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Board of Directors Meeting
August 15, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

Community Rooms A & B
275 Main Street, 4th Floor
Watsonville, CA 95076

JOINT BOARD AND AD HOC BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- 2. Roll Call of the PVWMA Directors and Ad Hoc Basin Management Plan Committee and Pledge of Allegiance:** The Regular Board Meeting of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, 4th Floor, Watsonville, CA, at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Imazio.

Board Members Present: Imazio, Cavanaugh, Eiskamp, Persoff, Osmer, Lynn, Vasquez

Ad Hoc BMP Committee Members Present: See attached roster

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Mary Bannister, General Manager (GM)
Brian Lockwood, Staff Hydrologist (SH)
Laura R. Taay, Administrative Analyst(AA)
Others Present: Anthony Condotti (Agency Counsel)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Oral Communications: none

5. Director Comments: none

- 6. Discussion Item** – After staff introduction of the Ad Hoc Basin Management Plan Recommendation, Don Marushka facilitated discussion and question and answer sessions with the Board, Committee members and the public. The committee recommendation was presented in three parts; 1) Conservation; 2) Optimize use of existing supplies and 3) Develop new supplies, including Harkins Slough Project upgrades, Watsonville and North Dunes recharge basin, College Lake and Murphy Crossing Projects.

Regarding the Conservation component, Director Eiskamp noted that conservation targets can be met with tools like the Wireless Irrigation Network (WIN) being promoted by Driscoll's. Kirk Schmidt noted that research by UC Ag extension shows reduction in applied water is possible without reducing yield. He also suggested that the Agency would need to target the growers who would gain the most benefit from conservation.

John Ricker noted that he's seen large savings in municipal water use, but that agricultural has been slower in implementing conservation practices. Stuart Kitayama said that water is an important input not as costly as natural gas, fertilizer, etc. He estimated that a 10% savings could be achieved.

John E. Eiskamp noted that with the Ag Waiver requirements controlling irrigation and runoff will be absolutely required or huge costs could be incurred.

Director Imazio asked if we can attribute the currently observed decrease in water use to conservation – Director Cavanaugh said the data is not conclusive, but suspects that is the case.

Chuck Allen noted that the Community Dialogue Group is implementing a conservation program independent of the Agency that looks very promising.

Optimizing the use of Existing Supplies was discussed with questions mainly concerning why the current coastal growers are not using more of the supply. It was noted that there is inconvenience to the growers who need to schedule all deliveries of supplemental water and may need to take deliveries at night. Interest in the construction of on-site reservoirs was discussed, with the food safety issue noted as a deterrent as well as the cost of re-pumping that water back up to pressure. It was noted that some landowners in the coastal zone require their tenants to use at least some supplemental water as a part of their lease agreements.

A member of the public asked if low flow toilets are required by the City of Watsonville and Director Osmer responded that they are.

Development of new supplies was discussed. Several questions centered on local small recharge basins being studied by Dr. Andrew Fisher with UCSC and promoted by the Community Dialogue Group, and interest in taking water off the Pajaro River and from the Alluvial aquifer was expressed. Director Osmer asked when, under this plan, the basin would be balanced. Lou Carella noted that it is a 30-year plan, but that results of projects as they come on –line will need to be evaluated and course corrections may be required. Director Eiskamp noted that the plan is based on model results and that progress will need to be monitored over time.

11. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- A. Board of Directors – August 15, 2012 , 7:00 pm., City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Fourth Floor, Watsonville, CA.
- B. Administrative/Finance Committee — September 11, 2012, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., PVWMA Conference Room, 36 Brennan Street, Watsonville, CA.
- C. Board of Directors — September 19, 2012, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Fourth Floor, Watsonville, CA.

13. Adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



 Laura R. Taay, Administrative Analyst



 Date Approved