



JOINT PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPLORATORY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING  
(PACHECO PASS WATER DISTRICT, SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT,  
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT {SCVWD})

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# MINUTES

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017  
2:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A scheduled meeting of the Pacheco Reservoir Exploratory Committee was held on September 14, 2017, in the Board Room of the San Benito County Water District, 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

A meeting of the San Benito County Water District/Santa Clara Valley Water District Pacheco Pass Exploratory Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on September 14, 2017 in the Board Room of the San Benito County Water District, 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California.

San Benito County Water District (SBCWD) Board Members present were: Director Joe Tonascia (who was substituting for John Tobias) and Director Sonny Flores. SBCWD staff members in attendance were Jeff Cattaneo, Sara Singleton and Garrett Haertel.

Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) Board Members present were: Director Gary Kremen and Director John L. Varela. SCVWD staff members in attendance were: Garth Hall, Melih Ozbilgin, Steve Woo, Michelle Conlon, Brian Hopper and Glenna Brambill.

Also attending today's meeting, were two members of the Pacheco Pass Water District; Director Frank O'Connell and Director Steve Lindsay.

2. **TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON AGENDA**

There were no public comments.

3. **INTRODUCTIONS**

San Benito County Water District, San Benito County Water District and Pacheco Pass Water District attendees introduced themselves.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 4.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 12, 2017 MEETING

A motion was made by Director Flores and seconded by Director Tonascia; the Minutes of July 12, 2017 were unanimously approved.

#### 5. ACTION ITEMS:

##### 5.1 UPDATE ON THE EXISTING PACHECO RESERVOIR DAM AND SPILLWAY. OWNER AND OPERATED BY PACHECO PASS WATER DISTRICT (FRANK O'CONNELL)

Director O'Connell stated there has been no physical progress. Mr. Cattaneo asked if the Pacheco Pass Water District has been in contact with the Department of Safety of Dams. Director O'Connell stated that they keep in constant contact. He added their facilities have moderate damage, so DSOD is okay with them for now.

##### **Recommendation:**

**This is an information only item and no action is required.**

##### 5.2 UPDATE ON PROPOSITION 1 FUNDING APPLICATION FOR PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT (MELIH OZBILGIN)

Mr. Ozbilgin reported the application was submitted on August 14<sup>th</sup> and the request was for 50% of the project, which is the maximum amount that can be requested. There is approximately \$2.7 billion available for the Prop 1 funding and everyone is hopeful the agencies have a good chance. A letter received from the California Water Commission was distributed. The information asked for in the letter, will be hand delivered by Mr. Ozbilgin tomorrow.

Director Kremen asked if something was missed in the application. Mr. Ozbilgin stated no, that everyone got a similar letter who had applied for the grant. The next deadline is January 2018. Discussion ensued about how the other applicants look for the grant. Mr. Ozbilgin plans to review the other applicants next week. Mr. Cattaneo added generally it's good to see how you fair against the top 3. Mr. Ozbilgin stated it appears our application fairs well against them.

Director Kremen stated a meeting was held with the Munson tribe yesterday; SCVWD stated the tribe is expecting mitigation. He asked if the Pacheco Pass Water District would be alright with the Munson tribe coming out to the site. Director O'Connell said that would be fine.

Mr. Hall stated 9 tribal bands have been identified, which will need additional outreach.

Mr. Ozbilgin gave a review of the timeline for the grant, with the final decision being in either spring or mid-year, 2018. He stated securing planning and design would be important to keep the project moving. Mr. Cattaneo asked what funding will be needed by June 2018, as SBCWD's Board will need to discuss it. Discussion ensued about how much funding SCVWD is willing to allocate while waiting to hear the status of the grant. As part of the grant application, Mr. Ozbilgin stated we have asked for early funding.

**Recommendation:**

**This is an information only item and no action is required.**

**5.3 UPDATE ON PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT OUTREACH  
(MICHELLE CONLON)**

Ms. Conlon reported almost 50 letters have been accumulated and since filing, letters are still being received. Discussion ensued about contacting some groups/organizations as their support would be helpful.

Director Kremen asked that staff review the other applicants before the next meeting.

Mr. Hall asked if there should be representation for boating, fishing, and recreation. Mr. Cattaneo stated this would drive up the costs as access is different for recreation and would be a costly change to the project. Director Lindsay stated access does raise a good point. Mr. Ozbilgin added the agencies should proceed with caution, as the main purpose of this project is water storage.

Director Kremen suggested having another joint meeting before the end of the year. Mr. Cattaneo suggested having both a Pacheco Reservoir Exploratory and a Reach 1 Committee Meeting, so the rehabilitation project can be recapped. Director Kremen suggested having the next meeting following the SLDMWA Meeting in December. It was also suggested the start time be 3 p.m., to allow sufficient travel time following the SLDMWA Meeting.

**Recommendation:**

**This is an information only item and no action is required.**

**6.0 CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

No other actions were noted.

**7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

With a motion by Director Varela and a second by Director Flores, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Barbara L. Mauro  
Board Clerk  
San Benito County Water District

Approved: 5-17-18