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**PROJECTS and FACILITY OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Water Resources Center
500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville, California 95076

Wednesday August 31, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees	
Dale Huss	Sam Cooley
Kevin Silveira	Beau Kayser
Frank Capurro	Brian Lockwood
Paul Faurot	Casey Meusel
Stuart Kitayama	
Absentee Committee Members	
Dave Cavanaugh	Warren Koenig
Amy Newell	

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Dale called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approving prior Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Approval of prior meeting minutes was postponed to the next meeting.
- 4. Project and Facility Operations Committee Membership Update.** Director Persoff has resigned from the PVWMA Board of Directors and associated committees. Director Faurot has been appointed to serve on the Project and Facility Operations Committee.
- 5. Basin Management Plan Projects Update.**
 - a. “Early Out” grant funded water supply projects:** Brian summarized the status of delivered water enhancement projects. 1) The construction of the K1 Pipeline Project is now complete and all that remains is the issuance of the retention payment pending the reception of outstanding documentation from the contractor. A grower within the K1 service area has reported improved plant growth and overall health after switching to the delivered water supply (compared to the use of a well intruded with seawater). 2) The Recycled Water Storage and Distribution Pump Station Improvements Project is progressing on schedule and on budget.

The contractor recently completed the first in a series of concrete pours to form the storage tank pad.

- b. Longer-term projects:** Brian provided an update on the development of the BMP Implementation Strategy, which is nearly complete. The purpose of the Implementation Strategy is to provide guidance on early tasks associated with the projects described in BMP such as filing a water rights application, environmental compliance, and engineering design tasks that are anticipated to be completed between March 2017 and June 2019. Agency staff is currently developing a Request for Proposals for professional services support necessary to implement the BMP. A separate Request for Proposals is being developed to improve the Harkins Slough Pump Station intakes. A roundtable discussion of the Harkins Slough Facility ensued.
 - c. Other projects/concepts:** Brian provided an update on the effort to incorporate a well located off Harvest Drive as an additional blend well for the supplemental water supply. PVWMA is in discussions with the well owner, S. Martinelli & Company, regarding an agreement for use of the well during a pilot “proof of concept” program.
- 6. Facility Operations Update.** Brian presented the facility operations update. Year to date 2,999 AF of supplemental irrigation supply has been delivered to growers with 69 % of the supply composed of recycled water (2,051 AF). Kevin Silveira reported that in 2016 there have been minimal operational challenges, and with a recent parts and materials purchase the facility is well equipped for near-term operation.
- 7. Review and Consider Water Quality Reporting Methodology.** Brian and Casey presented a PowerPoint on the delivered water quality reporting methodology. The presentation included summaries of existing facilities, recent facility improvements, facility operations, and water quality; a review of the current reporting method utilizing a simple average of turnout samples; an evaluation of the proposed reporting method utilizing a weighted average of system sources; and a discussion of nitrate reporting units. A roundtable discussion of the two reporting methods and nitrate reporting units followed the presentation. *Dale made a motion to use the weighted average approach, Sam seconded. The Committee approved the motion. By consensus the committee directed staff to report nitrate as NO3-N.*
- 8. Discuss Future Facilities and Project Operations Committee Agenda Items.** Proposed future agenda items include a review of scheduled maintenance for the Coastal Distribution System and a site visit to survey construction progress of the new storage tank.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned at 3:44 p.m.**