



**PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 3:00 p.m.**

<b>Committee Members</b>	
<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Javier Zamora, Director
Sam Cooley, Vice Chair	
Stephen Rider, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Jonathan Pilch	
Frank Capurro	
<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)
Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist (WCOS)	Amy Newell, Director
Paul Friedlander, Carollo Engineers	Ricky Gutierrez, Carollo Engineers

- Welcome and Introductions.** Vice Chair Cooley called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
- Public and Member comments.** None.
- Consider Approval of February 24, 2021 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Committee member Capurro moved to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes as amended (correcting a typo concerning the next meeting date); Committee member Imazio seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:  
  
**Ayes:** Bannister, Cooley, Rider, Imazio, Capurro, Pilch  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Zamora
- Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
  - College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood introduced Mr. Paul Friedlander and Mr. Ricky Gutierrez of Carollo Engineers who presented a summary of the 30% preliminary design of the water treatment plant and intake facility. The presentation, which

was included in the agenda packet, included an overview of the project, highlights of the facilities, and a summary of the current cost and schedule. Roundtable discussion ensued.

- b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that work on supplemental information requested by the State Water Resources Control Board for the water-right permit has been completed and submitted.
  - c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported on the results of a technical memorandum prepared by Carollo Engineers that evaluated UV treatment capacity and potential upgrades of UV components at the Recycled Water Facility with funding provided by the State Water Resources Control Board, State Revolving Fund and a Proposition 1 Recycled Water Grant. The Disinfection Upgrade Project would reduce the frequency and duration of reductions in recycled water treatment due to issues with UV transmittance by adding additional banks of UV lights. WSOS Martinez noted that the City of Watsonville is testing different coagulant chemicals to improve the coagulation, flocculation, and sedimentation treatment process.
  - d. Pajaro Valley Sustainable Groundwater Planning Project (SGMA 5-Yr Update)** GM Lockwood reported that the Ad Hoc Sustainable Groundwater Planning Advisory Committee held its sixth meeting on March 11, 2021. The meeting consisted primarily of a presentation and discussion on sustainable management criteria for seawater intrusion. The Committee, which meets the second Thursday of each month, will next meet on April 8, 2021 with the focus on seawater intrusion and chronic lowering of groundwater sustainable management criteria.
- 5. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that the March quarterly meter reads are complete, and that staff are meeting individually with irrigators in the Delivered Water Zone, in lieu of the annual meeting, to conduct irrigator training. He informed the Committee that staff are monitoring water quality conditions in Harkins Slough and that salinity concentrations improved enough begin diversions earlier today. WSO Bigham reported that the grant funded Telemetry project is nearing completion and that staff recently submitted another proposal to fund equipping telemetry units on the six turnouts recently constructed and 59 high production wells in the basin.
  - 6. Receive Report on Proposed Cost of Service Increase.** GM Lockwood reported that the PV Water Board of Directors adopted the 2021 Cost of Service Rate Study on February 17, 2021. The Board directed staff to conduct an outreach campaign that will include no less than three public meetings. The Board will hold public hearings and consider adoption of the proposed rate increase at the April 21, 2021 meeting.
  - 7. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** Staff intend to invite Jacobs to present an overview of the 30% design of the College Lake Pipeline when complete.
  - 8. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
  - 9. Meeting Adjourned at 3:55 p.m.**