



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

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Meeting to be held at the Pajaro Valley Fire Station

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

Any member of the public may inspect non-exempt public records related to an agenda item for an open session regular meeting at the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Fire Station at 562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076 during business hours, Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or visit the District's website www.pajarovalleyfire.com

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 agendaized 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, Deletions or Late Additions to the Consent Agenda and Regular Agenda from Staff or Members of the Board

3.0 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 a future meeting. The public should address the Board on items on the agenda during the Boards consideration of the item.

3.1 Public Oral Communication

3.2 Staff Oral Communication

3.3 Board Oral Communication



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4.0 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.

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

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

Motion: Motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Second:

All in favor:

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

5.2 Watsonville Run Report for June 2026

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

6.1 Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

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

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

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.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:



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8.0 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.

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.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

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.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

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.

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

Second:

Vote:

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.

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

Second:

Vote:

9.0 Correspondence

The Correspondence Listing is established to act as a report of materials received by the Board but may include items requested for inclusion by individual Board members. The Board of Directors has received the following items of correspondence which require no action by the Board. If the Board chooses, they may take any action deemed necessary (i.e. acknowledgement, referral, etc)

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

10.0 Adjournment



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Motion: Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.

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.

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.



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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 LGI 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

June 2026 Expenditure

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E; Chart Fields = GLKey,FundType,Object
 Fiscal Month [12] and Post On [prior-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [XP] and GL Key [683100]

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Document No	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description	Vendor No
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN									
Object: 61110 – CLOTHING & PERSONAL SUPPLIES									
2026	12	6/18/2026	3228	Expenditures	683100	61110	-1,820.50	PPE Inspt./Cleaning(WO)	V44850
Total 61110 – CLOTHING & PERSONAL SUPPLIES							-1,820.50		
Object: 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES									
2026	12	6/02/2026	PVFD052826	Expenditures	683100	61222	-286.64	Tablet/Phone(#)	V117101
2026	12	6/18/2026	25325978	Expenditures	683100	61222	-100.77	Phone (BAN)	V127809
2026	12	6/18/2026	25326540	Expenditures	683100	61222	-62.26	Phone (BAN)	V127809
2026	12	6/30/2026	PVFD062626	Expenditures	683100	61222	-286.64	Phone/Tablet()	V117101
Total 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES							-736.31		
Object: 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES									
2026	12	6/02/2026	1068653	Expenditures	683100	61425	-238.99	PPE Soap (Customer#)	V115989
2026	12	6/18/2026	49179153	Expenditures	683100	61425	-346.35	FS Supply (Acct)	V126117
2026	12	6/18/2026	69675	Expenditures	683100	61425	-54.84	LED Bulbs (Cust)	V102004
Total 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES							-640.18		
Object: 61720 – MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV									
2026	12	6/02/2026	PVFD052826	Expenditures	683100	61720	-2,930.35	1716-Wheels(#)	V117101
2026	12	6/18/2026	PVFD053126	Expenditures	683100	61720	-9.03	Fasteners (INV)	V102004
2026	12	6/30/2026	12396	Expenditures	683100	61720	-279.00	E4510 90-Day	V116886
2026	12	6/30/2026	12397	Expenditures	683100	61720	-279.00	E4511 90-Day	V116886
2026	12	6/30/2026	12398	Expenditures	683100	61720	-279.00	WT4551 90-Day	V116886
Total 61720 – MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV							-3,776.38		
Object: 61848 – MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV									
2026	12	6/26/2026	39916894	Expenditures	683100	61848	-113.00	Pest Control (Loc.	V113560
2026	12	6/26/2026	963247	Expenditures	683100	61848	-350.79	Fire Alarm Semi (Cust.)	V129086
Total 61848 – MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV							-463.79		
Object: 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES									
2026	12	6/18/2026	2134891	Expenditures	683100	61920	-104.11	EMS Supp. (Cust)	V100150
Total 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES							-104.11		
Object: 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES									
2026	12	6/02/2026	PVFD052826	Expenditures	683100	62219	-50.40	Google WS(#)	V117101
2026	12	6/30/2026	PVFD062626	Expenditures	683100	62219	-50.40	Google WS	V117101
Total 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES							-100.80		
Object: 62223 – SUPPLIES									
2026	12	6/02/2026	48878852	Expenditures	683100	62223	-187.22	Ink (Acct#)	V126117
2026	12	6/18/2026	49178928	Expenditures	683100	62223	-392.65	Ink (Acct)	V126117
2026	12	6/30/2026	PVFD062626	Expenditures	683100	62223	-186.59	Prev. Supp ()	V117101
Total 62223 – SUPPLIES							-766.46		
Object: 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER									
2026	12	6/02/2026	41497	Expenditures	683100	62381	-18,029.56	WTS Contract 4th QTR	V1728
2026	12	6/02/2026	PVFD052826	Expenditures	683100	62381	-82.99	TV (#)	V117101
2026	12	6/18/2026	66419	Expenditures	683100	62381	-864.00	Fire Plan Rvw 4/25/26-5/29/26	V121100

