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PV Water to Hold Informational Breakfast Meeting on Rates

Watsonville, CA – The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency will host an informational breakfast meeting this Friday, April 10, 2015 to answer questions on proposed rate changes. The meeting will start at 7:00 a.m. at the Agency's office located at 36 Brennan Street in Watsonville.

The proposed rate structure, which includes zoned augmentation charges on pumped groundwater and a separate delivered water charge for blended recycled water supplied in the coastal area, are similar to the rate structures currently in place. Consideration of the new rates was moved up from fall to summer of 2015 in response to the desire for immediate action in the face of the severe drought affecting California. Owners of parcels with wells and delivered water users were sent a notice explaining the proposed rate increases and the date, time, and location of the Board hearing on those proposed rates.

Projects and programs to address the overdraft and seawater intrusion problems created by over-pumping the aquifer in the Pajaro Valley include using surface water from College Lake, a recharge project in the dunes area west of San Andreas Road, and an expanded conservation program. To date PV Water has delivered over 25,000 acre feet of supplemental irrigation supply comprised largely of recycled waste water to the 8,000 acre coastal zone.

Additional information may be found on the Agency's website – www.pvwater.org.

PV Water 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.

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