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Board of Directors Meeting
November 19, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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

DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The Regular Board Meeting of Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency was called to order at 7:03 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 Amy Newell, Director Tom Broz, Director Nolberto Hernandez, Director C.J. Miller, Director
Board Members Absent:	None
Staff Members Present:	Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM) Priscilla Sanchez, Financial Analyst (FA) Corin Hammond, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary (EA/BS) Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist (WCOS)
Others Present:	Chris Hammersmark, Verdantas/cbec Kiernan Kelty, Verdantas/cbec Carly Deitsch, UC Small Farms Network
Via Teleconference:	Tony Condotti, Legal Counsel Casey Meusel, PV Water Jonathan Abadesco, CPA, C.J. Brown & Company Tom Rider, Public John (no last name provided), Public Michael (no last name provided), Public

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

4. **Oral Communications: None**

5. **Director Comments:**
Treasurer Culbertson discussed attending the Pajaro River Watershed Resilience Planning Workshop on November 6, 2025, at Paicines Ranch; he expressed appreciation to Marcus Mendiola (WCOS) for serving as PV Water's representative in successfully raising awareness of the program. He further noted his pride in the Agency for providing an exemplary template for other districts.
Treasurer Culbertson also reported that he attended the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, regarding the New Leaf Energy project proposed at 90 Minto Rd. in Watsonville; the meeting Agenda and Minutes may be found at the Santa Cruz County Meeting Portal: https://santacruzcountyca.primegov.com/public/portal.

6. **Counsel Report:**
Counsel Tony Condotti delivered report via teleconference.

7. **General Manager Report:**
GM Lockwood reported he attended the Fall 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Forum on November 19, 2025. The Forum featured, among other items, interviews with GSA representatives, highlighting approaches they have taken to navigate SGMA implementation challenges. Focus was place on Periodic Evaluations and on current and planned tools, resources, and opportunities to aid GSAs during implementation.

GM Lockwood reported that he and Directors Rider and Bannister will be attending the ACWA 2025 Fall Conference and Expo December 2 – 5, 2025 in San Diego, CA. The conference will include informative sessions on various topics such as groundwater management, water rates, crisis communications, and affordable drinking water issues.

Highlighting conferences and training staff has recently attended since the last Board of Directors meeting, GM Lockwood introduced PV Water's Financial Analyst, Priscilla Sanchez, who reported that she and two other staff members attended the Annual Springbrook Software Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. She provided an overview of learning of upcoming changes, integrations, and processes within the Springbrook system, which is currently used by PV Water. GM Lockwood then introduced Corin Hammond, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary, who reported on attendance at the CSDA Board Secretary/Clerk Conference in Santa Rosa, CA. Corin highlighted several key takeaways from the conference, including updates on Brown Act changes effective in 2026, and meaningful networking with other special districts.

GM Lockwood concluded by providing a summary of the first Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee meeting, which occurred on November 13, 2025. Additional information is available on PV Water's webpage dedicated to this committee: https://www.pvwater.org/ad-hoc-rates-committee.

8. **Consent Agenda**
   - **A.** Approve October 15, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
   - **B.** Approve October 30, 2025, Special Board Meeting Minutes
   - **C.** Approve Financial Reports
   - **D.** Approve Agency Year End Schedule

GM Lockwood reported that the Administration & Finance Committee meeting scheduled for November 12, 2025, was cancelled due to lack of quorum, and as a result, the Committee did not have an opportunity to review the financial reports.

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

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

9. Informational Items

A. Receive Project and Programs Update

GM Lockwood reported updates on grant funded projects and the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project, including the Water Treatment Plant & Intake Facility, and Treated Water Pipeline. He summarized PV Water's environmental monitoring requirements for the College Lake Adaptive Management Plan. GM Lockwood reviewed the status of the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Project and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Well Monitoring Network Expansion Project. Additional information is available on pages 32-33 of the Agenda Packet.

10. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Consider Accepting and Filing the Annual Financial Reports for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood introduced and thanked FASM Trevino, FA Sanchez, and Jonathan Abadesco, CPA, C.J. Brown & Company for their time and expertise that went into preparing PV Water's Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 Audit.
   Jonathan Abadesco, CPA, described the process and findings of the audit, which he directed. Additional information is available on pages 34 of 107 of the Agenda Packet.
2. Questions from Board - None
3. Public comment - None
4. Board discussion and deliberation - None
5. Board action

Action: Treasurer Culbertson moved to approve Accepting and Filing the Annual Financial Reports for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025; Vice Chair Bannister seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

B. Consider Agreement with Verdantas for College Lake Project Technical Support Services in an Amount Not to Exceed $460,052

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood summarized the proposal, which will support of the College Lake Project as described on pages 108-137 of the Agenda Packet.

GM Lockwood then introduced Chris Hammersmark and Kiernan Kelty of Verdantas/cbec, who provided an overview of the scope of work and responded to questions.

2. Questions from Board.
   A question was raised regarding the new Valle del Pajaro park and residents' inquiries about gaining access to College Lake via the park for recreational purposes. Attendees discussed the matter and recommended bringing it to the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program, as it may be better positioned to address the issue.
   A second question was raised regarding the duration of the Agency's reliance on Technical Support Services from external consultants on this Project.
3. Public comment - none
4. Board discussion and deliberation -
5. Board action

Action: Vice Chair Bannister moved to approve the Agreement with Verdantas for College Lake Project Technical Support Services in an Amount Not to Exceed $460,052; Director Newell seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

11. Monthly Reports/Presentations

A. Facility Operations Report
   The PV Water Production Monthly Summary as of October can be found on page 138 of 175 of the Agenda Packet.
   A second pre-bid meeting for Supplemental Well #3 was held on November 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. and met with success. The goal is to present the bid results at the Board of Directors meeting on December 17, 2025, to avoid any further delays.
B. Board Committee Reports available at www.pvwater.org
C. Public Outreach Update
   WCOS Mendiola expressed that he is looking forward to the MLRP Survey results and recommended staying alert to complete the survey if it is received.

12. Correspondence

Correspondence can be found on pages 139-175 of the Agenda Packet

13. Future Meetings

A. Administration & Finance Committee, Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 3:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville
B. Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville
C. Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., 4th Floor, Watsonville
D. Administration & Finance Committee, Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 3:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville
E. Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville

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Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Corin Hammond, Board Secretary **Date Approved**