



## PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 3, 2010, 7:00 pm**

**City Council Chambers**  
**275 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Watsonville, CA**

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

#### 1. Call to Order

2. **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, 275 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Watsonville, CA, at 7:08 p.m. by Chair Imazio.

Board Members Present: Imazio, Cavanaugh, Eiskamp, Osmer, Koenig, Vasquez

Board Members Absent: Dobler

Staff Members Present: Mary Bannister, General Manager (GM)  
Veronica Barboza, Administrative Analyst (AA)  
Others Present: Caio Arellano, (Filling in for Agency Counsel)

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 4. Oral Communications: None

5. **Director Comments:** Director Osmer stated that he was hopeful because “if the Giants could win the World Series, we can whip the water problem” speaking in regards to the Aromas Water District request for water export connection to Oakridge and Via Del Sol Subdivision item .

6. **General Manager Report:** GM introduced Caio Arellano, with Atchinson, Barisone, Condotti & Kovacevich who was filling in for Agency Counsel.

#### 7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve November 3, 2010 Minutes
- B. Approve Financial Report for September 2010
- C. Approve Disbursement Ledger for September 2010

◆ Motion by Director Osmer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Imazio, Cavanaugh, Eiskamp, Osmer, Koenig, Vasquez

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Dobler

**ABSTAIN:** None

#### 8. Informational Presentations

- A. Recharge and Water Quality Dynamics within the Harkins Slough Managed Aquifer Recharge Project: GM introduced Dr. Andrew Fisher, Professor of Earth & Planetary Sciences at the University of California; Santa Cruz. He delivered a presentation regarding Recharge and Water Quality Dynamics within the Harkin Slough Managed

Aquifer Recharge Project based on research he and his students had been conducting since 2006. This presentation was an update to a presentation given in June 2009. Professor Fisher has obtained outside funding to conduct this research, the results of which may have implications of how to better operate the not only the Harkins Slough Project, but also other Managed Aquifer Recharge projects elsewhere.

- B. Update on the Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Management Planning (IRWMP) Effort: Lidia Gutierrez of Gutierrez Consultants gave a power point presentation on the Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Management Plan.

## 9. Discussion and/or Action Items

Consider Request for Exception to Water Export Ordinances 98-01 and 98-02 to Allow Aromas Water District Connection to Oakridge and Via Del Sol Subdivisions: GM reported that the Aromas Water District received a request from Monterey County Water Resources Agency to serve two (2) small subdivisions in the North Monterey County located outside the Agency's jurisdiction. They are Via del Sol and Oakridge subdivisions. Their combined water need is about 30 acre feet per year for existing 60 residences. She stated there are currently no plans for additional development because of poor quality or inadequate supply, many residents have been forced to have water delivered through tanker trucks for several years. The requested action potentially conflicts with two (2) of the Agency's Ordinances, 98-01 and 98-02. The former was adopted by the Board in 1998. GM stated that this item was considered at its May 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at which the board asked for additional information regarding legal, political and hydrological issues involved. GM introduced Vicki Morris, General Manager for Aromas Water District. She provided the board with additional information that had been developed by Aromas Water District (AWD). In that, she included a power point of; 1) Map of existing AWD boundaries, 2) Map of Cameros Sub watershed and, 3) Proposed Agreement, Authorizing AWD to extend service to Oakridge areas. Curtis Week of Monterey County Water Resources Agency stated that presently, in Monterey County, there are no plans for additional development in North Monterey County. Leslie Girard, Monterey County Counsel stated that he respects the Agency's Counsel and that it is the Agency's discretion to export water. He stated that in his view, it is the Board authority to make an exemption and export water to the residents of Via del Sol and Oakridge. Chris Orman, Fire Chief for North Monterey County Fire Protection District, stated that he supported the export of water to Via del Sol and Oakridge residents as the current water system provides no realistic fire protection water supply to any residences in that area. He said that consolidation of the water systems would provide a fire protection water supply system meeting current California Fire Code Regulations, and result in improved safety for the residents and his firefighters.

### Public Comments:

Mark Sagel, an Oakridge resident, stated that every resident in Oakridge or from that area of North Monterey County pulls water from the same basin as that of PVWMA.

John Ramirez, Director of Monterey County Environmental Health read a letter from Walter Wong dated October 27, 1999 that had been addressed to Aromas Water District regarding evaluating alternatives to increase water supply to Oakridge subdivision.

Mary Disell stated that she has her own well and has plenty of water. She stated that the parcel owner next door to her had drilled wells for other parcel owners and distributed water to them.

Dwight Lynn expressed his concerns regarding Ordinance 98-01, stating that this "exportation" needs to comply with the Basin Management Plan (BMP), feel that the Agency does not have the authority to make this exemption.

Susie Peterson, Via del Sol resident stated that her family is basically living without water. She said that she needs to truck her water and drives to Salinas for bottled drinking water. She stated “Please show mercy, its inhumane, we need help”

Tom AmRhein stated that exportation is limited to 800 A/f a year, inquired as to how much water be exported; how much money will it cost to drill wells for Oakridge residents? He indicated that the agricultural community pays millions of dollars for 800 acre feet from the Harkins Slough Project and no water should be sent to the residents requesting it.

Kathy Chavez Miller, an Aromas resident, stated that she has been following the water issues in Aromas including the Racho Larios and Ballentree matters. She noted that the proposed Heritage Oaks subdivision request had just been denied and hoped some parameters would be set regarding future development.

Chris Enright, President of the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau stated that the Agency should not export, and that the Agency would not be opening itself up to further lawsuits.

Dick Peixoto stated that the board needs to decide if the Agency is a “Water Management Agency” or “Water Sales Agency”. He does not support the export. He said that he had been feeling better about the Agency, because there’s “been some peace in the neighborhood”

Mark Sagel said based on current water uses at Oakridge, there may be only one acre foot a month demand for water.

Judy Taylor commented that two (2) more residents wanted to attend to support the action, but were unable to. She stated that the wells are not keeping up with the needs of the residents. At the end of each year, the wells run dry. She said

Christine Bose stated that she has lived on Oakridge for over 30 years. She said that Oakridge has “decomposed granite”, movement of bedrock. That movement affects their access to water. She said that they are asking to share a resource that belongs to all of us. She said that if you look at it- it’s the farmers who are exporting the water.

After Board discussion, the following action was taken:

◆ Motion by Director Osmer to approve Exception to Water Export Ordinances 98-01 and 98-02 to Allow Aromas Water District Connection to Oakridge and Via Del Sol Subdivisions as presented. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Imazio, Osmer, Koenig, Vasquez

**NOES:** Cavanaugh

**ABSENT:** Dobler

**ABSTAIN:** Eiskamp

**10. Written Communication/Correspondence:** October 2010 correspondences were in included in the board packet.

**11. Reports/Information Presentations**

- A. Board Committee Reports: GM reported that the Ad Hoc BMP Committee met on 11/2/10 and will give a full report at the next board meeting.
- B. Staff Reports
  - 1. Facility Operations Report: None

**12. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**

- A. Water Quality and Project Operations Committee Meeting- November 10, 2010 ,  
3:00pm PVWMA Conference Room
- B. Administrative/Finance Committee - November 16, 2010, 4:00 pm, PVWMA  
Conference Room
- C. Board Meeting – November 17, 2010, 7:00 pm, City Council Chambers, 275 Main St,  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor

**13. Adjourned at: 10:05 pm**

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Veronica Barboza, Secretary

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Date Approved