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## Adaptive Management Plan Committee Established, Looking for Volunteers

Watsonville, CA, - The PV Water Board of Directors voted unanimously to form an Ad Hoc Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) Committee for the purpose of meeting multiple objectives while minimizing or mitigating impacts to existing waterfowl habitat, as well as other wildlife (fish, shorebirds, etc.) and habitat at College Lake, resulting in a multi-species plan. The first step in developing the College Lake AMP will be to confirm specific College Lake operations and maintenance goals and objectives. This process will engage stakeholders and interested parties in the effort to meet the commitments from the Final EIR for the Basin Management Plan (BMP) 2014 Update.

PV Water is committed to developing this AMP to meet the requirements from National Marine Fisheries Services, US Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and CA Department of Fish and Wildlife. The newly formed AMP Committee, which is anticipated to meet four times through fall 2021, will evaluate technical information presented by staff and consultants related to the existing and projected conditions for the College Lake Project, consider management criteria to preserve listed species habitat that would avoid significant negative impacts, and make recommendations to the PV Water Board of Directors. In support of the overall effort, PV Water has initiated the preparation of a Water Quality Plan, an Invasive Species Plan, and Steelhead Monitoring Plan, plans that will fall under the umbrella of the to-be-developed AMP. The result of this effort will be a living document called the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project, Adaptive Management Plan.

“The PV Water Board is committed to preserving agriculture and protecting species for future generations,” said Board member, Javier Zamora. “Being an organic farmer, I not only care about providing food but also making sure I am protecting the natural world in and around my farm, I believe we can do both, and we must,” Zamora continued.

The Committee will be composed of 15-members, which will be filled by appointments and application. The appointed seats include members from the above regulatory agencies, and three PV Water Board Directors (Javier Zamora, Tom Broz, and Bob Culbertson), two non-governmental organization representatives, two neighboring landowners, a disadvantaged community seat, a tribal representative, an at-large Pajaro Valley community member, a local scientist with environmental resource experience, and an agricultural interest will be selected by application. PV Water strongly encourages public involvement. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meetings will take place via teleconference. To learn more about how to apply visit [pvwater.org](http://pvwater.org) and fill out an application or contact PV Water at 831-722-9292.

The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PV Water) is a state-chartered water management district formed to efficiently and economically manage existing and supplemental water

supplies in order to prevent further increase in, and to accomplish continuing reduction of, long-term overdraft. The agency also works to provide and ensure sufficient water supplies for present and future anticipated needs within its boundaries, generally the greater coastal Pajaro Valley. PV Water's Board of Directors is focused on achieving groundwater sustainability for the critically overdrafted Pajaro Valley Groundwater Basin. For more information, visit [www.pvwater.org](http://www.pvwater.org) or [www.facebook.com/PajaroValleyWater](https://www.facebook.com/PajaroValleyWater).

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