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

Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Mary Bannister, Director, Committee Chair	Sam Cooley, Committee Vice Chair
Abel Sanchez, Director	Jonathan Pilch
Stephen Rider, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Frank Capurro	
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 3:09 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of September 28, 2022 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Rider moved to approve the September 28, 2022 minutes; Committee Member Imazio seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Sanchez, Rider, Imazio, Capurro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cooley, Pilch

- 4. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood reported that the Board of Directors (Board) approved an agreement with NHA Financial Advisors at the October meeting for services to support the acquisition of a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan and bond financing for the project. In addition, staff are also preparing a proposal for a grant opportunity through the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) with a potential maximum award of \$20 million to support project construction. Earlier today, a coordination call was held between Carollo Engineers and Jacobs to develop a schedule for the bid period pertaining to construction that would culminate with bid openings on January 10, 2023. GM Lockwood anticipates that a special

Board meeting will be held to consider approval of the contract following the review of bids by staff and consultants in late January with a contract likely awarded before February.

Property acquisition continues with paths forward on all remaining properties. Lastly, GM Lockwood noted that a 6-month compliance letter from the State Water Resources Control Board was received indicating approval of the Steelhead Monitoring Plan, Invasive Species Management Plan, and Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting Plan.

- b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood reported that PV Water is likely to receive an approximate \$1.9 million grant to support final design of the projects. A kickoff meeting, following approval of the final design contract with Carollo Engineers, is being planned and will include site visits to the project locations.

- 5. Consider Bid for the Harkins Slough Facility 2022 Recovery Wells Project.** GM Lockwood provided a brief overview of the project including the call for bids and the single addendum issued. A single bid was received from Maggiora Bros. Drilling Inc. and staff performed a due diligence analysis of recent comparable projects to assess the competitiveness of the sole bid. GM Lockwood shared that staff consulted with hydrogeologists to discuss the bid and factors, such as material costs and driller availability, relating to the increased costs compared to the recovery wells drilled in 2012. Following a roundtable discussion, Committee Member Imazio moved to approve a recommendation to the Board to approve the bid from Maggiora Bros. Drilling Inc. for the Harkins Slough Facility 2022 Recovery Wells Project; Director Rider seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Sanchez, Rider, Imazio, Capurro

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cooley, Pilch

- 6. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSO Bigham reported that demand is at the tail-end of the season with just over 400 acre-feet of supplemental water delivered in September. She estimates that total delivered water in October will be approximately 275 acre-feet. Distribution operations are occurring from approximately 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with recycled water filling the storage tanks overnight. WSO Bigham shared that the Operations Team is transitioning focus to meter maintenance, College Lake Field Office improvements, and distribution system maintenance as deliveries slow down. She reported that telemetry units for the replacement of existing meters on the highest production wells have been delayed due to supply chain issues and work will likely begin in mid-November. Lastly, WSO Bigham reported that a combination air-relief valve was struck by a vehicle in early October causing a leak. Staff have identified the work necessary to ensure an ability to effectively isolate leaks in the future and initiated a conversation with contracted pipeline engineers to discuss. A roundtable discussion ensued.
- 7. Receive Water Quality Quarterly Report.** AH Meusel presented the 2022-Q3 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>)

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- 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** None.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 3:42 p.m.**