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Board of Directors Meeting
July 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 Bob Culbertson, Treasurer Amy Newell, Director Mary Bannister, Director Nolberto Hernandez, Director
Board Members Absent:	C.J. Miller, Vice Chair Tom Broz, Director
Staff Members Present:	Brian Lockwood, General Manager (GM) Corin Hammond, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary (EA/BS) Shinehah Bigham, Operations & Maintenance Manager (OMM)
Others Present:	Anthony Condotti, Agency Counsel (AC) John Mahoney, Tanner Pacific, Inc., Consultant Sarah Hulick, Public Robert Rodoni, Public
Via Teleconference:	Tom Rider, Public Michael Miller, Public Cameron Tana, Montgomery & Associates, Consultant David Tellefsen, Tanner Pacific, Inc., Consultant

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Oral Communications:**

5. **Closed Session – 4 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)
Property APN's & Owners, WSS-MARR

1) 052-551-02, SC Lands, Inc.;
2) 052-181-18 & 20, Ocean Field Holdings, LLC;
3) 052-191-59, 650 Howard 2017, LLC; Junco Partner Holdings LLC; and Caravan Holdings LLC
4) 052-221-14 & 17, Watsonville Exchange, Inc.

Agency Negotiators: Brian Lockwood

Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment or both

C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(2)
(*1 potential case)*

D. Public Employment/Conference with Labor Negotiators
(Cal. Govt. Code §§54957, 54957.6)
Title: General Manager
Agency designated representative(s): Chair and Vice-Chair; General Counsel

Unrepresented employee: General Manager

Open Session resumed at 7:24 p.m.

Report on Closed Session: AC Condotti reported that the Board of Directors discussed Item 5, A – D with no reportable actions.

6. Director Comments: None

7. Counsel Report: None

8. General Manager Report:
The General Manager's Report was not presented in order to allow additional time for the remaining agenda items following the Closed Session.

9. Consent Agenda
A. Approve June 17, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
B. Approve Financial Reports
C. Adopt Resolution 2026-09, Amending the Cash Reserve Policy for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026
D. Adopt Resolution 2026-10, Confirming Statement of Investment Policy
E. Authorize Purchase of a Forklift in an Amount Not to Exceed $50,000
F. Approve Agreement with Telstar for Radio Communications Evaluation & Replacement Services in an Amount Not to Exceed $56,922 through September 30, 2026
G. Accept and File the College Lake Project Adaptive Management Plan Annual Report for Water Year 2025, Pre-Operation

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

Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

10. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Consider Resolution 2026-11, Finding, Determining, and Declaring that the Public Interest and Necessity Require the Interests in Certain Real Property (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 052-191-59 & 046-201-18, -19, -26; 052-211-22 & 052-551-02) by Eminent Domain

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood and AC Condotti summarized this item, which is described in detail beginning on page 121 of the Agenda Packet.
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 2026-11, Finding, Determining, and Declaring that the Public Interest and Necessity Require the Interests in Certain Real Property (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 052-191-59 & 046-201-18, -19, -26; 052-211-22 & 052-551-02) by Eminent Domain; Director Bannister seconded the motion. Chair Rider called for a roll call vote.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

B. Consider Third Amendment to Agreement with Tanner Pacific, Inc., for College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project Construction Management & Inspection Services in an Amount Not to Exceed $390,512 through June 30, 2027

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood reviewed the staff memorandum and proposed approving the third amendment to the agreement with Tanner Pacific, Inc. (TPI) (Agenda Packet, p. 142).
2. Questions from Board - none
3. Public comment –
   Robert Rodoni commented on the project schedule and advocated for utilizing liability insurance coverage to address ongoing issues rather than continuing to pay consultant fees.
   Representatives from Tanner Pacific, Inc. (TPI) addressed questions from the Board regarding roles and project specifications. They noted that TPI operates solely as the Construction Manager—not the builder or design engineer—and is working closely with PV Water's staff and legal counsel.
4. Board discussion and deliberation –

Chair Rider requested additional details regarding the corrective actions attempted to date. Discussion ensued.

5. Board action

Action: Director Newell moved to approve the Third Amendment to the Agreement with Tanner Pacific, Inc., for College Lake Integrated Resources Management Project Construction Management & Inspection Services in an Amount Not to Exceed $390,512 through June 30, 2027, and to require an additional Board authorization to utilize funds budgeted for the period January 1, 2027, through June 30, 2027; Director Culbertson seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

C. Consider Agreement with Montgomery & Associates for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Planning & Implementation Technical Support Services in an Amount not to Exceed $341,897 through June 30, 2028

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood reviewed PV Water's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) efforts and reported on work to prepare the second SGMA required "Periodic Update," as detailed starting on page 153 of the agenda packet.
2. Questions from Board - none
3. Public comment - none
4. Board discussion and deliberation –
   Director Newell expressed appreciation to the staff of Montgomery & Associates for their work on past PV Water projects.
5. Board action

Action: Director Bannister moved to approve the Agreement with Montgomery & Associates for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Planning & Implementation Technical Support Services in an Amount not to Exceed $341,897 through June 30, 2028; Director Hernandez seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

D. Consider the Finance & Administrative Services Manager Recruitment Process

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood presented an update on recruitment efforts for the Finance & Administrative Services Manager position, summarizing current activities, proposed next steps, and the recommendation from the Administration & Finance Committee to retain a recruiter if the position is not filled this month (Agenda Packet, p.183).
2. Questions from Board – none
3. Public comment - none

4. Board discussion and deliberation
5. The Board assessed delaying the recruitment timeline to engage an executive recruiter to August 1, 2026. Discussion ensued.
6. Board action

Action: Director Culbertson moved to approve the Finance & Administrative Services Manager Recruitment Process, starting August 1, 2026; Director Newell seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

11. Informational Items

A. Receive Projects & Programs Update

GM Lockwood provided updates on Projects & Programs as outlined starting on page 185 of the Agenda Packet. He noted an invitation from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to serve as a speaker on a DWR panel discussing watershed resilience planning and implementation at the Inaugural Resilient California Summit in October 2026.

12. Monthly Reports/Presentations

A. Facility Operations Report

OMM Bigham presented the February 2026 Production Monthly Summary as provided on page 187 of the Agenda Packet. She noted that the College Lake Project (CLP) is currently operating solely for water quality / treatment testing purposes during the ongoing agricultural growing season. OMM Bigham lastly reported an outage at the Recycled Water Facility earlier today, noting that recycled water deliveries are expected to resume tomorrow morning, July 16, 2026. Discussion ensued.

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

C. Public Outreach Update

GM Lockwood reported that the Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Augmentation Charge and Delivered Water Charge Increases was included in the most recent quarterly billing. It was further noted that, for the first time, a hyperlink directing customers to the digital newsletter on PV Water's website was provided on the billing statements in lieu of a printed newsletter.

13. Correspondence

Correspondence may be found on page 190 of the agenda packet.

GM Lockwood called attention and summarized correspondence from J. Colliard (Agenda Packet, p. 189) and reported from June 24, 2026, meeting of the Projects and Facilities Committee. He advised that committee discussions remain ongoing and similar matters may be placed on an upcoming Board agenda for consideration.

14. Future Meetings

A. Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, July 29, 2026, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville

B. Administration & Finance Committee, Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 3:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville

C. Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, 4th Floor, Watsonville

D. Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville

Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Corin Hammond, Board Secretary	August 19, 2026 **Date Approved**