



**PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 3:00 p.m.**

<b>Committee Members</b>	
<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Frank Capurro
Sam Cooley, Vice Chair	Jonathan Pilch
Stephen Rider, Director	
Abel Sanchez, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
<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 System Operations Supervisor (WSOS)
Kyle Monper, Driscoll's	Amy Newell, Director
Robert Rodoni, Sunset Farms	Al Eaton, Tanimura & Antle

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Election of Officers: Chair & Vice Chair.** Director Rider moved to nominate Chair Bannister and Vice Chair Cooley to continue serving as chair and vice chair of the Projects and Facility Operations Committee; Director Sanchez seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

**Ayes:** Bannister, Cooley, Rider, Sanchez, Imazio,  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** None  
**Absent:** Capurro, Pilch

- 4. Consider Approval of October 27, 2021 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Rider moved to approve the October 27, 2021 minutes; Vice Chair Cooley seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

**Ayes:** Bannister, Cooley, Rider, Sanchez, Imazio  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Capurro, Pilch

- 5. Consider Selection of Project for a California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program Implementation Grant Proposal.** GM Lockwood provided a summary of a grant proposal solicitation that provides an opportunity for critically overdrafted basins, such as the Pajaro Valley Basin, to obtain \$7.6 million in funding from the Department of Water Resources. He provided an outline of College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project (College Lake Project) tasks to be included in the project proposal: property procurement, final design, environmental monitoring, permitting, and bid period services. Following discussion and deliberation, Committee Member Imazio moved to select the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project, specifically property procurement, final design, environmental monitoring, permitting, bid period services, and other associated tasks as the proposed grant project; Director Rider seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

**Ayes:** Bannister, Cooley, Rider, Sanchez, Imazio

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Capurro, Pilch

**6. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**

- a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that on December 7, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approved the College Lake Project water right permit. Staff and consultants continue to meet with interested parties and agencies including meetings with the County of Santa Cruz and US Army Corps of Engineers on January 10, 2022 regarding a 408 permit, and with County of Santa Cruz and California Coastal Commission on January 21, 2022 regarding a Coastal Development Permit.
- 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. The public comment period on the permit application closed with the exception of an extension granted at the request of PV Water for the National Marine Fisheries Service as the two parties engage informally. GM Lockwood noted that staff and consultants are meeting this Friday to discuss an information request from the State Water Board and to refine a scope of work to improve recovery operations and support construction of new recovery wells. Roundtable discussion ensued.
- c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that staff from PV Water, the City of Watsonville, and Carollo Engineers continue to meet as part of an effort to conduct a Recycled Water Facility Reliability Study aiming to improve the efficiency and reliability of recycled water treatment.
- d. Pajaro Valley Sustainable Groundwater Planning Project (SGMA 5-Yr Update)** GM Lockwood reported that the Board of Directors adopted the Basin Management Plan: Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022 (GSU22) at the November meeting and it was submitted, along with associated materials, on December 24, 2021 to the Department of

Water Resources. A fact sheet summarizing the effort and to serve a GSU22 guide and direct interested parties to the GSU22 is currently being prepared.

- 7. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that the Harkins Slough Diversion Facility began operation in early January diverting approximately 5-6 acre-feet per day. Over the last week diversions increased to approximately 14 acre-feet per day. In total, roughly 170 acre-feet has been diverted to the recharge basin. WSOS Martinez shared that the large diversion pump recently burned out and is being evaluated by a pump contractor. He reported that in 2021 approximately 5,400 acre-feet of water was delivered to customers in the Delivered Water Zone exceeding the prior record by roughly 200 acre-feet. Operations staff are performing maintenance activities, including meter maintenance, in advance of the upcoming growing season and are working to support the City of Watsonville as they conduct annual maintenance at the Recycled Water Facility.
- 8. Receive Water Quality Quarterly Report.** AH Meusel presented the 2021-Q4 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>).
- 9. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** GM Lockwood noted that staff intend to present a summary of the water year 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act annual report to the Committee following a review by the Board of Directors in March. In February, staff have invited representatives of the Environmental Defense Fund and the California Water Data Consortium to present on a water accounting and trading platform being developed.
- 10. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.
- 11. Meeting Adjourned at 3:58 p.m.**