



PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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PROJECTS & FACILITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PV Water, Koenig Conference Room, 36 Brennan Street

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Not Present
Stephen Rider, Director, Committee Chair	Tom Broz, Director
Sam Cooley, Committee Vice Chair	
Amy Newell, Director	
Stuart Kitayama	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Jonathan Pilch	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM)	
Shinehah Bigham, Water System Operations (WSO)	

- Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Rider called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
- Committee Member and Public Comments.** Director Newell reported that Lookout Santa Cruz featured an article on the Recharge Net Metering Program; it is available here: <https://lookout.co/santacruz/environment/story/2023-10-25/california-water-crisis-some-pajaro-valley-farms-being-tapped-to-help>.
- Consider Approval of June 28, 2023, Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Director Newell moved to approve the June 28, 2023, minutes; Vice Chair Cooley seconded. The Committee approved the minutes of the June 28, 2023, meeting.
- Receive Projects and Programs Update.**
 - College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project.** GM Lockwood provided an update of construction related progress and reported that staff and consultants have been working with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and other regulatory entities, to obtain a permit extension to continue work within the new weir structure through the end of November. He also reported that consultants had recently completed vegetation surveys of the College Lake basin. Lastly, he reported that the California Department of Water Resources approved Invoice No. 4 totaling \$4,386,101 for the DWR 2021 SGMA Implementation Round 1 Grant which funds College Lake Project pre-construction activities.

- b. Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects.** GM Lockwood presented on the status of the design of the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects and referred to a presentation that is posted at the following location: https://www.pvwater.org/images/board-and-committees/board_of_directors_assets/2023_BOD/10-18-23_Item11A_WSSMARR_Board_Update_20231018-Presented.pdf. GM Lockwood reported that the well drilling contractor had recently drilled three new wells at the Harkins Slough Recharge Basin and staff was presently overseeing the development of those wells.
- 5. Receive Facility Operations Report.** WSO Bigham summarized the Operations Report included in the packet, noting that staff have delivered 3,239 acre-feet of supplemental water through September 30 and of that, 2,038 acre-feet or 63% was recycled water. GM Lockwood reported that work to repair the booster pump on Blend Well 1 was nearing completion and that the contractor has been onsite this week.
- 6. Receive Water Quality Quarterly Report.** GM Lockwood presented the 2023-Q2 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>).
- 7. Discuss Future Agenda Items.** Review and discuss the Committee purpose and frequency of meetings.
- 8. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:11 p.m.