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PVWMA TO UPDATE BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

Watsonville, CA - The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) is updating the Basin Management Plan (BMP), and unlike previous planning efforts, the BMP will be developed through a community driven rather than a consultant led process. The committee is tasked with identifying the water supply alternatives that will be technically and environmentally evaluated by the engineering team for ultimate review and consideration by the committee and Board. The Agency expects this approach to result in a BMP that reflects the community's water management priorities as well as state and local water management regulations.

Numerous projects and programs have already been submitted by the community for consideration in the BMP, ranging from demand reduction programs to seawater desalination projects. The current list of projects already under consideration can be found at www.pvwater.org. The Agency is asking the community to submit new project and program concepts that they would like considered in the BMP. The submittal should include as much detail as available but can be as simple as a brief description of the concept. What is most important is that all reasonable ideas be considered in the BMP. The project and program concepts should be submitted to PVWMA by August 4.

The BMP will include an evaluation of various water supply alternatives including landowner developed demand management strategies and projects evaluated in prior management plans including College Lake. The BMP and EIR process is expected to take two years to complete and the Agency will be inviting the community to participate in the process.

The PVWMA is a public agency whose mission is to protect and preserve the water resources within the agency's jurisdiction, generally the greater coastal Pajaro Valley.

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