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AD HOC RATE SETTING COMMITTEE MEETING
Water Resources Center Conference Room
500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville
November 13, 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions:**
   Committee members: Stephen Rider, Tom Broz, CJ Miller, Kirk Schmidt, Robert Rodoni, Beau Kayser

2. **Consider Appointment of Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee Applicants**
   i. Introduction by staff
   ii. Questions from Committee
   iii. Public comment
   iv. Committee discussion and deliberation
   v. Committee action

3. **Committee Member Comments**

4. **Public Comments**
   This time is set aside for members of the general public to address the Committee on any item not on the agenda, and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. Each speaker is allotted up to 3 minutes.

5. **Consider Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee Bylaws**
   i. Introduction by staff
   ii. Questions from Committee
   iii. Public comment
   iv. Committee discussion and deliberation
   v. Committee action

6. **Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair**
   i. Introduction by staff
   ii. Questions from Committee
   iii. Public comment
   iv. Committee discussion and deliberation
   v. Committee action

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7. **Receive Presentation and Discuss State of the Pajaro Valley Basin Management Plan - Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022 Implementation, Anticipated Expenditures and Revenue Needs, Key Issues Pertaining to Rates, and Rate Setting Process / Schedule**
   i. Introduction by staff
   ii. Questions from Committee
   iii. Public comment
   iv. Committee discussion and deliberation
   v. Committee action

8. **Discuss Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date: January 15, January 22, or January 27**
   i. Introduction by staff
   ii. Questions from Committee
   iii. Public comment
   iv. Committee discussion and deliberation
   v. Committee action

9. **Discuss future agenda items and next meeting date – Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 3:00 p.m.**

Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 7, 2025
MEETING OF: November 13, 2025
TO: Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee
FROM: General Manager
RE: **ITEM 2:** Consider Appointment of Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee Applicants

BACKGROUND

The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (Agency) Board of Directors (Board) established the Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee (Committee) to enhance community involvement and provide input throughout the rate setting effort, and to advise the Board in its evaluation of rates to support the implementation of the projects and programs described in the Agency's Basin Management Plan - Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022.

DISCUSSION

At the direction of the Board, staff has been working to advertise and recruit participants to serve on the Committee. Below is a table showing the Committee seats as approved by the Board, and the applicants who have applied to serve in those seats. Vacant seats are shown in yellow. Applications are attached.

Applicant	Name
Water District Representative	Don Olsen
Water Mutual Representative	Paul Lego
Coastal Landowner	Alan Thorne
Inland Landowner	
Coastal Water User	John Larse
Inland Water User	
Rural Residential	Doug Daykin
Industrial User	
At-Large	
Small / Beginning Grower	

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The appointed Committee members appoint to the applicants to serve on the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- Applications

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO AD HOC FUNDING COMMITTEE

Date: 10/14/25

Name: Doug DAYKIN

Address: [redacted]

Employment: SELF

Daytime Phone: 831 239-1139

E-mail Address: doug@daykinimaging.com

Applying For:

- ☐ Water District Representative
- ☐ Water Mutual Representative
- ☐ Coastal Water User
- ☐ Inland Water User
- ☐ Inland Landowner
- ☐ Coastal Landowner
- ☒ Rural Residential
- ☐ Industrial User
- ☐ At-Large
- ☐ Small/Beginning Grower

Years resided/worked in Pajaro Valley: 28

PV Water paying customer: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Previous service on public agency committees or boards or elected offices (names/dates).

& Moss landing commercial Fishermens Assc

Please explain why you would like to serve (attach a separate sheet if necessary).

to represent Rural residence in the PVWD

Please indicate any potential conflicts of interest. Examples include pending litigation or involvement in other conflicting organizations.

NONE

OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received: 10/20/2025 Application Complete: ☒ Yes ☐ No

No. of Letters of Recommendation: 0 Date called/interviewed Numerous Times

Recommended for appointment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Comments: Good Representative for RR customers

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO AD HOC RATE SETTING COMMITTEE

Date: Oct 23 2025

Name: John Larse

Address: [redacted]

Employment: _____

Daytime Phone: 831-818-2106

E-mail Address: john.larse@icloud.com

Applying For:

- ☐ Water District Representative
- ☐ Water Mutual Representative
- x ☐ Coastal Water User
- ☐ Inland Water User
- ☐ Inland Landowner
- ☐ Coastal Landowner
- ☐ Rural Residential
- ☐ Industrial User
- ☐ At-Large
- ☐ Small/Beginning Grower

PV Water paying customer: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Previous service on public agency committees, boards, or elected offices (names/dates).

