



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, July 8, 2026

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call 5:03PM

Present: Director Erbe, Vice Chair Dellamonica, Director Moules, Director Sampson, Chair 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

Becky Steinbruner- member of the public- thanked Directors Dellamonica and Martone for attendance at the meeting. She spoke on the importance of funding emergency response; fatal accident on Hwy 152 and increased traffic in the area.

3.2 Staff Oral Communication

BC Urbani- The period for Board members planning to apply is July 13 to August 7th

3.3 Board Oral Communication

Chair Martone invited those in attendance to assist in the Pitch-In Santa Cruz service on July 23rd at 9am.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes – Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on June 10, 2026.

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

Becky Steinbruner-member of the public, spoke on LAFCO section and requested they be amended to include that the consultant was for feasibility for dissolution, prop 218 fee.

Motion: Motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda by Vice Chair Dellamonica

Second: Director Erbe

All in favor: All

5.0 Presentations

1) Board/Staff Member Explanation; 2) Board of Directors Questions; 3) Public Comment; 4) Board Member Deliberation; 5) Decision

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

BC Urbani reported on the following:

- Double fatality on Casserly and East Lake. Assisted by CalFire, Watsonville Fire (WTS), AMR and CHP.



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- Structure fire on Lakeview Rd. contained to outside of building.
- 4591 Code 3 light repairs
- 4511 attended structure fire training
- Facility- septic contractor getting permits, funds are allocated
- No Public Outreach

5.2 Watsonville Run Report for June 2026
No questions.

6.0 **Committee Reports**

- 6.1 Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica
Vice Chair Dellamonica anticipating the will serve letter on Aug 12th or 13th. Final step in application process for reorganization with County Fire. Chair Martone working with LAFCO, County and Chief on the letter.
- 6.2 Watsonville Fire/Pajaro Valley Fire Contract Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica.
(Committee will give report in section 7.1 Continuing Business)
- 6.3 BESS Ad Hoc Committee - Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica. (Committee will give report in section 8.1 Continuing Business)

7.0 **Continuing Business**

7.1 **Pajaro Valley FPD / Watsonville FD Fire Service Agreement Update**

The Board will receive an update from Watsonville Fire/Pajaro Valley Fire Contract Ad Hoc Committee about the Pajaro Valley Fire/Watsonville City Fire Department Fire Service Agreement.

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

Vice Chair Dellamonica reported on a meeting with Watsonville City Manager and the Fire Chief to determine their requests. Vice Chair Dellamonica reviewed the contract adjustments being proposed such as dropping call volume, dropping code 2 calls, responding to Code 3 only and increasing cost to CalOES rate of \$385 or \$400. Watsonville requested \$1,250 per call. Vice Chair Dellamonica submitted a public information request and the information has been slow to arrive. BC Urbani and Vice Chair Dellamonica reviewed the calls and did not find incidents where WTS was impacted due to their response into Pajaro Valley Fire (PV). PV is getting impacted by their response to Watsonville. Another meeting is scheduled for the following day. Director Sampson asked if the District would be able to redirect funding to 3-0 staffing if the contract is not approved. Chair Martone responded that staffing will be discussed in next section.

Becky Steinbruner- asked for clarification on the date Watsonville will cancel the contract- Aug 17th

Motion: No recommended action.

Second:

Vote:

8.0 **New Business**

8.1 **BESS Ad Hoc Committee Report and Letter to California Energy Commission**

The Board will receive an update from BESS Ad Hoc Committee and review a letter from the Board and Chief Wilson to the California Energy Commission (CEC) about the Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System – Docket No. 26-OPT-02

Recommended Action: Board to receive update, review letter to CEC, have discussion, give directions to staff and/or make a motion approving letter.



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Chair Martone reported that the City of Watsonville sent a letter to the CEC requesting that WTS and Watsonville Police Department be the agency having jurisdiction over Minto Rd. PV is listed as the agency having jurisdiction, the letter states an auto aid agreement and requesting compensation for any incidents. The letter was sent to County Supervisors, without a cc to PV. Staff prepared a letter to CEC noting they were not notified. Chair Martone spoke at the Community meeting regarding the application submitted. Vice Chair Dellamonica noted there are three different files of information and information did not go through the District.

Nina Audino- member of the public- spoke on the process and the deadlines. Stated no one is late in submitting comments. Application filled with omissions and mistakes. A letter from Nina Audino was handed to staff.

