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Board of Directors Meeting
April 15, 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 6:04 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 Tom Broz, Director Mary Bannister, Director Nolberto Hernandez, 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:	Victoria Thompson, Legal Counsel Becky Steinbruner, Public
Via Teleconference:	Tom Rider, Public Michael (no last name provided) Carly Dietsch, Public

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Oral Communications (Offered both before and following Closed Session):** Becky Steinbruner spoke regarding the proposed Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility and asked the Board to consider writing the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors to ensure the County's Draft

BESS Ordinance includes clear language and adequate requirements for grid-scale BESS stormwater collection and retention pond design to accommodate a 100-year storm.

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)
   (4 *potential cases)*

Open Session resumed at 7:04 p.m.

Report on Closed Session: Legal Counsel reported that the Board of Directors discussed Items 1 and 2, respectively; no reportable action was taken on either matter. Regarding Item 3, which pertained to potential litigation, the Board unanimously moved and approved to proceed on three (3) accounts.

6. **Director Comments:** None

7. **Counsel Report:** None

8. **General Manager Report:**
GM Lockwood expressed his appreciation to FASM Trevino for serving as Acting General Manager during his recent vacation. He announced the that the Water Resources Technician had been filled by Kiersten Hoff, who started work on April 6, 2026. GM Lockwood reported he would be presenting the Pajaro River Watershed Resilience Plan at the CA Water & Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF) on April 20, 2026, and that he, along with Director Bannister, would be attending the Association of California Water Agencies spring conference May 4 – 7, 2026. Lastly, GM Lockwood reported that he had been invited by the Director of the California Department of Water Resources, Karla Nemeth, to serve on the California Water Plan Update 2028 Advisory Committee.

9. **Consent Agenda**
   A. Approve March 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
   B. Approve Financial Reports
   C. Adopt Resolution 2026-03, Water Awareness Month
   D. Adopt Resolution 2026-04, Adopting the Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update

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

   Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

10. Informational Items

A. Receive Projects & Programs Update

GM Lockwood provided updates on Projects & Programs as outlined starting on page 31 of the Agenda Packet.

GM Lockwood reported that he, WCOS Mendiola, and Kiernan Brtalik with Rincon presented the Pajaro River Watershed Resilience Plan to the Greater Monterey Regional Water Management Group earlier that afternoon. He noted the presentation showcased PV Water's efforts, along with those of the Advisory Group and the community at larger, to develop the Plan. He also stated that he has been asked to present the plan to DWR staff on May 12, as part of their "Climate Change Speaker Series." PV Water staff, in coordination with the consultant team, is preparing a press release to announce the publication of the final Pajaro River Watershed Resilience Plan. GM Lockwood concluded by reminding the Board that PV Water is the agency in the state with grant funding to develop both a Watershed Resilience Plan and a Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program.

11. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Consider Adopting Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood introduced FASM Trevino who presented the Preliminary Proposed Budget, a copy of which is posted on the PV Water website: https://www.pvwater.org/director-agendas. GM Lockwood concluded by noting that the initial payment for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan for the College Lake Project is scheduled for the upcoming fiscal year.
2. Questions from Board - none
3. Public comment - none
4. Board discussion and deliberation - none
5. Board action

Action: Director Hernandez moved to Adopt the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027; Director Newell seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

12. Monthly Reports/Presentations

A. Facility Operations Report
GM Lockwood presented the March 2026 Production Monthly Summary page 36 of 36. An Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee update was provided and discussion ensued. The next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

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

C. Public Outreach Update
WCOS Mendiola reported that he conducted a tour of the Recycled Water Facility for the Agricultural Farm Bureau, noting that educational tours for high school student groups also remain

ongoing. Additionally, he provided an update on the status of facility improvements, stating that electrical work is currently in progress at the site.

13. Correspondence - None

14. Future Meetings

A. Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville
B. Administration & Finance Committee, Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 3:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville
C. Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 7:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville
D. Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee, Thursday, May 28, 2026, Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville

Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Corin Hammond, Board Secretary

May 20, 2026

Date Approved