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**PROJECTS and FACILITY OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Water Resources Center
500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville, California 95076

Wednesday April 27, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees	
Dale Huss	Mary Bannister
Rich Persoff	Jesus "Chuy" Martinez
Kirk Schmidt	Brian Lockwood
Warren Koenig	Mike Wagoner
Amy Newell	Sam Cooley
Beau Kayser	Casey Meusel
Stuart Kitayama	Roger Van Horn (by phone)
Absentee Committee Members	
Dave Cavanaugh	Frank Capurro
Vacant Seat: Outside DWZ Grower	

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Dale called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. **Public and Member comments.** Dale recommended staff mail a letter drafted to inform growers of a potential negative effect on soil salinity associated with deep ripping practices.
3. **Consider Approving prior Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Amy moved approval, Dale seconded. The Committee approved the minutes of the March 23, 2016 meeting, contingent upon correcting the location of the prior meeting, which was held at the agency's office, 36 Brennan Street and not the Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane.
4. **Basin Management Plan Projects Update.**
 - a. **"Early Out" grant funded water supply projects:** Brian summarized the status of delivered water enhancement projects: 1) The Blend Well Pipeline Improvement Project that improves delivered water reliability and quality is now complete and the pipeline is currently in use –the board of directors approved a Notice of Completion for the project at the April meeting; 2) The

K1 Pipeline Project to serve approximately 180 irrigated acres of ag land impacted by seawater intrusion in the Bluff Road area of Northern Monterey County is approximately 75% complete, and is on schedule to be 100% complete by the end of May; 3) The Recycled Water Storage and Distribution Pump Station Improvements Project is moving forward. The contractor has mobilized equipment to the site. Biologists are monitoring a protected migratory bird & nest located in the staging area.

- b. Longer-term projects:** Brian summarized the outcome of a BMP Strategic Planning Workshop held on April 19th. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss BMP implementation strategies and develop project specific workflows to facilitate implementation of the proposed projects. The timing and coordination of engineering, environmental, and water rights efforts were discussed. Participants included Directors Imazio and Newell, along with staff and engineering, water rights, biology, and environmental planning experts. A second BMP Strategic Planning Workshop was scheduled for May 25th.
 - c. Other projects/concepts:** Chuy provided an update on the effort to incorporate the Martinelli well as an additional supplemental well for CDS deliveries. Brian described ongoing activities related to the Recharge Net Metering pilot program, and the Fallow Land Incentive Program (FLIP). Kirk Schmidt provided additional information about the origin of the FLIP, including summarizing recent discussions with landowners. Stuart noted he is working with his tenants on a land fallowing rotation program and summarized his experience so far. Rich suggested there should be tax incentives to encourage development of enhanced recharge basins, i.e. other forms of relief should be considered and potentially discussed with the respective counties.
- 5. Facility Operations Update.** Chuy presented the facility operations update. Year to date 607 AF of supplemental irrigation supply have been delivered to growers with 78 % of the supply composed of recycled water (471 AF). The Harkins Slough Diversion is operating and has diverted about 736 AF to the recharge basin. Mike reported on construction activities related to the additional storage tank and distribution pump station improvements.
 - 6. Receive Report on April 6, 2016 Annual Irrigators Meeting.** Chuy provided a summary of the meeting. Dale added that it was well attended and effectively run.
 - 7. Discuss Future Facilities and Project Operations Committee Agenda Items.** None (except to ensure the Committee's recommendation to appoint Sam Cooley to the Committee as the Outside Delivered Water Zone Grower is placed on the agenda of the upcoming Board of Directors.
 - 8. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.
 - 9. Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.**