June 2026 Expenditure

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E); Chart Fields = GLKey,FundType,Object
 Fiscal Month [12] and Post On [@prior-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [XP] and GL Key [683100]

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Document No	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description	Vendor No
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN									
Object: 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER									
2026	12	6/18/2026	PVFD060526	Expenditures	683100	62381	-45.90	Board Minutes	V123587
2026	12	6/30/2026	PVFD062626	Expenditures	683100	62381	-82.99	TV ()	V117101
Total 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER							-19,105.44		
Object: 62420 – LEGAL NOTICES									
2026	12	6/18/2026	178277	Expenditures	683100	62420	-126.96	Public Notice (Bdgt. FY26-27)	V39593
Total 62420 – LEGAL NOTICES							-126.96		
Object: 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS									
2026	12	6/02/2026	PVFD052826	Expenditures	683100	62715	-86.63	Small Tools(#)-1,550.96 Stihl	V117101
2026	12	6/30/2026	PVFD062626	Expenditures	683100	62715	Saw ()		V117101
Total 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS							-1,637.59		
Object: 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL									
2026	12	6/02/2026	287380	Expenditures	683100	62920	-547.54	Fuel (Acct ID:)	V32806
2026	12	6/18/2026	287490	Expenditures	683100	62920	-488.54	Fuel (Acct ID)	V32806
Total 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL							-1,036.08		
Object: 63074 – UTILITIES									
2026	12	6/02/2026	PVFD05152026	Expenditures	683100	63074	-1,096.61	Gas/Elect (Acct#-0)	V129169
2026	12	6/18/2026	8923741	Expenditures	683100	63074	-368.37	Trash/Rec. (Cust ID-)	V124657
2026	12	6/26/2026	PVFD061426	Expenditures	683100	63074	-1,072.53	Gas/Elec. (Acct.-0)	V129169
Total 63074 – UTILITIES							-2,537.51		
Object: 86209 – MOBILE EQUIPMENT									
2026	12	6/18/2026	69751	Expenditures	683100	86209	-21.94	1716 Upgrades (Cust)	V102004
2026	12	6/26/2026	PVFD061926	Expenditures	683100	86209	-43.87	B1716 Upg.(Inv.)	V102004
2026	12	6/30/2026	PVFD062626	Expenditures	683100	86209	-381.42	B1716 Upg. ()	V117101
Total 86209 – MOBILE EQUIPMENT							-447.23		
Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN							-33,299.34		
							-33,299.34		

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Account Ending

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Customer Care: 1-800-521-6121**TTY:** Use Relay 711**Website:** americanexpress.com

New Balance	\$2,539.00
Minimum Payment Due	\$35.00
Payment Due Date	07/22/26

Reward Dollars

As of May 2026

611.47 For details, please see your
Reward Dollars Summary.**Account Summary**

Previous Balance	\$3,437.01
Payments/Credits	-\$3,445.97
New Charges	+\$2,547.96
Fees	+\$0.00
Interest Charged	+\$0.00

New Balance	\$2,539.00
Minimum Payment Due	\$35.00

Credit Limit	\$15,000.00
Available Credit	\$12,461.00
Cash Advance Limit	\$500.00
Available Cash	\$500.00
Days in Billing Period: 29	

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date of 07/22/26, you may have to pay a late fee of up to \$39.00 and your APRs may be increased to the Penalty APR of 29.99%.

