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

Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Mary Bannister, Director, Committee Chair	
Sam Cooley, Committee Vice Chair	
Abel Sanchez, Director	
Stephen Rider, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Frank Capurro	
Jonathan Pilch	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)
Shinehah Bigham, Interim Water System Operations Supervisor (Interim WSOS)	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 October 26, 2022 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Committee Member Imazio moved to approve the October 26, 2022 minutes; Director Rider seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Sanchez, Rider, Imazio
Abstain: Cooley, Pilch
Noes: None
Absent: Capurro (arrived after vote)
- 4. Review Committee Membership and Make Recommendation to the Board of Directors for 2023.** GM Lockwood reviewed the current Committee composition and described the purpose of this item. During a roundtable discussion, Committee Member Capurro expressed a desire to resign and intended to speak to his grower tenant about potentially taking his seat; Chair Bannister expressed interest resigning; and all other Committee members expressed interest in continuing to serve. The Committee, through verbal consensus, recommended maintaining membership with the current members interested in serving and finding replacements for Chair Bannister and Committee Member Capurro.

5. Receive Projects and Programs Update.

a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project. GM Lockwood reported that staff submitted a Letter of Interest (LOI) to the Water Infrastructure Finance Act (WIFIA) Program earlier this week as part of an effort to obtain federal bond funding for the project. Staff also will be submitting by this Friday, a proposal for a Round 2 - Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant solicitation to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to fund project construction. He shared that the Board of Directors (Board) authorized and directed staff to go out-to-bid for the project at the November 16 meeting. Formal advertisement began November 17, and staff held pre-bid meetings for the two construction packages on December 7 and 8. GM Lockwood also reported that PV Water issued advertisements for construction management services and environmental monitoring services with the deadlines for proposal submissions by December 9 and 15 respectively. Lastly, GM Lockwood reported that important authorizations and certifications had been received from agencies including United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects. GM Lockwood reported that the Board, at its November 16 meeting, approved a contract with Maggiora Bros. Drilling Inc. for the Harkins Slough Recharge Basin Recovery Wells 2022. He shared that the design kickoff meeting for the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Projects will be tomorrow and that PV Water will be entering into a cost share agreement with San Benito County Water District as part of an Integrated Regional Water Management implementation grant to fund the design work.

6. Consider Appointing Committee Members to Ad Hoc Proposal Review Committee to Evaluate Proposals Submitted for College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project Construction Management Services and Environmental Compliance Services. GM Lockwood provided an overview of the Ad Hoc Proposal Review Committee purpose, general composition, tentative schedule, and estimated time commitment. Following a roundtable discussion of member availability, the Committee appointed Committee Member Pilch to serve on the Ad Hoc Proposal Review Committee.

7. Receive Facility Operations Report. Interim WSOS Bigham reported that through the end of November, PV Water has delivered 4,465 acre-feet of supplemental water in 2022 with only a couple of acre-feet distributed in December due to rainy conditions. With the end of the irrigation season, Operations staff have prioritized valve exercising with enhanced valve rehabilitation and isolation testing. She shared that staff have received all telemetry meter units associated with the high production well meter retrofit project however due to some faulty components, staff are having to pressure test each unit which is slowing the retrofit project. Interim WSOS Bigham reported that staff have been conducting the December quarterly meter reads the last two weeks in muddy conditions and are nearly finished. Staff have also worked to prepare the Harkins Slough pump station and recharge basin for slough diversions and are awaiting conducive water quality conditions to begin operations. Lastly, GM Lockwood reported that Water System Operations Supervisor Chuy Martinez has been out on an extended leave and in his absence, Ms. Shinehah Bigham has assumed the role of Interim Water System Operations Supervisor.

- 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** GM Lockwood noted that Committee officer appointments will occur at the January meeting and that he will report back on Board actions relating to Committee membership in January.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 25, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 3:49 p.m.**