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Basin Management Plan Adopted

Watsonville, CA –When the modern story of water and the Pajaro Valley is told, Wednesday, April 16, 2014, will be noted as a turning point. The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Board of Directors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report on their Basin Management Plan Update and adopted the Plan. Both actions passed unanimously.

The Basin Management Plan Update (BMP) was development by an ad hoc committee representing a broad group of water interests. The BMP Committee, which first met in November, 2010, spent hundreds of hours considering 41 projects before selecting the six most cost effective solutions and adding an aggressive conservation program. The plan, when fully implemented, will reduce groundwater over-pumping by 90% and essentially halt seawater intrusion into the Pajaro Valley aquifer.

Board Chair Rosemarie Imazio wanted to give the group a celebratory high five after the vote with Co-Chair Dave Cavanaugh explaining "This allows us to begin the process of ensuring a sustainable groundwater resource that supports our incredible agricultural economy."

The PVWMA is a public agency whose mission is to protect and preserve the water resources within the agency's jurisdiction, generally the greater coastal Pajaro Valley. More information on the agency and its work is available at pvwater.org.

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