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Board of Directors Meeting
June 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

City of Watsonville
Council Chambers
275 Main St., 4th Floor
Watsonville, CA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The Regular Board Meeting of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency was called to order at 7:02p.m. by Chair Rider, at City of Watsonville Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, 4th Floor, Watsonville, California.

2. **Roll call of the PV Water Directors:**

Board Members Present:	Stephen Rider, Chair Mary Bannister, Vice Chair Amy Newell, Director Tom Broz, Director Nolberto Hernandez, Director C.J. Miller, Director
Board Members Absent:	Bob Culbertson, Treasurer (excused)
Staff Members Present:	Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM) Nancy Trevino, Finance & Admin Services Manager (FASM) Asia Valdivia, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary (EA/BS) Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist (WCOS)
Others Present:	Tony Condotti, Agency Counsel (AC) Via Teleconference: Tom Rider - Public

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

4. **Oral Communications: None**

5. **Director Comments:**
Director Hernandez spoke about excessive sand clogging the filter at Turnout #30 and speculated on how the lateral may be flushed.
Director Boz reminded the Board that the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau is hosting its 108th Annual Meeting tomorrow June 19, 2025.

Director Newell asked for a correction on the meeting agenda - page two, under future meetings. June 25, 2025, Projects & Facility Operations Committee meeting should read Wednesday rather than Tuesday, and it is a regular meeting, not a "special meeting". Director Newell also stated that in the only area of the PV groundwater basin with severely polluted groundwater, just north of Moss Landing, the residents have had to rely on bottled water for potable uses. Now the State Water Resources Control Board is providing financial assistance to connect these households with water agencies that will provide potable water through their taps. The Community Water Center was instrumental in pushing for this solution on behalf of the residents.

6. Counsel Report: None

7. General Manager Report:

GM Lockwood reported that the Water Education Foundation Annual Water Summit is being held on October 1, 2025, in Sacramento and registration is now open. In addition, GM Lockwood announced that the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) will hold its 2025 Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase in Monterey, August 25-28, 2025. He added that the conference will offer an opportunity for Directors to complete required trainings such as Ethics (AB 1234) and Harassment Prevention. GM Lockwood mentioned that Secretary Valdivia provided information on necessary trainings and each Director's status, along with the various ways to complete them, in each Director's folder. GM Lockwood added that each certificate is valid for two years. GM Lockwood explained that if the Agency can get all Directors certified in both areas at the same time, the Agency will be eligible to apply for the CSDA Transparency Certificate of Excellence. GM Lockwood has been in communication with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) in regard to updating PV Water's Conflict of Interest Code. GM Lockwood added that new Directors will need to complete Form 700 if they have not already done so. GM Lockwood announced that Ruben Garcia joined the PV Water team as the new Water System Operator II on Monday.

8. Consent Agenda

A. Approve May 21, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
B. Approve Financial Reports
C. Adopt Resolution 2025-05, Certifying Compliance with State Law with Respect to the Levying of General and Special Taxes, Assessments, and Property-Related Fees and Charges (Management Fees)
D. Adopt Resolution 2025-06, Amending the Cash Reserve Policy for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026
E. Adopt Resolution 2025-07, Amending Statement of Investment Policy

Action: Director Newell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Vice Chair Bannister.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES:	Rider, Bannister, Newell, Broz, Hernandez, Miller
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Culbertson
ABSTAIN:	None

9. Informational Items

A. Receive Project and Programs Update

Received Projects & Programs Update from GM Lockwood, a summary is available in the staff report.

10. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Consider Adoption of Resolution 2025-02, Finding, Determining, and Declaring that the Public Interest and Necessity Require the Acquisition of Interests in Certain Real Property (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 052-181-18, 052-181-20) by Eminent Domain

AC Condotti introduced this item, explaining that Resolution 2025-02 pertains to the property at 187B San Andreas Road. AC Condotti mentioned that the item was discussed in depth at the closed session on May 21, 2025. AC Condotti described the importance of the property to be able to move forward with the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery (WSS-MARR) Project, it being the lynch pin as it is the largest and highest value property required for the project. AC Condotti added that all other properties are near acquisition, and despite efforts of the Agency and Agency Counsel through multiple outreach efforts and attempts to negotiate, no communication has been received from the property owner Ocean Field Holdings (OFH). AC Condotti provided that at this point the next step needed to continue the WSS-MARR project is for PV Water to elevate the request to the Superior Court through Eminent Domain as the project is in the best interest for public good and least private injury. AC Condotti noted that this is not the end of negotiations, and if the Board adopts Resolution 2025-02 the hope is that Legal Counsel will again try to reengage with the property owner in negotiations, seeking to complete this in the most efficient way. AC Condotti reminded the Board that this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote, and with the Directors present, would require at least five votes in favor of adopting the Resolution.

Action: Vice Chair Bannister moved to adopt Resolution 2025-02, Finding, Determining, and Declaring that the Public Interest and Necessity Require the Acquisition of Interests in Certain Real Property (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 052-181-18, 052-181-20) by Eminent Domain; seconded by Director Broz.

Motion passed with two-thirds vote by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Newell, Broz, Hernandez, Miller, Bannister, Rider
NOES: None
ABSENT: Culbertson
ABSTAIN: None

B. Consider Board Appointments to PV Water's Standing Committees

Vice Chair Bannister offered to vacate her seat on the Projects & Facility Operations Committee. Director Miller volunteered to occupy the vacant seat on the Projects & Facility Operations Committee. Director Newell offered to vacate her seat on the Administration and Finance Committee. Director Hernandez volunteered to occupy the vacant seat on the Administration and Finance Committee.

Action: Director Miller moved to approve these removals and appointments to the PV Water Standing Committees; seconded by Director Broz.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Rider, Bannister, Newell, Broz, Hernandez, Miller
NOES: None

ABSENT: Culbertson
ABSTAIN: None

C. Consider College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

WCOS Mendiola announced the College Lake Project is near completion and to celebrate the monumental occasion PV Water staff is hosting a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony on August 8th from 11am – 1pm. WCOS Mendiola provided a brief overview of the agenda and current efforts for planning and fundraising for the celebration. Director Newell requested to include tours if possible. Director Broz suggested adding those who could benefit from understanding its use to the invitation list if not already included. GM Lockwood provided that the current estimated cost is $20,000 and if Directors have thoughts or ideas for the event to please email GM Lockwood, WCOS Mendiola and/or Secretary Valdivia.

Action: Director Newell moved to direct PV Water Staff to continue with the planning and execution of the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; seconded by Vice Chair Bannister.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Rider, Bannister, Newell, Broz, Hernandez, Miller
NOES: None
ABSENT: Culbertson
ABSTAIN: None

11. Monthly Reports/Presentations

A. Facility Operations Report

Received 2025 Supplemental Water Production Monthly Summary as of May 2025. GM Lockwood mentioned that the Delivered Water Users Handbook update is almost complete, and it will be presented to the Projects & Facility Operations Committee next week for approval to move to the Board.

B. Board Committee Reports available at www.pvwater.org
C. Public Outreach Update

WCOS Mendiola confirmed that PV Water will have a booth at the Santa Cruz County Fair in September. WCOS reminded the group to mark calendars for the College Lake Project Ribbon Cutting on August 8th. WCOS Mendiola announced that PV Water will again partner with local schools to keep groundwater management curriculum in Environmental Science classes for this upcoming school year.

12. Correspondence

GM Lockwood Noted Public records act requests and Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) call for nominations. GM Lockwood mention that our Region, Region five, is looking for a representative.

13. Future Meetings

A. Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville
B. Administration & Finance Committee, Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 3:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville
C. Board of Directors, Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, 4th Floor, Watsonville
D. Projects & Facility Operations Committee, Wednesday, July 30, 2025, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville

14. Future Agenda Items

Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

07/16/2025

Asia Valdivia, Board Secretary **Date Approved**