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PVWMA TO SEEK CHANGES IN A VERY PUBLIC WAY

Watsonville, CA - The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) has set a series of public meetings and forums to help gather public input and guidance as it seeks to make changes in its original enabling legislation.

The Agency Act amendment process will be outlined in the first of these meetings slated for Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in the Watsonville City Council Chambers at 275 Main Street, 4th Floor. The 5:00 to 6:30 PM meeting will outline the reasons the legislative changes will be sought and the planned steps to gather and use public input in the process. “In light of changes in state law and the continuing need to address water basin management, we are hoping to get updates to our agency charter enacted by the state legislature early in 2012” explained PVWMA board member Dave Cavanaugh.

“It is unusual for a local public agency to make the process of seeking changes to state legislation so public, but we want well informed public support as we go forward” said PVWMA board member Dennis Osmer who heads the Agency Act Amendment sub committee. He added “I really do hope we get a good cross section of our community to contribute to making this legislation work as well as possible for us in the Pajaro Valley at these meetings.”

Public hearing meetings have been scheduled monthly starting on June 9, 2011 and running through September. A complete schedule of meetings and steps to be followed can be found on the agency’s website www.pvwater.org or by calling the PVWMA office at 831-722-9292.

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