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

**Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 3:00 p.m.**

<b>Committee Members</b>	
<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Mary Bannister, Director, Committee Chair	
Sam Cooley, Committee Vice Chair	
Abel Sanchez, Director	
Stephen Rider, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Frank Capurro	
Jonathan Pilch	
<b>Staff &amp; Other Attendees</b>	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)
Chuy Martinez, Water System Operations Supervisor (WSOS)	Amy Newell, Director
Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO)	

- Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
- Public and Member comments.** Chair Bannister reported that public awareness and enthusiasm for the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project is high around town and that she is excited the project is moving forward.
- Consider Approval of July 27, 2022 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Rider moved to approve the July 27, 2022 minutes; Vice Chair Cooley seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:  
  

**Ayes:** Bannister, Cooley, Sanchez, Rider, Imazio  
**Noes:** None  
**Abstain:** Capurro, Pilch  
**Absent:** None
- Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
  - College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the PV Water has made a lot of progress in property and easement acquisition. Offer letters were sent to property owners along the College Lake Pipeline and there are paths forward for

the acquisition of all lake properties. He shared that PV Water's property consultant had reached tentative agreements on four of twenty pipeline property easements. He reported that a meeting with Jacobs and Carollo Engineers held yesterday discussed the project bid and construction schedule. A key point of discussion is coordinating the completion of the College Lake facilities and the College Lake Pipeline while complying with restrictions of in-stream construction. Another meeting to discuss the project schedule with the engineering firms is scheduled for late September. All necessary permits for the project are expected to be obtained by the end of the year. Additionally, GM Lockwood reported that a series of meetings have been held with regulatory and permitting agencies and that tomorrow PV Water staff will give California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff a tour of the project site. He shared that the Agency issued a Request for Qualifications for vegetation surveys with a deadline for submission of September 2 with two already submitted. Lastly, he noted that a factsheet developed for the project is nearing completion. A roundtable discussion of the College Lake Pipeline ensued.

- b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that a single proposal was received in response to the request for proposals for design and bid period services. The proposal, submitted by a team led by Carollo Engineers, was reviewed by the Ad Hoc Review Committee that provided a series of minor comments. The proposal will go to the Administration and Finance Committee on September 13 and to the Board of Directors on September 21 for consideration of approval. The cost of final design is estimated at \$2 million however, staff are considering directly contracting with EKI Environment and Water for design and bid period services for the recovery wells associated with the project. If approved, the design work would proceed on or around October 1. GM Lockwood also reported that PV Water staff recently met with NHA Advisors and have been working with Gutierrez Consulting in regard to project funding. He shared that PV Water submitted both the College Lake Project and the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Projects for funding through a Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Round 2 Implementation Grant solicitation with \$4.9 million available for the region. PV Water will also be initiating an application for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan to obtain project funding. Lastly, GM Lockwood reported that a request for bids was issued to construct the three new recovery wells at the existing Harkins Slough Facility.

- 5. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSOS Martinez reported that delivered water operations are running 18-20 hours per day and in August, PV Water delivered more than 600 acre-feet of water. Staff continue to work with consulting engineers to upgrade variable frequency drives in both Blend Wells and address other maintenance issues. He anticipates system demand will begin to decrease in the coming weeks and the pump upgrades will be performed in the offseason. WSOS Martinez also reported that on August 16, multiple power grid issues affecting the Coastal Distribution System critically damaged four of the Harkins Slough Facility recovery well pumps. An electrical contractor is working to prepare a report on the incident and he estimates the cost to replace the pumps at roughly \$60,000. He shared that the City of Watsonville experienced a similar power grid issue that damaged a booster pumpstation and it took two years to recover a third of the expense in damages from Pacific Gas & Electric. WSOS Martinez requested the Committee provide guidance on how the Agency should proceed with pursuing damages and addressing future risks. Following a roundtable discussion, the Committee through verbal consensus recommended that staff consult with

Agency counsel about obtaining an attorney to pursue damages and consult engineers about appropriate surge protection measures. Lastly, WSOS Martinez reported that staff plan to operate only the smaller of the two Harkins Slough Diversion pumps until the project to upgrade the facility occurs. He shared that the larger pump, which burned out earlier this year, requires extensive repairs and further assessment.

- 6. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
- 7. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.
- 8. Meeting Adjourned at 3:57 p.m.**