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

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of August 31, 2022 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Rider moved to approve the August 31, 2022 minutes; Committee Member Imazio seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanchez

- 4. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that PV Water hosted a field trip for staff from California Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Services, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in support of project permitting. Staff anticipate receiving a majority of permits necessary for the project by mid-November. He reported that staff and consultants had reached agreement on price for 15 of 20 easements along the College Lake Pipeline. During a meeting of the project team to discuss the Project schedule, the team concluded, based on the status of acquiring property rights and permits, that it was feasible to begin construction in the coming year. Given the

determination, staff intend to approach the Board for authorization to call for competitive bids on November 16, 2022. The tentative bid deadline is January 9, 2023. GM Lockwood also reported that staff received 9 Statements of Qualifications in response to the Request for Qualifications to conduct vegetation surveys as described in the College Lake Adaptive Management Plan. After careful consideration and significant deliberation, staff selected SWCA to conduct the surveys. Lastly, he shared that staff are working to prepare a letter of interest for project funding under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), and are continuing to explore other opportunities such as Title XVI.

- b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that a solicitation for bids to construct three new recovery wells is being advertised, and staff are working to prepare an addendum that incorporates the procurement and installation of pumps to replace the damaged recovery well pumps. The bid opening will be extended 2-weeks. Staff have consulted with staff from the City of Watsonville and a contractor regarding the power surge that damaged the pumps, and are working to equip the facility with improved surge protection. GM Lockwood reported that the Board, at its September 21 meeting, approved design contracts with Carollo Engineers and EKI Environment and Water. The agreements have been executed and notices-to-proceed issued.
- 5. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSO Bigham reported that an estimated 400 acre-feet of water will be delivered in September and through August approximately 3,700 acre-feet of supplemental water was delivered to customers. She shared that following the electrical incident that rendered four recovery well pumps inoperable, staff have been communicating with neighbors in the area to determine if other electrical issues are being experienced. She reported that the September quarterly meter reads have been completed; staff are working to repair a small farm-road bridge at the College Lake Field Office property; and are also setting up the new meter shop. Lastly, she noted that Operations staff recently attended a Monterey Bay Water Works Association training.
- 6. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** The Committee requested a field trip to visit the recently acquired Field Office and other project sites.
- 7. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.
- 8. Meeting Adjourned at 3:29 p.m.**