



Resolution 2014-05

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Approving the Basin Management Plan Update and Adopting Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Conditions and Mitigation and Monitoring Program Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act

The Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Pajaro Valley Management Agency (“Agency”) was formed, among other reasons, to provide integrated management of the ground and surface water resources within the Pajaro Basin. As the sole local agency responsible for the integrated management of water resources for the Pajaro Basin, the Agency bears responsibility for the management and augmentation of water supplies for domestic, agricultural, municipal and industrial purposes; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Agency adopted a long-term Basin Management Plan (“BMP”) which identified various water supply projects involving local water sources and importation of supplemental water, to balance water demands with water supplies in the Pajaro Basin; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Agency Board of Directors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the implementation and construction of the Local Water Supply and Distribution Project; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Agency Board of Directors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for and adopted a revised BMP; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Agency formed the Ad Hoc BMP Committee to develop an updated BMP (the “Project”) that would include a portfolio of projects and programs to “solve” the problems of seawater intrusion and basin overdraft in the Pajaro Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Agency prepared and circulated for public review and comment a draft environmental impact report evaluating the Project and alternatives to the Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); and

WHEREAS, written comments were received during and after the public comment period, and a written response was prepared to written comments and to oral comments at the public hearings and meetings, which responses employ a good faith, reasoned analysis to describe and address the disposition of environmental issues raised by the comments; and

WHEREAS, the Final Environmental Impact Report (“FEIR”) including responses to comments was distributed to commenting agencies and made available to other agencies and to members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the FEIR has been prepared pursuant to CEQA and to the State of California CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Agency conducted a duly noticed public meeting concerning the certification of the FEIR and concerning the selection of a project alternative, and heard evidence from all persons interested in testifying concerning the certification of the FEIR and the Project;

WHEREAS, the Agency has certified that the FEIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the Agency Board has reviewed and considered the FEIR and has considered the oral and written comments on the Draft EIR, the responses thereto, the oral and written comments on the FEIR, the report of the staff of the Agency, and other information in the administrative record regarding the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency resolves as follows that:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Project described in the FEIR is selected and adopted.
3. The Findings of Fact for the Final Environmental Impact Report of the Basin Management Plan Update, attached hereto as Attachment A, are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
4. The Statement of Overriding Considerations, attached hereto as Attachment B, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
5. The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, attached hereto as Attachment C, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
6. The mitigation measures described in the FEIR with regard to the Project and in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
7. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any remaining provisions of this Resolution.
8. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, County of Santa Cruz State of California, this 16th day of April, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Imazio, Cavanaugh, Persoff, Lynn, Newell, Zamora
NOES: None
ABSENT: Faurot
ABSTAIN: None

Rosemarie Imazio
Rosemarie Imazio, Chair

Attest:

L. R. Taay
Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary