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Board of Directors Meeting
March 18, 2026, 6:00 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 6:01 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 C.J. Miller, Vice Chair Bob Culbertson, Treasurer Amy Newell, Director Mary Bannister, Director Nolberto Hernandez, Director
Board Members Absent:	Tom Broz, Director (excused)
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) Casey Meusel, Senior Hydrologist (SH)
Others Present:	Tony Condotti, Legal Counsel
Via Teleconference:	Tom Rider, Public Michael (no last name provided) Jason Parke, Consultant, Balance Hydrologics

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Oral Communications:** None

5. **Closed Session – 3 Items:**

A. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – (Cal. Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(1))**
Name of case: Mountain Cascade, Inc. v. PV Water – Case 01-25-0009-3092

B. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators – (Cal. Gov't Code §54954.5 & 54956.8)**

C. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**
Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(4)
(2 *potential cases)*

Open Session resumed at 7:02 p.m.

Report on Closed Session: No reportable action

6. **Director Comments:**
Chair Rider thanked PV Water for the opportunity to represent the Agency at the National Agriculture Day Spring Luncheon.

7. **Counsel Report:** None

8. **General Manager Report:**
GM Lockwood reported on the National Agriculture Day Spring Luncheon attended today with Chair Rider, Director Culbertson, Director Miller, and Staff.

PV Water Staff has been meeting with SC County Office of Emergency Services (OES) Staff for emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts across Santa Cruz County.

GM Lockwood will be out of the office March 30 - April 10. FASM Nancy Trevino as Acting GM.

9. **Consent Agenda**
A. Approve February 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
B. Approve Financial Reports
C. Accept PV Water's Updated Injury Illness Prevention Plan & Workplace Violence Prevention Plan
D. Adopt Resolution 2026-01, Reaffirming Procedures for the Collection of Augmentation Charges
E. Adopt Resolution 2026-02, Amending the Projects & Facility Operations Committee Bylaws

Action: Treasurer Culbertson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Director Newell seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

10. **Informational Items**
A. **Receive Summary of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Annual Report, Water Year 2025**
SH Meusel gave a presentation on Water Year 2025 SGMA Annual Report which can be found on the PV Water Website at https://www.pvwater.org/director-agendas.

B. Receive Projects & Programs Update

GM Lockwood relayed updates on Projects & Programs as outlined starting on page 57 of the Agenda Packet.

Grant-funded Projects: The Department of Conservation Multibenefit Land Repurposing Grant ($8.89 million), with ongoing coordination and outreach led by Watsonville Wetlands Watch and $3.51 million received to date; and the Department of Water Resources Watershed Resilience Pilot Grant ($2 million), with public review of the draft plan, extended through Friday, March 20, 2026, and $1.45 million received to date.

College Lake Adaptive Management Plan (AMP): Water Year 2025 surveys are complete; staff and consultants are reviewing draft reports and preparing the AMP Annual Report.

Watsonville Slough System Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Project: Work on permit applications continues. Six of eleven properties have closed escrow.

Supplemental Well 3 Project: The Board of Directors awarded the construction contract to Pacific Infrastructure at its Dec. 17, 2025 meeting, and Staff issued the Notice to Proceed on Jan. 20, 2026. The substantial completion date is May 20, 2027. Construction meetings commenced on March 9 and will occur bi-weekly.

Recycled Water Facility: Work on the Recycled Water Facility Electrical Upgrades Project began in early February.

Sustainable Ground Water Act Well Monitoring Network Expansion: Work is ongoing to obtain a Coastal Development Permit for wells in the Coastal Zone. Biological and cultural resource surveys to inform the permitting process occurred on February 26, 2026; consultants are preparing reports.

11. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Consider Agreement with Balance Hydrologics, Inc., for Watsonville Slough Watershed Hydrologic Monitoring Professional Services, Water Years 2026 and 2027, in an Amount Not to Exceed $141,300

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood reported on necessary ongoing monitoring activities as outlined beginning on page 59 of the agenda packet. It was noted that the Agreement was approved by the Admin Finance Committee at its March 10, 2026 meeting for presentation to the Board for consideration, and that related records and subsequent proceedings are available on the PV Water website at https://www.pvwater.org/administration-finance.
2. Questions from Board
   A question was asked regarding the time frame of the agreement. Discussion ensued.
3. Public comment - none
4. Board discussion and deliberation - none
5. Board action

Action: Director Bannister moved to approve Agreement with Balance Hydrologics, Inc., for Watsonville Slough Watershed Hydrologic Monitoring Professional Services, Water Years 2026 and 2027, in an Amount Not to Exceed $141,300; Vice Chair Miller seconded the motion.

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

ABSENT: Broz
ABSTAIN: None

B. Consider First Amendment to Agreement with Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc., for Repairs to PV Water's Well No. 35

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood presented the staff report (Agenda Packet page 83) regarding the status of Well No. 35 and the justification for the required work. The Board noted the AFC's March 10, 2026, recommendation for approval.
2. Questions from Committee
   Inquiry was made regarding the projected lifespan and water quality of the well following completion of the proposed improvements. GM Lockwood stated that the work is expected to extend the well's viability by approximately three to five years for continued agricultural production.
3. Public comment
4. Committee discussion and deliberation
5. Committee action

Action: Director Newell moved to approve First Amendment to Agreement with Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc., for Repairs to PV Water's Well No. 35; Treasurer Culbertson seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

C. Consider Proposed Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood presented the recommended budget amendments as detailed on page 101 of the Agenda Packet. The presentation highlighted changes in the projected revenues and expenditures, as well as the anticipated deficit and the resulting net change in the fund balance.
2. Questions from Board
3. Public comment
4. Board discussion and deliberation
1. Board action

Action: Director Newell moved to approve Proposed Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026; Director Culbertson seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

12. Monthly Reports/Presentations

A. Facility Operations Report

GM Lockwood presented the February 2026 Production Monthly Summary. Key updates included the onboarding of new operators, recruitment for the open Water Resources Technician role, and the implementation of additional staff training in preparation for upcoming seasonal demands. Additionally, GM Lockwood announced that the Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee Meeting No. 3 is scheduled for March 19, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

C. Public Outreach Update
WCOS Mendiola provided an update on the final "Future of Work in the Pajaro Valley," Career and Technical Education (CTE) meeting taking place March 19, 2026. WCOS Mendiola also announced that the agency is preparing to host upcoming tours of the Recycled Water Facility.

13. Correspondence

Correspondence can be found on pages 106-113 of the Agenda Packet.

14. Future Meetings

A. Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee, Thursday, March 19, 2026, Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville

B. Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville

C. Administration & Finance Committee, Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 3:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville

D. Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., 4th Floor, Watsonville

Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Corin Hammond, Board Secretary

04/15/2026
Date Approved