Resolution 2026-04

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Adopting the Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update

The Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update ("the Plan") recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people, property infrastructure and natural resources within Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of hazard mitigation actions can significantly reduce the risk of injury, loss of life, property damage, and disruption caused by future natural hazard events; and

WHEREAS, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires all cities, counties, and special districts to have adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive pre-and post-disaster mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare the Plan; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Santa Cruz County local governments and special districts embarked on a planning process to prepare for and lessen the impacts of specified hazards by updating the Plan; and

WHEREAS, each participating jurisdiction, including the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, has been responsible for reviewing and approving its respective Jurisdictional Annex within the Plan, and the Plan compiles individual annexes into a unified framework to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated hazard mitigation strategy for the entire Santa Cruz County planning area, aligned with the goals, objectives, and priorities of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update is comprised of two volumes, including Volume 1: Base Plan, which contains the countywide hazard mitigation framework and risk assessment, and Volume 2: Jurisdictional Annexes, which document the hazard profiles, vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions of participating jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has reviewed and approved the Plan and has forwarded the plan to FEMA Region IX for final review and approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency hereby adopts the Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update as an official plan of the jurisdiction. The Pajaro Valley Water

Management Agency adopts Volume 1 of the Plan in its entirety and acknowledges that the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Jurisdictional Annex contained in Volume 2 represents the jurisdiction's specific hazard mitigation strategies and responsibilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Board of Directors authorizes staff to make minor technical edits or administrative corrections to the Plan, as necessary to address FEMA review comments, prior to final adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Board of Directors further encourages the respective departments identified in the implementation strategy of the plan to carry out the recommended mitigation actions assigned to them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines pursuant to the Provisions of Title 14 of the California Administrative Code, Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption), and Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Adoption Resolution will be submitted to Cal OES on behalf of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency by Santa Cruz County Staff to enable the Plan's final approval by Cal OES and FEMA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, the **15th** day of **April, 2026** by the following vote:

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

Stephen Rider (Apr 20, 2026 08:48:29 PDT)

Stephen Rider, Chair

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