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Please explain why you would like to serve (attach a separate sheet if necessary).

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Please indicate any potential conflicts of interest. Examples include pending litigation or involvement in other conflicting organizations.

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Years resided/worked in Pajaro Valley: 38

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OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received: _____ Application Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No

No. of Letters of Recommendation:_____ Date called/interviewed _____

Recommended for appointment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Comments: _____

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO AD HOC RATE SETTING COMMITTEE

Date: 10/28/2025

Name: Paul G Lego

Address: [redacted]

Employment: Retired High Tech Executive

Daytime Phone: (650) 291-3057

E-mail Address: pglego@gmail.com

Applying For:

- ☐ Water District Representative
- ☒ Water Mutual Representative
- ☐ Coastal Water User
- ☐ Inland Water User
- ☐ Inland Landowner
- ☐ Coastal Landowner
- ☐ Rural Residential
- ☐ Industrial User
- ☐ At-Large
- ☐ Small/Beginning Grower

PV Water paying customer: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Previous service on public agency committees, boards, or elected offices (names/dates).

Board Member and Treasurer of San Andreas Mutual Water Company for 5 years.
Member of Santa.Cruz County Water Advisory Commission for 4 years.

Please explain why you would like to serve (attach a separate sheet if necessary).

I have a strong interest in Santa Cruz County and California water issues and I have relevant experience as a board member of San Andreas Mutual Water Company.

Please indicate any potential conflicts of interest. Examples include pending litigation or involvement in other conflicting organizations.

No known conflicts. I am a member of the Santa Cruz Water Advisory Commission.

Years resided/worked in Pajaro Valley: 6 years

OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received: _____ Application Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No

No. of Letters of Recommendation: _____ Date called/interviewed _____

Recommended for appointment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Comments: _____

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO AD HOC RATE SETTING COMMITTEE

Date: 11/5/2025

Name: Don Olsen

Address: [redacted]

Employment: Retired

Daytime Phone: 8314191031

E-mail Address: dolsen8888@aol.com

Applying For:

- ☐ Water District Representative
- ☐ Water Mutual Representative
- ☐ Coastal Water User
- ☐ Inland Water User
- ☐ Inland Landowner
- ☐ Coastal Landowner
- ☐ Rural Residential
- ☐ Industrial User
- ☐ At-Large
- ☐ Small/Beginning Grower

PV Water paying customer: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Previous service on public agency committees, boards, or elected offices (names/dates).

Pajaro Sunny Mesa community services district

Please explain why you would like to serve (attach a separate sheet if necessary).

I feel I is my civic responsibility to. Represent the community on water issues
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Please indicate any potential conflicts of interest. Examples include pending litigation or involvement in other conflicting organizations.

None

Years resided/worked in Pajaro Valley: 39

OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received: _____ Application Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No

No. of Letters of Recommendation:_____ Date called/interviewed _____

Recommended for appointment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Comments: _____

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO AD HOC RATE SETTING COMMITTEE

Date: 10-29-25

Name: Alan Thorne

Address: [redacted]

Employment: GoodFarms

Daytime Phone: 831-840-4477

E-mail Address: athorne@goodfarms.com

Applying For:

- ☐ Water District Representative
- ☐ Water Mutual Representative
- ☐ Coastal Water User
- ☐ Inland Water User
- ☐ Inland Landowner
- ☒ Coastal Landowner
- ☐ Rural Residential
- ☐ Industrial User
- ☐ At-Large
- ☐ Small/Beginning Grower

PV Water paying customer: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Previous service on public agency committees, boards, or elected offices (names/dates).

just work related or via children

Please explain why you would like to serve (attach a separate sheet if necessary).

represent landowner locally, user on farms, resident all in district

Please indicate any potential conflicts of interest. Examples include pending litigation or involvement in other conflicting organizations.

N/A

Years resided/worked in Pajaro Valley: 40 years

OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received: _____ Application Complete: ☐ Yes ☐ No

No. of Letters of Recommendation: _____ Date called/interviewed _____

Recommended for appointment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Comments: _____

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 7, 2025
MEETING OF: November 13, 2025
TO: Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee
FROM: General Manager
RE: **ITEM 5:** Consider Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee Bylaws

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BACKGROUND

The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (Agency) Board of Directors (Board) established the Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee (Committee) to enhance community involvement and provide input throughout the rate setting effort, and to advise the Board in its evaluation of rates to support the implementation of the projects and programs described in the Agency's Basin Management Plan - Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022.