Minimum Payment Warning: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance. For example:

If you make no additional charges and each month you pay...	You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about...	And you will pay an estimated total of...
Only the Minimum Payment Due	11 years	\$5,747
\$97	3 years	\$3,485 (Savings = \$2,262)

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 See page 2 for important information about your account. Please refer to the **IMPORTANT NOTICES** section for any changes to your Account terms and any other communications.

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Payment Due Date	07/22/26
New Balance	\$2,539.00
Minimum Payment Due	\$35.00

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Payments and Credits

Summary

	Total
Payments	-\$3,437.01
Credits	
MIKE URBANI 2-83006	-\$8.96
Total Payments and Credits	-\$3,445.97

Detail *Indicates posting date

Payments	Amount
06/06/26* MIKE URBANI PAYMENT RECEIVED - THANK YOU	-\$3,437.01
Credits	Amount
05/31/26 MIKE URBANI THE HOME DEPOT WATSONVILLE CA 800-654-0688	-\$8.96

New Charges

Summary

	Total
MIKE URBANI	\$1,589.69
PHILLIP MATTESON	\$710.82
JACE SANDSTROM	\$247.45
Total New Charges	\$2,547.96

Detail



MIKE URBANI Card
Ending

	Amount
05/30/26 B&B SMALL ENGINE william.brinkley@constell SANTA CRUZ CA	\$1,412.53
05/30/26 THE HOME DEPOT 800-654-0688 WATSONVILLE CA	\$58.76
05/31/26 HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS 875 875 800-444-3353 WATSONVILLE CA	\$54.86
06/01/26 GOOGLE*WORKSPACE PAJAROVALLEYFIRE.COM BUSINESS SERVICE CC GOOGLE.COM	\$50.40
06/13/26 HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS 875 875 800-444-3353 WATSONVILLE CA	\$13.14

Detail Continued

Amount



PHILLIP MATTESON

Amount

06/01/26	GOOGLE *YOUTUBE TV DIGITAL GOODS: APPS	G.CO/HELPPAY#	CA	\$82.99
06/07/26	PY *ALERT ALL CORP 936668013 8002537825	NEW HOLLAND	PA	\$186.59
06/10/26	VZWRLSS APOCC VISB BILL PAYMENT	800-922-0204	FL	\$150.40
06/11/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$59.35
06/11/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$60.55
06/16/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$34.70
06/19/26	SPECTRUM 0110072060126 95076	855-707-7328	MO	\$136.24



JACE SANDSTROM

Amount

06/01/26	IN *GILCO INC, 2768 93901	SALINAS	CA	\$163.88
06/26/26	B&B SMALL ENGINE william.brinkley@constell	SANTA CRUZ	CA	\$83.57

Fees

Amount

Total Fees for this Period	\$0.00
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Interest Charged

Amount

Total Interest Charged for this Period	\$0.00
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About Trailing Interest

You may see interest on your next statement even if you pay the new balance in full and on time and make no new charges. This is called "trailing interest". Trailing interest is the interest charged when, for example, you didn't pay your previous balance in full. When that happens, we charge interest from the first day of the billing period until we receive your payment in full. You can avoid paying interest on purchases by paying your balance in full and on time each month. Please see the "When we charge interest" sub-section in your Card Member Agreement for details.

2026 Fees and Interest Totals Year-to-Date

Amount

Total Fees in 2026	\$0.00
Total Interest in 2026	\$0.00



Interest Charge Calculation

Your Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual interest rate on your account.
Variable APRs will not exceed 29.99%.

