



PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
562 CASSERLY RD, WATSONVILLE, CA (831)722-6188

AGENDA & PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the

PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

on

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Meeting to be held at the Pajaro Valley Fire Station

562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076 commencing at 5:00 p.m.

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call

2.0 Agenda Amendments

Per Government Code §54954.2, the legislative body may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda under any of the three conditions stated below. Prior to discussing any item pursuant to this subdivision, the legislative body shall publicly identify the item.

(1) Upon a determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in §54956.5.

(2) Upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present at the meeting (i.e. 4 if 5 are present) , or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the District after the agenda was posted as specified in subdivision (a) of §54956.5. 1

(3) The item was agendized at a prior meeting of the Board not more than five calendar days before the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior Board meeting the item was continued to the Board meeting at which action is being taken.

2.1 Additions to Agenda

2.0 Public Comments

Public Comment on matters not on the agenda: Public Comment should ordinarily be limited to 3 minutes per person. There can be no deliberation or action on items not on the agenda. The Board may refer a matter to staff or schedule discussion for future meeting. The public should address the Board on items on the agenda during the Board's consideration of the item.

3.0 Consent Agenda

Matters listed under the Consent Agenda will be acted upon by one motion affirming the action recommended. There will be no separate discussion on items unless members of the Board or Staff request the removal of an item for separate action.

3.1 **Minutes** – Approval of the minutes from the Special Board meeting on September 22, 2025 and the Regular Board meeting on September 25, 2025.

3.2 **Claims Disbursement** – Expenditure report, Vendor & Deposit summary, Year to Date Financial Report and American Express Statement

Motion:

Second:

All in favor:



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4.0 Presentations

- 4.1 Pajaro Valley Chief's Report & Run Report for August
- 4.2 Watsonville Run Report
- 4.3 Pitch In Santa Cruz – Trash Talkers upcoming event on Casserly Rd

5.0 Committee Reports

Standing Committees are subject to all Brown Act requirements. Ad hoc committees are not subject to the Brown Act noticing and agenda requirements. A written agenda is prepared and posted at least 72 hours prior to standing committee meetings. An opportunity is provided for public input at standing committee meetings.

- 5.1 Strategic Planning Committee – None
- 5.2 Finance Committee – None
- 5.3 Audit Committee – BC Urbani
- 5.4 LAFCO Ad HOC Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

6.0 Continuing Business

6.1 Pajaro Valley FPD & Watsonville City FD Contract Update

The Board receives an update from staff on the status of the Pajaro Valley FPD and Watsonville City FD Contract.

Recommended Action: Discuss, make a motion and/or give any directions to staff if needed.

6.2 218 Benefit Assessment update from Pajaro Valley Fire's LAFCO Ad Hoc Committee

The board will receive an update from Pajaro Valley Fire's LAFCO Ad Hoc Committee on the status of the proposed 218 Benefit Assessment.

Recommended Action: Discuss, make a motion and/or give any directions to staff if needed.

6.3 Update on Director Badges

The Board will receive an update on the badges that were ordered for the members of the Board and the next steps needed to be able to issue them.

Recommended Action: Discuss and/or give any directions to staff if needed.

7.0 New Business

All items listed in New Business are intended to provide an opportunity for public discussion and board deliberation of each item listed. The following procedure pertains to each New Business Item: 1) Board/Staff Member Explanation; 2) Board of Directors Questions; 3) Public Comment; 4) Board Member Deliberation; 5) Decision.

7.1 Establish a working group for Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facility proposed at 90 Minto Rd

The Board to discuss if they want to establish a BESS Facility Working Group to advise the Pajaro Valley FPD Board of Directors on information gathered in reference to the BESS Facility proposed at 90 Minto Rd.

Recommended Action: Discuss, appointment members, make a motion and/or give any directions to staff if needed.

Motion:

Second:

All in favor:



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7.2 Resolution 2025-16 Volunteer Firefighter Assistant Grant

Board to review documents and Resolution 2025-16 Volunteer Firefighter Assistant Grant for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Recommended Action: Adopt by motion Resolution 2025-16 Volunteer Firefighter Assistant Grant.

Motion:

Second:

All in favor:

8.0 Correspondence

8.1 – Alex Miller Handout on BESS Facilities that was handed out to the Board Members at the Regular Board Meeting on September 25.

8.2 – Email from Becky Steinbruner sent on 9/25/25 and handed out to the Board Members at the Regular Board Meeting on September 25.

8.3 – Email from Becky Steinbruner sent on 10/8/25 regarding Santa Cruz County Draft Ordinance hearing and YouTube link for BESS Fire Code.

8.4 – Email on 10/10/25 from Senior Project Developer Max Christian responsible for the “Seahawk” project proposed for 90 Minto Rd.

8.5 – Email from Becky Steinbruner on 10/14/25 BESS presentation to Watsonville City Council.

9.0 Agenda items for the next meeting

10.0 Adjournment

Motion:

Second:

All in favor:

Time:

Note: The Board Chair requests that if you have any questions or wish clarification or additional information about any item on the agenda or contained in the attached materials, please call the Fire Chief at (831) 722-6188 before the meeting. Information regarding items on the agenda may be reviewed at that Pajaro Valley Fire Station located at 562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076, or you may view the agenda on our website www.pajarovalleyfire.com

Members of the Pajaro Valley Fire District Board of Directors shall attend meetings in person unless remote participation is permitted by law. In the event that any member of the Board participates in a meeting by teleconference or video conference, pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953, all votes shall be by roll call. Members of the public that wish to attend and/or participate in a meeting may do so in person.



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Americans with Disability Act

The Pajaro Valley Fire station is an accessible facility. If you wish to attend a meeting and you will require assistance in order to attend and /or participate, please call the district at (831) 722-6188 in advance of the meeting and every effort will be made to accommodate your attendance and participation.