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Special Board of Directors Meeting
October 30, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The Special Board Meeting of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency was called to order at 9:02 a.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 Amy Newell, Director C.J. Miller, Director
Board Members Absent:	Tom Broz, Director Nolberto Hernandez, Director
Staff Members Present:	Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM) Corin Hammond, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary (EA/BS) Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist (WCOS)
Others Present:	Max Christian, New Leaf Energy Bill Maxfield, Miller Maxfield Maria Orozco, Analyst, Office of Supervisor Hernandez Becky Steinbruner, Public
Via Teleconference:	Tom Rider, Public Mara Miller, Public Alex Miller, Public Unnamed "Caller 3"

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

4. **Oral Communications:**
Public comment was received from Ms. Becky Steinbruner. Ms. Steinbruner also disclosed dates of upcoming meetings where Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) will be discussed, including:
   - A meeting scheduled for November 10, 205 at the Simpkins Center in Santa Cruz.
   - The Santa Crus County Board of Supervisors meeting on November 19, 2025.
   - Ms. Steinbruner also referenced Solano County's BESS standards (available at https://www.solanocounty.gov/government/resource-management/planning-services/environmental-management-sustainability/battery-energy-storage-systems).

5. **Discussion and/or Action Items**

   A. **Receive presentation from Max Christian, New Leaf Energy, regarding the proposed Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at 90 Minto Road, Watsonville:**

      1. **Introduction by staff**
      GM Lockwood introduced Mr. Christian from New Leaf Energy who presented regarding the proposed Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at 90 Minto Road, Watsonville. Refer to presentation slides for further information.
      2. **Questions from Board**
      Board questions ensued.
      3. **Public comment**
      Public comments were received in person from Becky Steinbruner and via Teleconference from Mara Miller.
      4. **Board discussion and deliberation**
      Board discussion ensued.
      5. **Board action**
      No action taken.

1. **Future Meetings**
   A. 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*
   B. Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., 4th Floor, Watsonville

Adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Corin Hammond, Board Secretary

November 19, 2025
Date Approved