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**PROJECTS and FACILITY OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Water Resources Center
500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville, California 95076

Wednesday May 31, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members	
Present	Absent
Amy Newell	
Dale Huss	
Dave Cavanaugh	
Frank Capurro	
Rosemarie Imazio	
Sam Cooley	
Warren Koenig	
Staff & Other Attendees	
Brian Lockwood	Jonathan Pilch
Chuy Martinez	Stuart Kitayama
Kevin Silviera	

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Dale called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- 2. Public and Member comments.** None.
- 3. Consider Approval of prior Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.** Amy moved approval of the April 26, 2017 minutes; Warren seconded. The Committee approved the minutes of the April 26, 2017 meeting.
- 4. Review and Discuss Projects and Facility Operations Committee Revised Bylaws.** Brian presented the revised bylaws. After some discussion by the Committee, Dave moved to accept the revised bylaws and send them to the Board of Directors for consideration of approval; Rosemarie seconded. The motion passed. The revised bylaws will be included as an item in the consent agenda of the June 21, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.
- 5. Projects and Programs Update.**

- a. Basin Management Plan “Early Out” grant funded water supply projects.** Chuy provided a progress update on the construction of the new 1.5 million gallon recycled water storage tank and the distribution pump station (DPS) improvements. The tank passed the hydrostatic test and is currently being drained, with the water flowing back into the waste water treatment plant (no waste). Chuy described the need to conduct two additional, short-term shut-downs to install the valve stem extensions for the two new distribution pumps and remove the blind flanges. Dale thanked Chuy for his excellent communication efforts with growers, noting the importance of that communication. The Committee recommended that staff consider a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to occur following construction activities. Kevin reported that that we’ve received the full \$20,000,000 in Title XVI grant funds from the Bureau of Reclamation; a process that has taken over 16 years. A discussion of grants, other funding opportunities, future phases of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) financial agreement ensued. The SRF agreement includes three phases and the 1.5 million gallon tank and DPS improvements are Phase 1. Phase 2 includes treatment upgrades, and Phase 3 includes the construction of a 0.5 million gallon storage tank, if determined necessary.
 - b. Longer-term Basin Management Plan projects.** Brian reported that staff and consultants (aka the BMP Implementation Team) have added an outreach support firm to the Team; Katz and Associates were selected following the issuance of a Request for Qualifications and an interview process during which time staff and consultants interviewed three outreach firms. Brian provided an update of ongoing efforts with respect to the proposed Watsonville Slough Diversion and Recharge Project and the College Lake Water Supply Project. Committee members suggested ideas for the College Lake pipeline alignment that included an above grade line utilizing the levee, and they recommended staff be proactive in communication efforts with stakeholders including but not limited to local stakeholders, the College Lake Reclamation District, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the CA Fish and Wildlife Service, and the State Water Resources Control Board. Brian noted that staff has met with all the above listed agencies in an effort to be proactive, and that the meetings have been productive. Brian reported on upcoming meetings to learn more about BMP Implementation efforts, including the June 21 Quarterly Update by the Team to the Board of Directors, the July 10 Community Meeting, and the July 19 Board of Directors meeting, in addition to the regularly scheduled Projects and Facility Operations Committee Meetings that occur the last Wednesday of each month.
 - c. Other projects/concepts.** Brian provided an update on efforts to utilize the Harvest Drive Properties, LLC (Martinelli), production well as an additional blend well. Legal counsel for the Agency and Mr. Martinelli are working to finalize the terms of the agreement.
- 6. Facility Operations Report.** Chuy provided a summary of recent operations and maintenance activities. Year to date, 860 acre-feet of supplemental water consisting of 63% (540 acre-feet) recycled water has been delivered to Coastal Distribution System customers. The Harkins Slough Diversion Facility began operation on March 10th and has diverted approximately 700 acre-feet to the recharge basin. The effect of the recharge on the recovery wells has been significant, doubling the combined flow of the Recovery Wells from 300 gpm to over 600 gpm. Staff updated the committee on several requests / inquiries regarding potential expansions of the Coastal Distribution System. Roundtable discussion ensued and Dale recommended that an item concerning a Coastal Distribution System Expansion Policy be placed on the June 28, 2017 Project and Facility Operations Committee Agenda.

7. **Discuss Future Facilities and Project Operations Committee Agenda Items.** Consider development of a Delivered Water Service Expansion Policy.
8. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.
9. **Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 p.m.**