	Annual Percentage Rate	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Interest Charge
Purchases	21.74% (v)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash Advances	28.74% (v)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total			\$0.00
(v) Variable Rate			



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Account Ending

Reward Dollar Summary

Total Reward Dollars as of May 2026 Billing Period Charges
\$611.47

Beginning Reward Dollar Balance	+542.55
Reward Dollars Accrued*	+68.92
Total Available Balance	+611.47

* Reward Dollars accrued this period are pending until the minimum due is paid and your account is in good standing.
Reward Summary information is one billing cycle behind the charges on this billing statement.

Reward Dollar Summary Page Removal

Effective with billing statements starting July 1, 2026, the "Reward Dollar Summary" page will no longer be included in your monthly statement. Your monthly statement will still include your total Reward Dollar summary, and you can continue to access rewards program insights in your online account at www.americanexpress.com or by calling the number on the back of your Card to speak with a customer service representative.

Base Reward Dollars

May 2026 Billing Period Charges	Qualified Spend \$	Reward Dollars
Eligible Purchases	1,133.28 @1%	11.33
Eligible Purchases	2,303.73 @2.5%	57.59
Total	3,437.01	68.92

Important Messages

Remember to pay at least the Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date, to be eligible for reward dollars and to avoid late fees.

Reward Dollars are calculated on each eligible transaction. The reward dollars shown above have been summarized for informational purposes. For specific details, please visit your online statement.

Get Reward Dollars Everywhere You Use The Card

June 2026 Revenue

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E; Chart Fields = GLKey,Object,FundType
Fiscal Month [12] and Post On [@prior-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [RV] and GL Key [683100] and Object [41322, 42030, 42380, 42381, 42384, 42450]

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Document No	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN								
Object: 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES								
2026	12	6/02/2026	DU126240	Revenues	683100	41322	1,045.00	INSPECTION 2716 FREEDOM
2026	12	6/08/2026	DU126403	Revenues	683100	41322	417.50	MAY 16-31 2026 CREDIT CARD
2026	12	6/23/2026	DU126781	Revenues	683100	41322	570.20	PLN 06/17/2026
Total 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES							2,032.70	
Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN							2,032.70	
							2,032.70	

Operating Budget FY 25-26 Year End

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 Revenues/Expenditures = R,E
 GL Key [683100] and Division [6831]