DISCUSSION

The Agency last had an Ad Hoc "Funding" Committee in 2020/21. Staff has updated the bylaws of the 2020/21 Committee for consideration by the current Committee. The bylaws include the following six articles:

I. Purpose
II. Structure
III. Officers
IV. Members
V. Meetings
VI. Administration

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Committee consider adopting bylaws.

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Bylaws

PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AD HOC RATE SETTING COMMITTEE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee ("Committee") is to enhance community involvement and provide input throughout the rate setting effort. The Committee advises the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency ("Agency") in its the evaluation of rates to support the implementation of the projects and programs described in the Agency's Basin Management Plan - Groundwater Sustainability Update 2022.

ARTICLE II: STRUCTURE

The Committee shall constitute an ad hoc committee of the Agency and is anticipated to meet up to four times through July 2026. The Committee's subject matter jurisdiction is limited to matters expressed herein, together with all matters necessarily incidental thereto. Except as otherwise expressly provided in these bylaws or by resolution of the Board, the Committee does not make binding decisions on those matters; rather, the Committee makes recommendations to the Board.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

1. Officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chair and Vice Chair, which shall be selected from the members of the Committee and elected by a majority vote of the members present. Either the Chair or the Vice Chair shall be selected from among the Directors serving on the Committee.
2. Election of the officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Committee.
3. The Vice Chair shall assume the role of Chair in the event the Chair is absent.
4. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Vice Chair shall succeed to the office. In the case of a vacancy in any other elected office, that position shall be filled by an election by the Committee (consistent with the requirements of (III)(1) above).

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERS

1. The Committee shall be comprised of up to sixteen members: six by appointment and ten by application.
    a. Appointed members shall include representatives from the following list of entities: the City of Watsonville, Farm Bureau of Monterey County, Farm Bureau of Santa Cruz County, and directors of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency.
    b. Applicant members shall include representatives from the following list: At-Large, Coastal Agricultural Water User, Coastal Landowner, Inland Agricultural Water User, Inland Landowner, Industrial Water User, Water District Representative, Water Mutual Representative, and Rural Residential Water User.
    c. Alternate members are allowed.
2. Membership shall be for the term of the Committee.

3. Three successive absences of a member without notifying the Committee shall be cause for the member to be removed from the Committee. In such an instance, the vacancy shall be filled and a new member shall be elected or appointed as provided in Section 4, below.
4. A vacancy in the membership shall be deemed to exist in case of the death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of any member or an increase in the authorized number of members of the Committee. If a vacancy occurs that must be filled by a Director, the Board shall appoint a new member selected from among the Directors of the Board. If any other vacancy occurs, the new member shall either be selected by their respective legislative body, in the case of a public agency member, or selected by the Committee if an Applicant Member (consistent with the composition requirements set forth in Section 1). The newly-elected or appointed Committee member shall serve out the unexpired term of the member that they replace.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

1. The Committee shall comply with all applicable laws, including the Ralph M. Brown Act.
2. Committee meetings will be held on dates approved by the Chair or Vice Chair after polling the members' availability and at a location to be determined and noticed on meeting agendas. The Chair or Vice Chair may call a special meeting of the Committee after proper notification.
3. A majority of the members of the Committee, including at least one Director, constitutes a quorum of the Committee.
4. Any decision of the Committee and/or recommendation to the Board shall require both a quorum and a majority vote by the members present for passage.
5. Every member shall have one vote.
6. Meetings shall be open to the public and members of other governmental agencies. Visitors may express their opinions or make requests during public comment in accordance with the requirements of the Brown Act.
7. All meetings shall be conducted pursuant to PV Water's *Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE VI: ADMINISTRATION

1. Agency staff shall prepare the agenda for each meeting of the Committee.
2. These Bylaws shall be reviewed if requested by the Committee and/or the Board.
3. In order to amend these Bylaws, notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall be delivered personally, electronically, or by mail to the Committee members and the Board at least two (2) weeks prior to the time of the vote on the proposed amendment(s). Any amendment to these Bylaws shall be adopted by a simple majority vote of the Board.