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Subject: Invitation to Apply for Ad Hoc Sustainable Groundwater Planning Advisory Committee by September 25, 2020

Dear Valued Stakeholder,

Groundwater is the primary water source for Pajaro Valley residents and businesses. The Pajaro Valley's growth and reliance on groundwater has led to long-term overdraft of the basin, caused seawater to intrude into freshwater aquifers, and has had other impacts such as groundwater quality degradation. The Pajaro Valley Groundwater Basin is designated, per the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), as a critically overdrafted, high priority groundwater basin.

In response to the requirements of SGMA, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PV Water) will be updating the 2014 Basin Management Plan Update (BMP) to the BMP: Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022 for submittal to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) by January 2022.

To engage stakeholders and interested parties in the update effort, PV Water is forming an Ad Hoc Sustainable Groundwater Planning Advisory Committee (Committee) to evaluate technical information presented by staff and consultants related to the existing and projected conditions of the groundwater basin, consider sustainable management criteria that would avoid significant and unreasonable impacts to the groundwater basin, and make recommendations to the PV Water Board of Directors (Board).

The Board appointed three PV directors as well as nine additional voting representatives from the organizations below to serve on the Committee:

Aromas Water District	County of Monterey	Farm Bureau of Monterey
California Water Service Company	County of Santa Cruz	Farm Bureau of Santa Cruz
City of Watsonville	County of San Benito	Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District

In addition, the Committee will select five additional voting members through an application process to represent 1) Agriculture, 2) Disadvantaged Community Groups, 3) Environment, 4) Mutual Water Companies, and 5) Rural Residential Well Owners. Interested individuals who can commit to ten 2-hour meetings though October 2021 are encouraged to complete the enclosed application for an open selection process to fill one of the five seats by September 25, 2020.

The appointed Committee will select the five additional members at the first meeting, tentatively scheduled for October 14, 2020, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm by teleconference. Regardless of selection, interested parties are highly encouraged to attend and participate in all Committee meetings.

Thank you for your continued engagement in working toward groundwater sustainability and for considering to join this important Committee.

Sincerely,

Brian Lockwood
General Manager

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE AD HOC SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PV Water) is developing the Basin Management Plan: Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022 (BMP: Groundwater Sustainability Update) which will outline a path to sustainable groundwater resources in the Pajaro Valley by 2040 to maintain compliance with the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The BMP and associated documents were approved by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as an Alternative to a Groundwater Sustainability Plan in July 2019. The BMP: Groundwater Sustainability Update will address ten DWR recommendations regarding sustainable groundwater management. The result of this effort will be submitted to DWR for evaluation by January 2022, following a period of public review and Board direction. To guide the update, PV Water has formed an Ad Hoc Sustainable Groundwater Committee (Committee) to evaluate technical information presented by staff and consultants related to the existing and projected conditions of the groundwater basin, consider sustainable management criteria that would avoid significant and unreasonable impacts to the groundwater basin, and make recommendations to the PV Water Board.

The Committee will be comprised of 17 voting members, 12 appointed, and 5 selected through an open application process. The composition of the Committee is structured to provide a diverse representative cross-section of community stakeholder interests, as well as incorporate water managers within the Pajaro Valley. Attendance and engagement at Committee meetings by the public and other interested parties is highly encouraged to provide input. Voting seats are dedicated to individuals serving as representatives for the Committee members listed below:

By Appointment

1. Aromas Water District
2. California Water Service Company
3. City of Watsonville
4. County of Monterey
5. County of San Benito
6. County of Santa Cruz
7. Farm Bureau of Monterey County

8. Farm Bureau of Santa Cruz County
9. Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District
10. PV Water Board Member
11. PV Water Board Member
12. PV Water Board Member

By Application

13. Agricultural Representative
14. Disadvantage Community Group Represenative
15. Environmental Representative
16. Mutual Water Company Representative
17. Rural Residential Well Owner Representative

Individuals interested in serving as a representative for one of the five stakeholder groups selected by application are invited to submit an application for consideration. Due to COVID-19, Committee meetings will be held by teleconference until public health official guidance states that in-person public meetings are safe. ***Committee members are being asked to commit to attend up to ten, 2-hour meetings held over twelve months.***

Applications may be received by mail to: PV Water, Attn: Brian Lockwood, 36 Brennan Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 or by email (info@pvwater.org), and must be received by PV Water no later than 5:00 pm on September 25, 2020. Applications received will be reviewed by the appointed members of the Committee as noted above, and the selected new members will be notified.

Thank you for your interest in sustainable groundwater resources.

- PV Water

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Application Deadline is 5:00 PM on September 18, 2020

Date: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Affiliation/Role _____

Occupation _____

Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Applying For (Check all that apply):

- ☐ Rural Residential Well Owner
- ☐ Mutual Water Company
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Environmental
- ☐ Disadvantaged Community Group

Supplemental Questions

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

Why are you interested in serving on the Committee?

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Describe your qualifications and any experience you feel would help in your service on the Committee.

Provide an example of a time you worked on a project that involved collaboration with other participants and explain the purpose and results of your efforts.

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Application Complete? ___Yes ___No

Recommended for appointment? ___Yes ___No

Comments: