



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

**AGENDA & PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**AMENDED AGENDA**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
of the  
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
on  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
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 Pledge of Allegiance**

**1.2 Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call**

**Director Erbe, Director Dellamonica, Director Moules, Director Sampson, Director Martone**

**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**

**3.0 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.*

**3.1 Nomination and Selection of Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2026 Calendar Year**

*Members of the Board of Directors volunteer or nominate and select Chair and Vice Chair for the 2026 Calendar Year.*

**Recommended Action:** BC Urbani to give a brief staff report. Receive volunteers or nominations and elect Chair/Vice Chair (Nominations do not require a second and more than one person may be nominated. Once nominations are complete, members of Board may discuss and then vote).



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*Motion: Motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as Chair and \_\_\_\_\_ as Vice Chair of the board for 2026 calendar year.*

*Second:*

*Roll Call Vote:*

**3.2 Selection of Standing Committee Chairs and Committee Members for the 2026 Calendar Year**

*Board Chair to select members or volunteers to Standing Committee for 2026 Calendar Year.*

**Recommended Action:** Board to discuss which standing committees to have for 2026. Volunteer and/or select a Chair and members of standing committees. Board Chair to select members to Standing Committees for 2026 Calendar Year.

*Motion: Motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as Chair and \_\_\_\_\_ as members of \_\_\_\_\_ committee for 2026 calendar year.*

*Second:*

*Roll Call Vote:*

**3.3 Selection of Ad HOC Committee Chairs and Committee Members for the 2026 Calendar Year**

*Board Chair to disband any Ad HOC Committees not in use, establish new Ad HOC Committees and announce any changes in appointments to LAFCO and BESS Ad HOC Committees for 2026 Calendar Year.*

**Recommended Action:** Board Chair to announce disbanding any Ad HOC Committees no longer active and announce appointments of members to any new or continuing Ad HOC Committees.

*Motion: Motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as members of \_\_\_\_\_ Ad HOC committee for 2026 calendar year.*

*Second:*

*Roll Call Vote:*

**4.0 Oral Communications**

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 meetings. The public should address the Board on items on the agenda during the Boards consideration of the item.

**4.1 Public Oral Communication**

**4.2 Staff Oral Communication**

**4.3 Board Oral Communication**

- Handout from Director Martone at meeting on 1/14/26 – A flyer for Pajaro Valley Community Clean up dates

**5.0 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.

**5.1 Minutes – Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on December 18th, 2025.**

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

*Motion: Motion to approve items in the Consent Agenda as presented (if changes state with changes to which item)*

*Second:*

*All in favor:*

**6.0 Presentations**



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- 6.1 Pajaro Valley Chief's Report & Run Report for December
- 6.2 Watsonville Run Report for December

**7.0 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.

- 7.1 Strategic Planning Committee – None
- 7.2 Finance Committee – None
- 7.3 Audit Committee – None
- 7.4 LAFCO Ad HOC Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica
- 7.5 BESS Working Group – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica
  - Documents received at the meeting on 1/14/26 from Becky Steinbruner – Letter from Alene Taber Law to the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors from Stop Lithium BESS group. Regarding Agenda Item No. 11 from the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors meeting on November 18, 2025.
  - Documents received at the meeting on 1/14/26 from Becky Steinbruner. - Letter from Greenaction for Health & Environmental Justice to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. Regarding supporting community concerns on the proposed battery energy storage system ordinance.

**8.0 Continuing Business**

**8.1 Pajaro Valley FPD / Watsonville FD Contract Update**

*The Board will receive an update from Chief Wilson about the Pajaro Valley Fire/Watsonville City Fire Department Contract.*

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

**8.2 Pajaro Valley Fire Board Meeting Rules**

*Board to review, discuss and make any further changes to the updated Pajaro Valley Fire Board Meeting Rules*

**Recommended Action:** Board to receive update from BC Urbani, have discussion, make changes, give directions to staff.

**9.0 Correspondence**

- 9.1 **Email from Nina Audino 01/09/2026** - Regarding LA County Firefighters Local 1014 Cease and Desist notice from January 2, 2026 regarding BESS facilities adjacent to Fire Station 43 or Residential Occupancies.

- 9.2 **Email from Becky Steinbruner 01/05/2026** – Regarding Late Correspondence to the Board

**10.0 Agenda items for the next meeting**

**11.0 Adjournment**

*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



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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](http://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.

**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.