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Board of Directors Meeting
September 16, 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 6:03 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) Corin Hammond, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary (EA/BS) Nancy Trevino, Finance & Administrative Services Manager (FASM) Shinehah Bigham, Operations & Maintenance Manager (OMM) Marcus Mendiola, Water Conservation & Outreach Specialist (WCOS)
Others Present:	Anthony Condotti, Agency Counsel (AC) Robert Rodoni, Public Robert (Hal) Branges, Public 5 unnamed members of the public
Via Teleconference:	Jennifer Ivey, Consultant, Carollo Engineers Michael Miller, Public Rosemarie Imazio, Public Calvin (no last name provided), Public

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Oral Communications:** None

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

Open Session resumed at 7:17 p.m.

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

6. Director Comments:
Director Newell noted that one Board of Director's position for Division A remains open for the upcoming term.

7. Counsel Report: None

8. General Manager Report:
GM Lockwood reported that registration is open for the 2026 Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Fall Conference and the Water Education Foundation Water Summit. He also noted that this is FASM Trevino's final Board of Directors' meeting prior to retirement.

9. Consent Agenda
A. Approve August 19, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
B. Approve Financial Reports
C. Adopt Resolution 2026-12, Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) Vision for Our Water Future
D. Approve Agreement with Mike Podlech, Aquatic Ecologist, for College Lake Project Fisheries, Invasive Species, and Water Right Support Services, in an amount not to exceed $28,260

Action: Director Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Director Culbertson 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 47 of the Agenda Packet. He highlighted that staff anticipate publishing the draft Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program

(MLRP) Plan for public review within the next month; to date, PV Water and partners have received approximately $4.4 million of the Department of Conservation's MLRP grant award.

11. Discussion and/or Action Items

A. Conduct Public Hearing Concerning Proposed Ordinance 2026-01, An Ordinance of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Adjusting Delivered Water Charges

1. Introduction by staff
   GM Lockwood and Jennifer Ivey presented a summary of the 2025/2026 Cost of Service Rate Study and public outreach program (slides available on agency website at www.pvwater.org). GM Lockwood reported that a majority protest would require 51 or more protests.
2. Questions from Board
   Director Culbertson thanked the Ad Hoc Rate Setting Committee for its time and efforts throughout the process.

Chair Rider opened the public hearing at 7:57 p.m.

3. Public comment
   Robert Branches, a rural resident from Larken Valley, protested the proposed rate increase. It was noted that his protest should fall not under this item, but under item 11C.
   Robert Rodoni spoke in opposition of the proposed rate increase. He submitted protests via a letter from Thomas S. Virsik, Attorney at Law, for a total of 11 assessor's parcel numbers (APNs) of which 5 parcels had turnouts.
4. Board discussion and deliberation - none
5. Board action

Chair Rider called for any additional comments, and after not receiving any, closed the Public Hearing at 8:07 p.m.

B. Consider Adoption of Ordinance 2026-01, An Ordinance of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Adjusting Delivered Water Charges

1. Introduction by staff
   The introduction of Item 11B was incorporated into GM Lockwood's presentation for Item 11A. GM Lockwood recommend that the Board continue this item to the November 18, 2026, Board meeting to allow staff and general counsel an opportunity to carefully consider the letter received from Thomas S. Virsik the evening before.
2. Questions from Board - none
3. Public comment - none
4. Board discussion and deliberation
5. Board action

Action: Director Newell moved to continue the consideration of Ordinance 2026-01, An Ordinance of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Adjusting Delivered Water Charges until the November 18, 2026 Board of Directors meeting; Director Culbertson seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

C. Conduct Public Hearing Concerning Proposed Ordinance 2026-02, An Ordinance of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Adjusting Groundwater Augmentation Charges

1. Introduction by staff
   The introduction of Item 11C was incorporated into GM Lockwood's presentation for Item 11A.
2. Questions from Board – none

Chair Rider opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

3. Public comment – as noted above, in Item 11A,
4. Board discussion and deliberation – none
5. Board action

Chair Rider called for any comments, and after not receiving any, closed the Public Hearing at 8:13 p.m.

D. Consider Adoption of Ordinance 2026-02, An Ordinance of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Adjusting Groundwater Augmentation Charges

1. Introduction by staff
   The introduction of Item 11D was incorporated into GM Lockwood's presentation for Item 11C.
2. Questions from Board – none
3. Public comment - none
4. Board discussion and deliberation – none
5. Board action

Action: Director Newell moved to continue consideration of Ordinance 2026-02, An Ordinance of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Adjusting Groundwater Augmentation Charges, until the November 18, 2026, Board of Directors meeting; Director Culbertson seconded the motion.

Motion passed by the following voice vote:

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

12. Monthly Reports/Presentations

A. Facility Operations Report
OMM Bigham presented the August 2026 Production Monthly Summary as outlined on page 64 of the agenda packet. She noted that meter reads have concluded and demand for irrigation water is slowing with the season. OMM Bigham recognized and thanked City of Watsonville operators for assisting at the recycled water facility until 10:30 p.m. last week to help ensure water availability for customers.

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

C. Public Outreach Update
Marcus Mendiola reported on PV Water's booth participation at the Santa Cruz County Fair and encouraged participation in support of the fair. The next newsletter is in process.
GM Lockwood participated in a panel discussion with the California Water Commission regarding groundwater recharge alongside members of the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Fish & Wildlife, and representatives of the Tulare Irrigation District, Madera County, and Orange County Water District. He noted that California Water Commission has planned a session focusing on El Niño for next month.

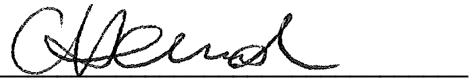
13. Correspondence

Correspondence may be found on page 65 of the agenda packet.

14. Future Meetings

- **A.** Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville
- **B.** Administration & Finance Committee, Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 3:00 p.m., PV Water Conference Room, 36 Brennan St., Watsonville
- **C.** Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, 4th Floor, Watsonville
- **D.** Projects & Facility Operations Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 3:00 p.m., Water Resources Center, 500 Clearwater Lane, Watsonville

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Corin Hammond, Board Secretary

October 21, 2026

Date Approved