Object	GL Object Title	FY 2026			
		Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Year-To-Date Actual	Year-To-Date Variance
40100	PROPERTY TAX-CURRENT SEC-GEN	2,315,152.00	2,315,152.00	2,382,250.93	-67,098.93
40110	PROPERTY TAX-CURRENT UNSEC-GEN	49,056.00	49,056.00	42,846.39	6,209.61
40130	PROPERTY TAX-PRIOR UNSEC-GEN	2,300.00	2,300.00	4,544.12	-2,244.12
40150	SUPP PROP TAX-CURRENT SEC	20,000.00	20,000.00	36,566.68	-16,566.68
40151	SUPP PROP TAX-CURRENT UNSEC	0.00	0.00	2,101.18	-2,101.18
40160	SUPP PROP TAX-PRIOR SEC	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,811.72	-1,811.72
40161	SUPP PROP TAX-PRIOR UNSEC	0.00	0.00	1,863.19	-1,863.19
40196	FIRE PROTECTION TAX	142,006.00	142,006.00	140,528.95	1,477.05
40430	INTEREST	6,000.00	6,000.00	32,589.24	-26,589.24
40830	ST-HOMEOWNERS' PROP TAX RELIEF	10,294.00	10,294.00	10,364.00	-70.00
41322	PLAN CHECKING FEES	25,000.00	25,000.00	21,614.00	3,386.00
42030	FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
42384	OTHER REVENUE	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
42450	SLS OF FIXED ASSETS-NONTAXABLE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
42462	OPERATING TRANSFER IN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
44142	PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES	0.00	0.00	349.07	-349.07
44143	REDMPTN PNLTIES FOR DELINQ TXS	0.00	0.00	490.90	-490.90
52010	OASDI-SOCIAL SECURITY	-150.00	-150.00	-357.04	207.04
52015	PERS	-63,000.00	-63,000.00	-60,936.00	-2,064.00
54010	WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	-1,100.00	-1,100.00	-1,023.00	-77.00
61110	CLOTHING & PERSONAL SUPPLIES	-46,000.00	-46,000.00	-3,746.93	-42,253.07
61217	RADIO	-5,000.00	-5,000.00	-670.87	-4,329.13
61221	TELEPHONE-NON TELECOM 1099	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
61222	TELECOM SERVICES	-6,000.00	-6,000.00	-5,133.65	-866.35
61310	FOOD	-5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	-5,000.00
61425	OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES	-4,000.00	-4,000.00	-3,575.82	-424.18
61535	OTHER INSURANCE	-23,771.00	-23,771.00	-23,771.00	0.00
61720	MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV	-52,500.00	-52,500.00	-29,917.68	-22,582.32
61730	MAINT-OTH EQUIP-SERVICES	-8,000.00	-8,000.00	-2,996.00	-5,004.00
61848	MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV	-16,850.00	-16,850.00	-7,873.65	-8,976.35
61920	MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES	-5,000.00	-5,000.00	-3,713.35	-1,286.65
62020	MEMBERSHIPS	-2,050.00	-2,050.00	-2,050.00	0.00
62219	PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES	-1,000.00	-1,000.00	-715.92	-284.08
62221	POSTAGE	-500.00	-500.00	-69.77	-430.23

Operating Budget FY 25-26 Year End

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 Revenues/Expenditures = R,E
 GL Key [683100] and Division [6831]

Object	GL Object Title	FY 2026			
		Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Year-To-Date Actual	Year-To-Date Variance
62223	SUPPLIES	-3,600.00	-3,600.00	-3,009.84	-590.16
62301	ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FEES	-40,000.00	-40,000.00	-37,201.26	-2,798.74
62304	ATTORNEY	-3,000.00	-11,000.00	-6,291.30	-4,708.70
62327	DIRECTORS' FEES	-6,000.00	-6,000.00	-3,360.00	-2,640.00
62381	PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER	-2,620,512.00	-2,620,512.00	-2,188,545.78	-431,966.22
62415	PUBLICATION PRINTING COSTS	-2,000.00	-2,000.00	-79.02	-1,920.98
62420	LEGAL NOTICES	-1,000.00	-1,000.00	-2,350.04	1,350.04
62715	SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS	-5,600.00	-5,600.00	-3,207.45	-2,392.55
62827	ELECTION EXPENSE-OTHER	-27,000.00	-27,000.00	0.00	-27,000.00
62888	SPEC DIST EXP-SERVICES	-38,491.00	-38,491.00	-19,063.08	-19,427.92
62914	EDUCATION & TRAINING(REPT)	-10,000.00	-10,000.00	-331.35	-9,668.65
62920	GAS, OIL, FUEL	-19,000.00	-19,000.00	-11,349.40	-7,650.60
62922	LODGING	-10,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00	-2,000.00
63070	GSD-UTILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
63074	UTILITIES	-21,300.00	-21,300.00	-19,363.77	-1,936.23
74500	INTEREST-OTHER	-300.00	-300.00	0.00	-300.00
75231	CONTRIB TO OTHER AGENCIES-OTH	-3,000.00	-3,000.00	-2,805.46	-194.54
86110	BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	-157,200.00	-157,200.00	-23,722.77	-133,477.23
86209	MOBILE EQUIPMENT	-29,000.00	-29,000.00	-8,657.65	-20,342.35
90000	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	-100,000.00	-100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.00
98700	APPROP FOR CONTINGENCIES	-100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.00	-100,000.00
		-855,616.00	-855,616.00	103,031.52	-958,647.52

