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

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Jonathan Pilch
Sam Cooley, Vice Chair	
Abel Sanchez, Director	
Stephen Rider, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Frank Capurro	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)
Chuy Martinez, Water System Operations Supervisor (WSOS)	Amy Newell, Director
John Fio, EKI Environment and Water	

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
2. **Public and Member comments.** AH Meusel shared that agency staff are engaging in discussions with California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and local landowners to relocate an existing California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) station currently located in Pajaro to the Murphy Hill area.
3. **Consider Approval of June 22, 2022 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Committee Member Imazio moved to approve the June 22, 2022 minutes; Vice Chair Cooley seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Sanchez, Rider, Imazio
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Pilch, Capurro (arrived after vote)
4. **Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. **College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the grant agreement was executed for the \$7.6 million DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation grant that supports the College Lake Project. He shared that the agency recently retained a firm to perform a biddability and constructability review of the

project facilities in and around College Lake following a similar review College Lake Pipeline. GM Lockwood reported that the Board of Directors at the July 20 meeting approved the College Lake Project EIR Addendum in which no new impacts were identified. Project environmental permitting and property procurement efforts continue with the resubmission of multiple permit applications over the last month because of the modified project components.

b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.

- i. Receive Summary of Recovery Well Pump Tests and Consider Recommendation to Improve Recovery Operations.** GM Lockwood introduced John Fio of EKI Environment and Water who presented a summary of prior basin modeling efforts, recent recovery well pump tests, and recommended next steps to improve recovery operations. The next steps include utilizing existing inactive recovery wells to monitor water levels in the gravel layer northwest of the recharge basin; swapping and/or installing larger pumps in recovery wells HSPRW3 and HSPRW11; and planning, constructing, and documenting three new recovery wells in the gravel layer. Following a roundtable discussion, Committee Member Imazio moved to approve a recommendation that larger pumps be installed in recovery wells HSPRW3 and HSPRW11 and to proceed with planning, constructing, and documenting three new recovery wells in the gravel layer; Director Rider seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Sanchez, Rider, Imazio

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Pilch, Capurro

- c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the Reliability Operations and Condition Assessment continues as well as discussions with the City of Watsonville regarding analysis of electrical billing charges. He reported that an audit of charges incurred during 2019 and 2020 will yield an additional ~\$259,000 credit to PV Water.

- 5. Consider Appointing Committee Members to Serve on an Ad Hoc Review Committee to Evaluate Design and Bid Period Services Proposals Submitted for the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood provided a review of the prior meeting's discussion of this item and shared that the Board of Directors formed the Ad Hoc Review Committee and assigned Director Newell and Director Rider to it. Following a brief discussion, the Committee decided to maintain the current appointment of Committee Member Pilch, and serving as an alternate, Committee Member Imazio.
- 6. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that delivered water operations are running 20-24 hours per day and through June 2022, nearly 2,300 acre-feet of water had been delivered. He shared that updates are being planned for both agency blend wells this offseason. In advance of the work, staff are working with engineers, contractors, and in coordination with annual Recycled Water Facility maintenance to minimize any impacts to operations.

- 7. Receive Water Quality Quarterly Update.** AH Meusel presented the 2022-Q2 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>)
- 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 3:57 p.m.**