



PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
on
Wednesday, June 10, 2026

1.0 Call to Order 5:02 PM

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call

Present: Director Erbe, Director Dellamonica, Director Moules, Director Sampson, Director Martone

2.0 Agenda Amendments

2.1 Additions, Deletions or Late Additions to the Consent Agenda and Regular Agenda from Staff or Members of the Board
NONE

3.0 Oral Communications

3.1 Public Oral Communication

Diane Dutton, member of the public, spoke on BESS application and asked questions regarding quantity of water
Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, spoke regarding NFPA 855, California Energy Commission BESS project and District response to a BESS incident.

3.2 Staff Oral Communication

None

3.3 Board Oral Communication

Chair Martone anticipates receiving an update from the Fire Marshal next month.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes – Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on May 13, 2026.

4.2 Claims Disbursement – Expenditure report, Vendor & Deposit summary, Year to Date Financial Report and American Express Statement for May 2026

Becky Streinbruner, member of the public, requested the spelling of "Dutton" on page 6 be corrected.

Motion: Director Erbe Motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda with the correction of the spelling of Ms. Dutton's last name,

Second: Director Moules

All in favor: All

5.0 Presentations

5.1 Pajaro Valley Chief's Report & Run Report for May 2026

BC Urbani reported on the following:

- Vehicle accident on Hecker Pass- vehicle over the side. Assisted by Watsonville Fire and Santa Clara Fire, minor injury.

- Repairs to utility vehicle code 3 lights.
- Crews participated in County EMS training
- No facility update
- FAE Salcedo is TU Captain in Corralitos; 4th engineer position is vacant
- No prevention or community education updates

5.2 Watsonville Run Report for April (Corrected) & May 2026

Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, asked a question regarding response times; the Board pointed out that the reasons are on the report.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

Chair Martone reported- LAFCO met and approved request to dissolve the District; Chief reported that LAFCO voted on Countywide Fire Protection Service and Sphere Review.

Chair Martone noted that a consultant was offered to the District but they declined due to past experience and commitment to move forward.

Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, spoke on LAFCO meeting discussions

6.2 Watsonville Fire/Pajaro Valley Fire Contract Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

Vice Chair Dellamonica reported that a meeting was held with Watsonville Fire Chief Schaefer regarding the letter that was sent. Discussed options available and clarified the response to the District. It is suggested that the cancellation notice be pulled by Board approval. City Manager Vides has set August 17th as the contract end date. A contract is under consideration. The City of Watsonville wants a 3yr contract but the committee is requesting a one year contract due to the reorganization. Director Dellamonica also reported that he is still waiting for all records from the records request he submitted.

Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, asked if the Board has reached out to City Council members for support.

The Board agreed to direct staff to write a letter retracting the May letter with August 17th being the exit date should a contract not be in place.

7.0 Continuing Business

None

8.0 New Business

8.1 Resolution 2026-05 Ordning of General Election

The Board will review Resolution 2026-05 Ordering of General Election on November 3, 2026 to fill two Director's positions that end at the end of 2026.

Recommended Action: Board review Resolution, Notice of Election and Election Timeline. Make a motion to approve the resolution

BC Urbani reviewed the terms for Directors Moules and Sampson. Their terms will conclude at the end of 2026. He reviewed the process and deadlines to apply as a Board member. There is also a document to verify that the lines are still correct if necessary. August 7th is last day to apply.

BC Urbani reported that if only two apply, it will save the District \$64K and the funds will be re-allocated. If only one person applies, the second person will be appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. A discussion was held amongst the Board.

Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, asked for public confirmation if the Directors will be running.

Motion: Director Sampson motion to approve Resolution 2026-05 Ordering of General Election

Second: Vice Chair Dellamonica

Vote: YES- Director Erbe, Director Dellamonica, Director Moules, Director Sampson, Director Martone

8.2 **Resolution 2026-06 CAL FIRE Contract 2026-2027**

The Board will review Resolution 2026-06 CAL FIRE Contract 2026-2027 and the CAL FIRE Contract LG1 Renewal for FY 2026/2027

Recommended Action: Board to discuss and make a motion to approve the resolution.

BC Urbani reported- Contract will be for one year at a cost of \$2,531,588. Overtime budget has almost doubled from the previous year. Exhibit E specifically details what the expectations are.

Vice Chair Dellamonica requested clarification on EMTs and law enforcement Fire Prevention response. Chief Wilson stated that all working for the District should be EMTs and law enforcement will respond if warranted. Chair Martone requested clarification on staffing. Chief Wilson responded that the current agreement calls for 2-0 staffing. If 3-0 staffing is wanted, the agreement may be amended.

Public Comment

Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, spoke on the changes between last year's contract, the contract being presented and the cost of plan checks.

Chief Wilson responded that last year, overtime was \$75K, this year there is an increase of an additional \$75K for perceived overtime plus the increase in Administrative rate. He reviewed how plan checks are conducted, the process and costs. There is an equal recuperation for the District

Motion: Vice Chair Dellamonica Motion to approve Resolution 2026-06 CAL FIRE Contract 2026/2027

Second: Director Erbe

Vote: YES- Director Erbe, Director Dellamonica, Director Moules, Director Sampson, Director Martone

8.3 **Resolution 2026-07 Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027**

The Board will review Resolution 2026-07 Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Recommended Action: Adopt by motion Resolution 2026-07 Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027

- Board clarifying questions to Staff
- PUBLIC Hearing – Board Chair opens Public Hearing for Public Comment
- Board Chair closes Public Hearing
- Board Discussion, Deliberation
- Board vote on resolution

BC Urbani reviewed the budget operating expenses and revenue:

- technical issue and the wrong # shows on the preliminary budget.
- Property tax increased by 4.5%;
- Submitted for the VFA grant
- Unfunded CALPERS liability went down slightly
- Replacing all wildland PPE
- Board elections are budgeted for \$65K if needed.

Vice Chair Dellamonica requested confirmation to approve the resolution with the technical glitch. BC Urbani stated that this is a preliminary budget and the correction will be made to the final.

Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, asked if budget included Capital PFG
BC Urbani responded that the budget does include the amount.

Motion: Vice Chair Dellamonica Motion to approve Resolution 2026-07 Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Second: Director Moules

Vote: YES- Director Erbe, Director Dellamonica, Director Moules, Director Sampson, Director Martone

9.0 Correspondence

9.1 Karrel Reader Email and attachment from 5-13-26 Minto Road BESS Emergency Response Plan

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chair Dellamonica Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Second: Director Sampson

All in favor: All

Time: 5:59pm

This is to certify that foregoing is a true copy of the discussions during the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Regular Board of Directors meeting, held on June 10th, 2026

Attest:

July 8, 2026



**Mike Urbani
Board Secretary**



**Dave Martone
Board Chair**