Tab 4.2 Capital Outlay FY 25-26 Year End

As Of = @prior-fiscal-year-end; Years = 1; Chart Fields = Division, GLKey, Object; Balances = Adopted Budget, Adjusted Budget, Year-To-Date Actual, Year-To-Date Variance;
 Revenues/Expenditures = R,E
 GL Key [683120] and Division [6831]

Object	GL Object Title	FY 2026			
		Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Year-To-Date Actual	Year-To-Date Variance
40430	INTEREST	8,000.00	8,000.00	49,761.18	-41,761.18
42462	OPERATING TRANSFER IN	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
61110	CLOTHING & PERSONAL SUPPLIES	-30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.00	-30,000.00
62715	SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS	-105,000.00	-105,000.00	0.00	-105,000.00
86110	BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	-200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.00	-200,000.00
86209	MOBILE EQUIPMENT	-1,053,907.00	-1,053,907.00	0.00	-1,053,907.00
90000	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		-1,280,907.00	-1,280,907.00	149,761.18	-1,430,668.18



Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

562 Casserly Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

Chief's Report

July 1st, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Mike Urbani, Battalion Chief

Subject: June Chief's Report

Emergency Incident Response:

- Had a fatality vehicle accident on East Lake at Casserly. Both vehicles had major damage and had patients that needed extrication. We had four engines, 4 ambulances and two air ambulances requested or at scene. We were assisted by CAL FIRE, Watsonville FD, AMR, Calstar and CHP. All did a great job and worked well together.
- We had a structure fire on Lakeview Rd on June 30th. The fire was contained to the outside of the building. E4511 was in the area returning from another call and was at scene very quick. We were assisted by CAL FIRE and Watsonville FD.

Apparatus:

- U4591 will need to have a new code 3 controller installed and is still out of service. We anticipate a few thousand dollars to repair.

Training:

- E4511 attended a county wide structure fire drill at the Ben Lomond Training Center. We participated with other agency within the county and did multiple structure fire evolutions that consisted of fire attack, search and rescue of victims.

Facilities:

- The contractor for the septic is obtaining the necessary permits needed to complete the work. There will be an increase in the contract to cover the permits. The funds allocated for this will be moved to this fiscal year.

Personnel:

- July 1st we started having all personnel assigned to the engine be certified as an EMTs. The scheduling program has been setup to make sure that only EMTs and paramedics are able to work at Pajaro Valley.

Fire Prevention/Community Outreach

- None

<u>Incident #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Dispatch Time</u>	<u>On Scene</u>	<u>Elapse Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>RA</u>
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Pajaro Valley Fire Response Times

Pajaro Valley Fire
Protection District

June 01, 2026 to June 30, 2026

Only First On-Scene Unit Shown. Cancelled Calls or UTL Not Shown.

July 02, 2026

3860	6/6/26	13:35:40	13:54:17	18:37	E4511	E LAKE AV, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
This call should be excluded, the actual on scene time was 13:43 and was not captured by ECC Dispatch.								
3904	6/8/26	10:04:41	10:22:20	17:39	E4412	MANFRE RD, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
This call should be included, E4412 was enroute to another call when dispatched incorrectly to the code 2 medical and was out of position.								
4159	6/19/26	20:17:06	20:34:45	17:39	E4677	HWY 129 / 1 MURPHY RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	VEGETATION FIRE	PV1
This call should be Excluded; Incident was found to be in the San Benito-Monterey Unit SRA.								

