting annual Recycled Water Facility maintenance. WSOS Martinez noted that the City completed a bench testing analysis of chemicals to improve the coagulation treatment process. He also reported that a new control panel for one of the Agency's blend wells will be installed shortly. The Harkins Slough Facility has not diverted water thus far this season due to salinity levels. WSO Bigham added that staff will start March meter reads next week and that staff are interviewing candidates for the Field Technician position.
  - 6. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
  - 7. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
  - 8. Meeting Adjourned at 3:43 p.m.**