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PV Water Holds Second Public Outreach

Watsonville, CA – Last Friday, April 10, 2015, The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PV Water) held the second of three public meetings to answer questions on proposed rate changes. The meeting was held in the conference room at the Agency's office located 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, is 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 on the rate process, and the many projects designed to tackle this unprecedented drought, may be found on the Agency's website 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.

Print quality photos of the meeting are available by contacting steve@stagnaro.com

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