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### PVWMA appoints interim general manager

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WATSONVILLE — The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency named Brian Lockwood as interim general manager beginning Jan. 1.



Contributed Brian Lockwood has been named the interim general manager of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency.

Lockwood, a senior water resources hydrologist who started with PV Water in 2005, succeeds retiring General Manager Mary Bannister. Bannister, a certified engineering geologist, was with PV Water for 17 years.

“Given his considerable knowledge, and experience gained working for us over the last 11 years, including in a leadership role as senior water resources hydrologist, the Board of Directors is confident in its choice to have Brian lead the agency,” Board Chair Rosemarie Imazio said.

Lockwood will serve a six-month term as interim general manager, after which the Board of Directors will consider making a permanent appointment.

“I’m thankful and excited about the opportunity to work with PV Water’s dedicated board and staff to build on Mary Bannister’s vision and hard work on behalf of the agency,” Lockwood said. “We have a lot of work ahead of us to ensure our local groundwater supply is protected and sustainable.”

Ongoing implementation of the Basin Management Plan (BMP) will be a major project for Lockwood and PV Water over the next several years. Groundwater, the primary source of water in the Pajaro Valley, has been over-drafted from the aquifers beneath the valley during the past several decades, resulting in falling groundwater levels and seawater intrusion within the Basin’s aquifers.

The BMP includes three main components, comprised of seven programs and projects, to address groundwater over-pumping issues in the Pajaro Valley.

Lockwood, 40, has provided technical analysis, review and oversight for BMP programs for the past eight years. His work has included capital improvement projects, aquifer recharge, recycled water, groundwater quality, seawater intrusion, conjunctive use, hydrologic modeling, groundwater production, land use, water conservation, and funding and rate setting.

He also has worked with PV Water staff and consultants to secure nearly \$8 million in grant funds over the last five years to support basin management activities, and has overseen the installation of eight monitoring wells and three production wells.

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Lockwood is serving on a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act advisory panel administered by the California Department of Water Resources, and is responsible for PV Water's information technology and outreach programs.

Lockwood earned a master's degree in Earth Science at UC Santa Cruz, is a licensed professional geologist and certified hydrogeologist in the state of California.

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