



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

Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Sam Cooley, Vice Chair
Stephen Rider, Director	
Abel Sanchez, 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)	Amy Newell, Director
Patrick Wickham, Montgomery & Associates	Cameron Tana, Montgomery & Associates
Ryan Smith, City of Watsonville	

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of February 23, 2022 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Rider moved to approve the February 23, 2022 minutes; Committee Member Imazio seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Rider, Sanchez, Imazio, Capurro
Noes: None
Abstain: Pilch
Absent: Cooley
- 4. Receive Summary of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Annual Report, Water Year 2021.** AH Meusel presented a summary of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Water Year 2021 Annual Report. The presentation included an overview of SGMA as it relates to PV Water; a summary of progress in implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Alternative; water use; basin conditions; and the basin sustainability status.

5. Receive Projects and Programs Update.

- a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that PV Water is expecting a \$7.6 million Department of Water Resources grant award in support of the College Lake Project; staff anticipate execution of the grant agreement in May. On April 1, staff submitted a proposal for \$10 million in funding to the Department of Conservation for its Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program grant. If successful, the grant would provide partial funding for College Lake Project construction and the Recharge Net Metering Program, including 2 new sites as well as monitoring and research activities. The grant also requires the development of a Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Plan. Staff and consultants continue to meet with interested parties and agencies as project permitting and property acquisition efforts continue. Additionally, an updated factsheet is in development.
- b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that staff performed pump tests on recovery wells and are now analyzing the data. Staff met with the State Water Resources Control Board to discuss the additional data it requested related to a water availability analysis in support of the water right permit.
- c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the City of Watsonville initiated the Recycled Water Facility Reliability Improvements Project, Phase 2: Reliability Operations and Conditions Assessment; a kickoff meeting occurred on March 14; a site visit from a UV specialist occurred on March 29.

6. Receive Facility Operations Report. GM Lockwood and WSO Bigham reported that the Harkins Slough Facility diversions stopped in the second week of March due to increased salinity levels. In February, staff delivered approximately 202 acre-feet of delivered water to customers; total deliveries for March are estimated to be 245 acre-feet. WSO Bigham shared that staff completed first quarter meter reads, and a delivered water customers meeting is scheduled for April 12 at the Watsonville Civic Community Room.

7. Discuss Future Agenda Items. GM Lockwood reported that the Committee would receive a presentation from Belinda Platts, consulting agronomist, on Soil Salinity and Water Quality of the Delivered Water Zone during 2021 at the April meeting.

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.