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**Board of Directors Meeting
City Council Chambers**

**March 7, 2007, 1:30 p.m.
250 Main Street, Watsonville, CA**

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call of the PVWMA Directors, and Pledge of Allegiance:** The Regular Board Meeting of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 250 Main Street, Watsonville, CA, at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Dobler

Board Members Present: Dobler, Imazio (1:35 pm), Eiskamp, Cervantes, Osmer, Koenig

Board Members Absent: Kegebein

Staff Members Present: Bruce Laclergue, General Manager (GM)
Mary Bannister, Technical Division Manager (TDM)
Linda Contreras, Administrative Division Manager (ADM)
Fred Miles, Engineering Division Manager (EDM)
Mark Dias, Water Program Coordinator (WPC)
Berta Rodriguez, Administrative Analyst (AA)

Others Present: Anthony Condotti, Counsel

- 2. Oral Communications:** Joseph Pendry received a copy of the Agency's conservation budget-to-date, which he had requested at an earlier Board meeting.
- 3. Director and General Manager Comments.** The GM mentioned that the March 21st Board Business meeting might be cancelled due to lack of sufficient action agenda items. He stated that he, Director Osmer, and the Agency Counsel would travel to Washington, D.C., the week of March 12th to meet with the California Congressional Delegation and USBR representatives in connection with continuing federal funding support for the BMP projects. He will report back to the Board.

4. Discussion and/or Action Items

- A. Discuss Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and Implementation.** The GM stated that a Table of Contents and List of Acronyms had been prepared for the Draft IRWMP and would be distributed to the Directors. He then went through, and discussed, each section of the Draft IRWMP that deals with the plan's goals, objectives and prioritization of projects.

Board Discussion. Director Eiskamp questioned whether the proposed use "in lieu" water as part of the import pipeline contained in the Draft IRWMP was authorized by the Revised BMP Plan. Discussion followed regarding the definition of this term as well as CVP water, supplemental water. Director Eiskamp stressed the need to keep the public more informed of the IRWMP process. The GM responded that agencies involved had had three public stakeholder meetings and that one more such meeting is planned in the near future. He and the TDM answered Director questions.

Public Comment. Frank Capurro, former Director and landowner, spoke in favor of the Board weighing all options regarding the use of the import pipeline. The GM stated that this matter would be brought back for further Board discussion and action later this year.

- B. Discuss the State's Modified Grant Program Proposal and its impact on the Pajaro River Watershed. The TDM summarized the current discussions among the regional agencies and the State Department Water Resources in connection with Round 2, Prop. 50 funding and how to meld Prop. 84 grant funding into Prop. 50. She reported that some representatives from the various agencies would attend a meeting on this matter in Sacramento on March 20th. The GM and the TDM answered Director questions regarding the process and proposed projects within the geographical areas of the Pajaro River Watershed.

5. Reports/Informational Presentations

A. Counsel Reports

1. Litigation Update. Counsel reported that the Submission Order had been filed in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals validation action matter, triggering a 90-day statutory period during which the Court must issue its decision. He noted that this meant that the Agency could expect a decision on or about May 28th. Counsel then gave his legal perspective of the possible outcomes of this decision and concluded by stating that now would be an appropriate time for the Board to consider the issue of a possible increase in augmentation charge and delivery water rates. He answered Director questions.

- B. Board Committee Reports. Director Osmer reported on the May 5th SPPO Meeting during which the Committee had reviewed the draft reformatted billing statement, the draft annual report; the latter will be brought forward to the full Board in April for final review. The Committee had also discussed the arrangements for the upcoming joint groundbreaking ceremony with the City of Watsonville for Recycled Water Facility and Coastal Distribution System, possibly as early as March 21st or the following Friday, March 30th.

C. Staff Reports

1. Project operations report. The Engineer reported that diversion, on a 24/7 schedule, from Harkins Slough to the Recharge Pond had begun, and without any incident.
2. 2006 BMP Construction Program Update. The Engineer reported mobilization had started and that the contractors were moving forward on schedule. He briefly reviewed the current activity on the bores crossing Highway 1 as well as on the status of the shop drawings.
- a. Coastal Distribution System. The Engineer reported that the RWF contractor had set up an office, a mobile building, at the construction site, just west of the Recycled Water Facility. He stated that the period for settlement of the topsoil had ended and would be removed, in preparation for the next stage of the work.
- b. Recycled Water Facility. The Engineer's report on this item was captured in his reports on the above two items.
3. Water Conservation Report. The WPC's report covered three items. The first was that enrollment in the mobile labs program had spiked in the last month, doubling the number of participants. Secondly, he reported on a finding by the mobile lab program that

irrigators are using worn sprays and/or nozzles that leak, leading to a greater consumption of water than is necessary. In an effort to increase the percentage of efficiency, the WPC is evaluating the implementation of a small pilot program or even a basin-wide program to

replace these worn spray/nozzle that would take into account the costs of the program. Lastly, he mentioned a possibility of a tie-in with a new program to be offered by the Salinas-based Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA) to teach small farmers/irrigators basic irrigation technology and best water conservation practices. The Agency would offer technical assistance. According to the WPC, this new program, if funded, would fill in a gap in the field, and that is, the small farmers/irrigators. The WPC answered Director questions on how incentives would work under the still being evaluated spray/nozzle replacement program.

6. Written Communication/Correspondence. None.

7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items. The GM stated that the March 21st Board Business Meeting may be cancelled, and pointed out that the meeting day for the next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting had been changed from Wednesday to Thursday, but only for that meeting.

- A. Irrigators Meeting – March 14, 2007, 10:00 am, Ag Extension Building
- B. Administrative/Finance Committee – March 15, 2007, 3:00 pm, PVWMA Conference Room
- C. Technical Advisory Committee – March 16, 2007, 8:30 am, Ag Extension Building
- D. WQOP Committee – March 16, 2007, 2:00 pm, Wastewater Treatment Facility
- E. Projects Committee – March 21, 2007, 3:00 pm, PVWMA Conference Room
- F. Board Meeting – March 21, 2007, 7:00 pm, Watsonville Council Chambers

8. Closed Session

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c):
One (1) potential case
- B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Labor Negotiations pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.
Position/Employee: General Manager
Agency Designated Representative: General Counsel

The closed session convened at approximately 2:50 p.m. with Directors Dobler, Imazio, Cervantes, Eiskamp, Osmer and Koenig present. Staff members in attendance were Laclergue, Contreras and Condotti. Prior to the discussion of Item A., Director Eiskamp declared the existence of a potential conflict of interest because of a financial relationship with one of the parties, recused himself, and left the Board chambers. Contreras left following the discussion of Item A and Director Eiskamp returned at approximately 3:05 p.m. No members of the public were present and no action was reported.

9. Adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Linda Contreras, Secretary

April 18, 2007

date approved