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Board of Directors Meeting
October 15, 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 7:02 p.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 Bob Culbertson, Treasurer C.J. Miller, Director
Board Members Absent:	Amy Newell, Director (excused) Tom Broz, Director (excused) Nolberto Hernandez, Director
Staff Members Present:	Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM) Nancy Trevino, Finance & Admin Services Manager (FASM) Corin Hammond, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary (EA/BS) Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist (WCOS)
Others Present:	Victoria Thompson, Agency Counsel (AC)
	Via Teleconference: Tom Rider John (last name not provided)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

4. **Oral Communications: None**

5. **Director Comments:**
Chair Rider encouraged attendees to vote [in the November 4, 2025, special election].

6. **Counsel Report:**

AC Thompson discussed potential options for adding a Director to the Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee who is not currently a member.

7. General Manager Report:

GM Lockwood reported on outreach efforts related to the Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee; the first meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2025. GM Lockwood also reported that staff did not receive any bids for the Supplemental Well No. 3 Improvements Project; staff will assess causes and reissue the advertisement to bid. He concluded by noting upcoming staff training and conferences at month's end, including a Springbrook software conference for administrative staff and a Board Secretary conference for the Executive Assistant/Board Secretary.

8. Consent Agenda

A. Approve September 17, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
B. Approve Financial Reports
C. Approve Agreement with FISHBIO for Installation of a Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) Tag Detection Array Related to Monitoring South-Central Coast Steelhead Passage College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project Weir in an Amount Not to Exceed $47,896

Action: Director Bannister moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; the motion was seconded by Director Colbertson.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

9. Informational Items

A. Receive Project and Programs Update

GM Lockwood reported progress on the DWR Watershed Resilience Pilot Grant. The fourth Pajaro River Watershed Resilience Workshop focused on "Prioritizing Adaptation Strategies," is scheduled for November 6, 2025, at Paicines Ranch.

PV Water Operations Team resumed testing and treatment refinements; pipeline change order issues remain. College Lake elevation was 56.5 feet as of October 10, 2025.

Fall vegetation surveys completed, revegetation and invasive species work is underway by Watsonville Wetlands. 401 and 404 permits have been submitted to the appropriate parties. Coastal Commission certification is pending.

Three properties in escrow have closed since the last Board of Directors meeting.

10. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. <u>Consider Adopting Resolution 2025-09, Amending PV Water's Organization Chart by Reclassifying the Senior Water Resources Hydrologist Position to Senior Hydrologist:</u>

A1. Introduction by staff

GM Lockwood presented the proposed updated Organization Chart (Agenda Packet, p. 46 of 47), requested Board adoption of Resolution 2025-09. If the Board were to approve Resolution 2025-09, GM Lockwood would promote Associate Hydrologist, Mr. Casey Meusel, to Senior Hydrologist. The position of Associate Hydrologist would remain vacant for the time being.

A2. Questions from Board

A3. Public comment: None

A4. Board discussion and deliberation

Director Miller expressed strong support for internal promotions.

Action: Vice Chair Bannister moved to adopt Resolution 2025-09, Amending PV Water's Organization Chart by Reclassifying the Senior Water Resources Hydrologist Position to Senior Hydrologist; the motion was seconded by Director Culbertson.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

11. Monthly Reports/Presentations

A. Facility Operations Report
Per page 56 of 67; water demand is lower than previous year, historically.

B. Board Committee Reports available at www.pvwater.org

C. Public Outreach Update
WCOS Mendiola reported on the 11th year of the Agricultural Conservation Program, upcoming college presentations, Watsonville High tours of the Recycled Water Treatment Plant, and invited all to the New Leaf Energy BESS event on October 27.

12. Correspondence

13. Future Meetings

A. Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville

B. Administration & Finance Committee, Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 3:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville **Note special date due to Veterans Day*

C. Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., 4th Floor, Watsonville

D. Administration & Finance Committee, Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 3:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville

E. Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville

Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Corin Hammond, Board Secretary

November 19, 2025
Date Approved