



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	
Sam Cooley, Vice Chair	
Amy Newell, Director	
Stephen Rider, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Frank Capurro	
Jonathan Pilch	
Staff & Other Attendees	
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)	Helen Rodriguez, Finance & Administrative Services Manager (FASM)
Dr. Andy Fisher, University of California at Santa Cruz	Erin McCarthy, Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County
Kimberly Hein, Jacobs	Pete Rude, Jacobs
Jessie Ramirez, Ramirez Brothers	Kyle Monper, Driscoll's, Inc.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of March 31, 2021 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Newell moved to approve the March 31, 2021 minutes; Director Rider seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Newell, Rider, Imazio, Capurro
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Pilch (arrived after vote)

- 4. Discuss Recharge Net Metering Pilot Program.** GM Lockwood, along with program partners Dr. Andy Fisher of University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC) and Erin McCarthy of the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCD), provided a summary of the Recharge Net Metering Pilot Program and elaborated on successes and challenges. The project team summarized options to continue the program and discussed water-right permitting and CEQA compliance for the projects. Roundtable discussion ensued with all Committee members expressing strong support for the program and interest in seeing it continue. Following discussion, Director Rider moved to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors that PV Water maintain the existing Recharge Net Metering Pilot Program sites as well as explore future opportunities to take advantage of stormwater runoff; Director Newell seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Newell, Rider, Imazio, Capurro, Pilch

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Receive Projects and Programs Update.

- a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood introduced Mr. Pete Rude and Ms. Kimberly Hein of Jacobs who presented an overview of the pipeline alignment and the criteria used to select it; illustrations of representative cross-sections of the pipeline; and shared the project schedule. Roundtable discussion ensued. GM Lockwood noted that the State Water Board is scheduled to consider the pending water-right permit application at a meeting on May 4, 2021.
- b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that PV Water is awaiting a response from the State Water Board following submittal of the requested supplemental information for the water-right application.
- c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that PV Water received comments from the City of Watsonville staff on the technical memorandum prepared by Carollo Engineers evaluating UV treatment capacity and potential upgrades of UV components at the Recycled Water Facility.
- 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 seventh meeting on April 8, 2021 and the Committee approved a set of sustainable management criteria (SMC) for seawater intrusion to recommend to the Board of Directors for approval. The Committee, which meets the second Thursday of each month, will next meet on May 13, 2021 with the focus on reviewing and approving proposed chronic lowering of groundwater SMC.

- 6. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that staff continue to meet with irrigators to conduct individual trainings in lieu of the annual group meeting, which was canceled this year due to COVID-19. Demand for delivered water this summer is anticipated to be the highest ever, and staff are informing customers of challenges that may arise from competing customer demand and operating the facilities at capacity. Grower Jessie Ramirez expressed understanding of the challenges and encouraged fair and equitable treatment for all customers.

- 7. Receive Water Quality Quarterly Report.** AH Meusel briefly presented the 2021-Q1 water quality results to the Committee; tables and graphs summarizing the results are included in the agenda packet.
- 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 4:22 p.m.**