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Board of Directors Meeting
December 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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 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) Nancy Trevino, Finance & Administrative Services Manager (FASM) Corin Hammond, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary (EA/BS) Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation and Outreach Specialist (WCOS)
Others Present:	
Via Teleconference:	Tony Condotti, General Counsel Tom Rider, Public Michael Gordon, Consultant, ESA John (no last name provided), Public Michael (no last name provided), Public

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

4. **Oral Communications: None**

5. **Director Comments:**
Vice Chair Bannister and Chair Rider provided updates on their participation in the recent Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) conference held in San Diego, CA. Vice Chair Bannister specifically highlighted a presentation by Dave Puglia, President & CEO of Western Growers, who discussed the future of agriculture in California. A recording one of his talks on the future of agriculture in California is available at https://www.agri-pulse.com/media/podcasts/85-agri-pulse-open-mic-interview/play/15522-open-mic-dave-puglia-president-and-ceo-western-growers. Chair Rider also mentioned the valuable insights shared by the agricultural community during the conference and noted the recurring concern regarding the impact of invasive mussels on local water resources.

6. **Counsel Report:**
Counsel Tony Condotti delivered report via teleconference including an update on Brown Act (SB 707) changes taking effect in 2026.

7. **General Manager Report:**
GM Lockwood added to Counsel Condotti's report regarding Brown Act changes in 2026 and a training thereof, attended by himself and SA/BS Hammond, hosted by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), of which PV Water is a member, earlier in the week.
GM Lockwood also reported on the ACWA conference, where he, the Chair, and Vice Chair attended. The Vice Chair was recognized for her service as Region 5 Director. He highlighted valuable discussions with other General Managers and agency representatives on Rate Setting Committees, funding, and processes. Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Water Management was a major topic at the conference as well.
GM Lockwood updated the Board on meeting he attended with California Department of Water Resources concerning the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). He noted that given the state budget deficit, future grant opportunities in the near term will be limited with the possible exception of those coming from Proposition 4, which will be competitive.
Finally, GM Lockwood announced that staff are finishing meter readings for 2025, and the newsletter and bills will be finalized next week. The security door construction at the corporate office, led by the Facilities Committee, is nearly complete.

8. **Consent Agenda**
   - **A.** Approve November 19, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
   - **B.** Approve Financial Reports
   - **C.** Approve Adjusted Agency Year End Schedule

Action: Director Newell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Vice Chair Bannister 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 summarized recent activities, which are described on page 21 of 66 of the Agenda Packet. Grant Funded Projects, including the DoC Mulitbenefit Land Repurposing Grant and the DWR Watershed Resilience Pilot Grant have been actively moving forward.
Work continues on the College Lake Project Intake Facility and Water Treatment Plant, commissioning meeting are ongoing and Environmental monitoring continues.
Work on permit applications for the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Projects continues, with recent meetings held with the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the Clean Water Act 401 Water Quality Certification. The Board approved an addendum to the Environmental Impact Report, 60% design plans for a compensatory mitigation pond are under review, and outreach efforts with property owners are ongoing, with four out of eleven property escrows closed.

10. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Consider Adopting Resolution 2025-10, Awarding Contract to Pacific Infrastructure Corporation for Construction of the Supplement Well No. 3 Improvements Project, No. 30-62; Approve Finding Project Qualifies for Class 1 and 2 Categorical Exemption

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood reported that six bids were submitted for the Supplemental Well No. 3 Improvements Project, with some bids coming in below the engineer's estimates. Pacific Infrastructure Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder at $1,636,600. Resolution 2025-10 is included in the Agenda packet starting on page 25 of 66. Anticipated a final completion is Spring 2027.
2. Questions from Board - None
3. Public comment - None
4. Board discussion and deliberation - None
5. Board action

Action: Director Newell moved to Adopt Resolution 2025-10, Awarding Contract to Pacific Infrastructure Corporation for Construction of the Supplement Well No. 3 Improvements Project, No. 30-62; Approve Finding Project Qualifies for Class 1 and 2 Categorical Exemption; Treasurer Culbertson 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 Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for Environmental Support Services for the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project, the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Project, and the Supplemental Well No. 3 Improvements Project, in an amount not to exceed $462,586

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood introduced Michael Gordon from Environmental Science Associates (ESA), who attended the BOD Meeting via Teleconference. Mr. Gordon described the details of the fifth amendment to ESA which would bring the agreement through approximately 2030. Tasks can be found on pages 45-58 of the Agenda Packet.
2. Questions from Board -None

3. Public comment - None
4. Board discussion and deliberation
   Director Newell complimented ESA on the clarity and quality of the Agreement's content.
5. Board action

Action: Vice Chair Bannister moved to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for Environmental Support Services for the College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project, the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Project, and the Supplemental Well No. 3 Improvements Project, in an amount not to exceed $462,586; Director Broz seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

C. Consider Election of Officers for 2026: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer

1. Introduction by staff
2. Questions from Board -None
3. Public comment - None
4. Board discussion and deliberation - None
5. Board action

Action: Vice Chair Bannister moved to elect Director Rider as Chair and Director Miller as Vice Chair in the Election of Officers for 2026; Treasurer Culbertson seconded the motion. Director Newell moved to amend the Action to retain Director Culbertson and Treasure. Director Bannister approved the amendment.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

D. Appoint Representatives to Serve on PV Water's Standing Committees in 2026 and Consider 2026 Board and Committees Meeting Schedule

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood gave an overview of PV Water's Standing Committees, the Projects and Facilities Committee and the Finance and Operations Committee.
2. Questions from Board
   A question was asked about what the "**" meant on the schedule, page 62 of 66 of the Agenda Packet. GM Lockwood clarified that the "**" symbol indicates a meeting location or date that differs from the usual schedule.
3. Public comment - None
4. Board discussion and deliberation - None
5. Board action

Action: Director Newell moved to maintain the current composition for both Standing Committees in 2026; Seconded by Vice Chair Bannister.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

E. Appoint Representatives to Serve on other Organizations in 2026

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood provided an overview of the organizations that Chair Rider and Treasurer Culbertson currently represent on behalf of the Agency, including ACWA JPIA and the Zone 7 Flood Control District, respectively.
2. Questions from Board -None
3. Public comment - None
4. Board discussion and deliberation
   Treasurer Culbertson provided an overview of the Flood Control District meetings and their associated requirements.
5. Board action

Action: Vice Chair Bannister moved to retain same members Appoint Representatives to Serve on other Organizations in 2026; Director Miller 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
B. Board Committee Reports available at www.pvwater.org
C. Public Outreach Update
   WCOS Mendiola spoke about an MLRP survey and encouraged all to take the survey, specifically Ag and growers. Please pass the word. Link will be emailed and can also be found on the website under the "About" tab. 80 participants have taken the survey thus far; all partners have been supporting the efforts..

12. Correspondence

Correspondence can be found on pages 65-66 of the Agenda Packet

13. Future Meetings

A. Administration & Finance Committee, Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 3:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville
B. Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., 4th Floor, Watsonville

C. Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee, Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 1:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville
D. 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 8:13 p.m. to Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Finance Corporation Annual Meeting

Corin Hammond, Board Secretary

02/18/2026

Date Approved