Vice Chair Dellamonica asked regarding road requirements on Minto Road for widening and resurfacing.

Chief Wilson reported that the letter issued by City of Watsonville may trigger issues with Firefighter labor organizations.

Becky Steinbruner-member of the public- thanked the Board for the letter. Attended City Council when they approved the BESS letter. Spoke on the actions taken as part of the BESS ordinance by the City. Board of Supervisors approved.

Nina Audino-member of the public- spoke on the letter from City of Watsonville and the impact of BESS, and BESS testing.

Male member of the public- asked who is taking place of Supervisor Hernandez.

Female member of the public- asked regarding hydrant locations and water pressure reduction when hydrants were used.

Chair Martone stated that the BESS committee is still meeting to protect the District and information has been sent to the consultant.

Vice Chair Dellamonica confirmed that the letter will be signed this evening representing the Board and Fire Chief

Motion: Motion to sign and send the letter to the California Energy Commission by Director Sampson

Second: Director Moules

Vote: All

8.2 Capital Outlay Re-allocation

The Board will discuss re-allocating funds from the Capital Outlay fund. Discussion points will be amending of the LG-1 agreement with PVFPD and CAL FIRE to add personnel for 3-person staffing, overtime for 3-person staffing and property/asset purchase for land.

Recommended Action: Board to have discussion, give directions to staff and/or make a motion.

Vice Chair Dellamonica stated that the District is working to keep money locally. Recommendation to direct staff to draft a staff report to amend LG-1 to return 3-0 staffing through July of next year. Research a cost breakdown, and overtime pay to increase staffing once the letter is drafted since it will take up to 3 months for approval. Consider purchasing land by old Freedom Fire Station location by Freedom/Monument Lumber, to place a second fire station and staff it. This will guarantee that funds stay in PV Fire.

Chair Martone stated that this will put a fire station on the other side of a potential BESS. Upwind and easier to respond. A contract with Watsonville won't be needed and they will be able to respond to incidents.

Nina Audino- member of the public-asked for clarification on the location and wind direction be considered

Becky Steinbruner- member of the public- spoke on the location serving the District and asked if the location would allow for a ladder truck. Also asked who is doing the real estate search for the District and do constituents know the process and transparency in this transition?



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Motion: Direct staff to present a report on amending LG-1 to return to 3-0 staffing, pay OT until LG-1 is approved. And investigate property asset purchase by Vice Chair Dellamonica

Second: Director Erbe

Vote: All

8.3 CAL FIRE LG-1 Agreement Notice of Intent for Continuation of Service

The Board will discuss the letter of intent for the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District to continue services with CAL FIRE and to initiate negotiations for a new agreement before the expiration of the existing contract.

Recommended Action: Board to have discussion, review letter and make a motion approving letter.

BC Urbani presented LG-1 letter stating that the District is planning to get another contract.

Motion: Motion to approve CAL FIRE LG-1 Agreement Notice of Intent for Continue of Service by Director Sampson

Second: Director Moules

Vote: All

8.4 PG&E and California Fire Foundation Wildfire Preparedness Grant

Board to receive report from staff and review attached letter outlining total amount that will be submitted for grant

Recommended Action: Board to have discussion, review letter and make a motion approving letter and submitting of application for grant funds.

BC Urbani is preparing to apply for Wildfire Preparedness Grant. Funds are not allocated to purchase fire shelters, hand tools, weather devices, boots and tanks. The request is for \$22K. Notification of approval will be announced in a couple weeks. This opportunity is through California Fire Foundation.

Vice Chair Dellamonica noted that once approved for submittal it will go out tonight.

Motion: Motion to approve letter and apply for PG&E and California Fire Foundation Wildfire Preparedness Grant by Director Moules.

Second: Vice Chair Dellamonica

Vote: All

9.0 Correspondence

9.1 Becky Steinbruner Email June 11, 2026, LAFCO Consultant, Surplus funds and staffing.

10.0 Adjournment

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

Second: Director Erbe

All in favor: All

Time: 5:58pm



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This is to certify that for foregoing is a true copy of the discussions during the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Regular Board of Directors meeting, held on July 8th, 2026

Attest:

August 12, 2026

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Mike Urbani
Board Secretary

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Dave Martone
Board Chair

