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Board of Directors Meeting
May 20, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
Koeing Conference Room
36 Brennan Street
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 7:04 p.m. by Chair Rider, at Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, Koeing Conference Room, 36 Brennan Street, 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 Tom Broz, Director Nolberto Hernandez, Director
Board Members Absent:	
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:	Robert Rodoni, Public
Via Teleconference:	Tony Condotti, Agency Counsel Tom Rider, Public Carly Deitsch, Public Michael (no last name provided)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Oral Communications:**
Mr. Rodoni requested that the Board of Directors re-evaluate the Struve Slough Project [Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge & Recovery Project], and its associated benefits-to-cost.

Additionally, Mr. Rodoni recommended implementing an online platform for growers to place and track water orders.

5. Director Comments:

Treasurer Culbertson reported on his attendance at the SB 827 Fiscal and Financial Training held on May 18, 2026, which he attended alongside Director Newell and GM Lockwood. He highlighted key takeaways of the workshop, including items on budgeting and cash reserves.

Director Newell reannounced her upcoming retirement from the Board of Directors and presented a Notice of Upcoming Open Seat that she prepared to support recruitment efforts for the Division C seat. Director Newell noted that the nomination period opens on July 7, 2026, ahead of the November 3, 2026, election, with the successful candidate's term beginning on December 1, 2026.

Director Bannister reported on attending the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Spring Conference alongside GM Lockwood, noting panel discussions on Proposition 218 compliance and the Delta Conveyance Project's positive contributions to California's water reliability goals. Referring to a recent negative opinion article, Director Bannister recommended that the Agency develop an informational public relations piece highlighting its proactive and positive role in addressing local saltwater intrusion.

6. Counsel Report: Nothing to report

7. General Manager Report:

GM Lockwood echoed Director Culberson's comments regarding the SB 827 Fiscal and Financial Training, emphasizing a key takeaway that agencies can "never have enough" budget reserves. Additionally, he reminded the Board that current officials face a January 1, 2028, deadline to complete this newly mandated training.

GM Lockwood provided a briefing on the ACWA conference, supplementing Director Bannister's earlier comments by highlighting key sessions on current cybersecurity threats and protection strategies for public agencies.

Lastly, GM Lockwood reminded the Board that he had been invited by Karla Nemeth, the Executive Director of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to represent PV Water and the Central Coast on the California Water Plan Update 2028 Advisory Committee. He reported on the first meeting, which was held in Sacramento. The Advisory Committee is anticipated to meet quarterly to provide recommendations to DWR and inform development of the California Water Plan 2028.

8. Consent Agenda

A. Approve April 15, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
B. Approve Financial Reports
C. Approve Proposed Revisions to Employee Handbook:
   a. Renaming the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) to the California Civil Rights Department (CRD), and
   b. Renaming "Cesar Chavez Day" to "Farmworkers Day"
D. Approve Engagement with C.J. Brown & Company CPAs for Annual Audit Services for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, in an Amount Not to Exceed $33,821

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

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

9. Informational Items

A. Receive Project and Programs Update

GM Lockwood provided Projects and Programs updates as detailed starting on page 31 of the Agenda Packet; he noted a change in date of the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) community outreach event from June 11th to June 10th, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

10. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Consider Proposed Final Budget for Fiscal year Ending June 30, 2027

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood presented the proposed budget (Agenda Packet page 35), noting it has not changed since the preliminary budget. The proposed budget will be presented to the Administration & Finance Committee in June and return to the Board for a public hearing and consideration of adoption thereafter.
2. Questions from Board - None
3. Public comment - None
4. Board discussion and deliberation - None
5. Board action

Action: No action required or taken.

B. Consider 2024 Annual Report and Annual Reporting Requirements

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood presented the proposed 2024 Annual Report and recommended utilizing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) annual report to satisfy the Agency Act Annual Report requirement for years 2025 and forward.
2. Questions from Board -None
3. Public comment - None
4. Board discussion and deliberation
5. Board action

Action: Director Newell moved to approve the 2024 Annual Report, and to consolidate the Agency Act Annual Report with the SGMA Annual Report for 2025 and forward; Director Bannister seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

11. Monthly Reports/Presentations

A. Facility Operations Report
GM Lockwood reported on the 2026 Monthly Summary as of April 2026; Page 41 of 60 of the Agenda Packet.

B. Board Committee Reports available at www.pvwater.org
GM Lockwood reported that the draft 2026 Cost of Service Rate Study is posted on PV Water's website at https://www.pvwater.org/ad-hoc-rates-committee and noted the next Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026.

C. Public Outreach Update
WCOS Mendiola reported on upcoming summer tours for high school students involved in youth supervision programs, city interns, and college classes, and noted that the "Water Works" sixth-grade curriculum booklet is being updated to include the College Lake project to support continued youth education.

12. Correspondence

Correspondence may be found on pages 42 - 60 of the Agenda Packet.

13. Future Meetings

A. Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville
B. Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee, Thursday, May 28, 2026, Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville
C. Administration & Finance Committee, Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 3:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville
D. Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., 4th Floor, Watsonville

Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Corin Hammond, Board Secretary

June 17, 2026
Date Approved