



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Mary Bannister, Director, Chair	Frank Capurro
Sam Cooley, Vice Chair	Jonathan Pilch
Stephen Rider, Director	
Abel Sanchez, Director	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operator (WSO)
Casey Meusel, Associate Hydrologist (AH)	Erin McCarthy, Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County
Lidia Gutierrez, Gutierrez Consultants	John Burns, ESA Sitka
Marian Rivera-Torres, Environmental Defense Fund	Christina Babbitt, Ph.D., Environmental Defense Fund
Robyn Grimm, Environmental Defense Fund	Garshaw Amidi-Abraham, Environmental Defense Fund
Amanda Miller, California Water Data Consortium	Tara Moran, California Water Data Consortium
Erika Sagrafena, SWCA Environmental Consultants	Gary Kittleson, Kittleson Environmental Consulting

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Bannister called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of January 26, 2022 Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Vice Chair Cooley moved to approve the January 26, 2022 minutes; Director Rider seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Rider, Sanchez
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Capurro, Pilch, Imazio

- 4. Receive Presentation on Open-Source Water Accounting Platform and Consider Staff Recommendation for Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency to Participate in a Pilot Project.** GM Lockwood introduced the topic and representatives of the Accounting Platform team who then provided a presentation that included a project overview, brief demo of the platform, project timeline summary, and a discussion of opportunities for collaboration. Following the discussion, the Committee, by consensus, provided direction to proceed in a pilot project.

- 5. Consider Approval of Consensus Scoring Self-Evaluation for the California Department of Water Resources Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program Implementation Grant Proposal Project.** GM Lockwood provided a summary of a grant proposal solicitation that provides the opportunity for critically overdrafted basins, such as the Pajaro Valley Basin, to obtain \$7.6 million in funding from the Department of Water Resources. He provided an update on the status of PV Water's proposal in support of the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project (College Lake Project) and reviewed the materials provided to the Committee in the packet. The Committee conducted a self-evaluation scoring of the project. Following discussion and deliberation, Director Rider moved to approve the consensus scoring self-evaluation scoresheet; Committee Member Imazio seconded. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Ayes: Bannister, Cooley, Rider, Imazio

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Capurro, Pilch, Sanchez

- 6. Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - a. College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood summarized the staff report in agenda packet, highlighting that preparation of the College Lake Project EIR addendum is progressing and that an updated fact sheet is in development. Staff and consultants continue to meet with interested parties and agencies as permitting and property acquisition efforts continue.
 - b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood summarized the staff report in agenda packet noting that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), following a series of meetings with staff and consultants decided not to file a formal protest against water-right permit application A033151. NMFS did however provide a comment letter on the application. GM Lockwood also noted that staff performed pump tests of three recovery wells at the Harkins Slough Recharge Basin.
 - c. Recycled Water Facility Improvements Project.** GM Lockwood reported that a scope of services and cost estimate for the Reliability Operations and Condition Assessment is going before the Watsonville City Council on February 22, 2022.

- 7. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSO Bigham reported that staff are continuing to diver water from Harkins Slough and estimate total diversions will reach 250 acre-feet for the month of February. Demand for delivered water is increasing; staff delivered 121 acre-feet of water in January and an anticipated delivering 200 acre-feet in February.

- 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** GM Lockwood reported that staff would provide an overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Annual Report, Water Year 2021, during the March meeting, and in April, present the annual soil salinity and water quality report.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 4:17 p.m.**