NEW Average Elapsed Minutes:	7:00:06	Std. Deviation	4.90
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<u>Incident #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Dispatch Time</u>	<u>On Scene</u>	<u>EIapse Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>RA</u>
 Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Pajaro Valley Fire Response Times June 01, 2026 to June 30, 2026 Only First On-Scene Unit Shown. Cancelled Calls or UTL Not Shown. July 02, 2026								
3730	6/1/26	07:15:24	07:24:06	8:42	E1774	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV7BZ
3736	6/1/26	12:25:20	12:30:45	5:25	E4412	GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV5
3747	6/1/26	22:33:32	22:37:46	4:14	E4511	CASSERLY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	LIFT ASSIST	K10A
3758	6/2/26	12:11:35	12:20:06	8:31	E4511	TREMBLEY LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV4
3777	6/3/26	11:13:28	11:24:20	10:52	E4511	LAKEN DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV5
3806	6/4/26	14:57:16	15:08:48	11:32	E4411	GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV5
3821	6/5/26	10:16:30	10:23:07	6:37	E4511	SANTA CRUZ FAIRGROUNDS @ E LAKE	MEDICAL	PV3
3838	6/5/26	17:47:08	17:56:03	8:55	E4511	121 HASTINGS LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	RESIDENTIAL ALARM	PV5
3845	6/5/26	20:16:43	20:23:16	6:33	E4411	86 BEVERLY DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
3853	6/6/26	04:35:02	04:37:55	2:53	E4412	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
3854	6/6/26	07:26:23	07:29:44	3:21	E4412	BUENA VISTA DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
3860	6/6/26	13:35:40	13:54:17	18:37	E4511	E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
3869	6/6/26	17:42:56	17:48:57	6:1	E4411	1901 E LAKE AV / 1 BEVERLY DR	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV5
3878	6/7/26	05:15:16	05:25:15	9:59	E4511	LITTLEWAY LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
3894	6/7/26	19:28:16	19:33:08	4:52	E4511	ROBERTA DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
3897	6/7/26	21:33:26	21:39:25	5:59	E4511	PANNEL CT ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
3898	6/7/26	21:53:18	22:00:53	7:35	E4511	GAFFEY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL STAGE REQ	K10A
3901	6/8/26	06:44:24	06:48:00	3:36	E4412	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
3904	6/8/26	10:04:41	10:22:20	17:39	E4412	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
3918	6/8/26	21:45:42	21:54:42	9:0	E4511	MARK AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV4
3922	6/9/26	08:17:59	08:27:11	9:12	E4411	E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
3930	6/9/26	13:44:12	13:52:39	8:27	E4511	QUINTA ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
3936	6/9/26	18:33:18	18:36:57	3:39	E4412	PAJARO CIR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
3937	6/9/26	18:54:00	19:00:27	6:27	E4511	ARROYO DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
3945	6/10/26	01:14:32	01:25:15	10:43	E4511	HWY 129 / 1 MURPHY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	PASSENGER VEH FIRE	PV1

<u>Incident #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Dispatch Time</u>	<u>On Scene</u>	<u>Elapse Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>RA</u>
3950	6/10/26	10:47:25	10:59:43	12:18	E4511	CROWN RD / 1201 RIVERSIDE RD	MEDICAL	PV1
3970	6/11/26	09:58:27	10:00:46	2:19	E4412	PAJARO LN / 61 AIRPORT BL	MEDICAL	PV7A
3984	6/11/26	18:29:40	18:34:44	5:4	E4412	499 HOLOHAN RD / 301 GREEN VALLEY RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV7A
3988	6/12/26	00:44:01	00:54:33	10:32	E1784	766 AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV4A
4005	6/12/26	18:41:47	18:48:21	6:34	E4412	MEIDL AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
4006	6/12/26	20:08:30	20:15:59	7:29	E4412	136 AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	HAZ FOR POWER LINES	PV7A
4042	6/14/26	14:49:11	15:00:06	10:55	E4511	HUGHES RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL STAGE REQ	PV3
4049	6/14/26	18:22:22	18:33:44	11:22	E4511	JOLON DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4055	6/14/26	20:49:14	20:53:55	4:41	B1716	1 CASSERLY RD / 1 HECKER PASS RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV3
4056	6/14/26	21:22:58	21:28:11	5:13	E4412	PAJARO CIR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL STAGE REQ	PV7A
4068	6/15/26	17:06:17	17:09:46	3:29	E4412	44 STEWART AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	ALARM SOUNDING	PV7A
4092	6/16/26	18:13:19	18:15:19	2:0	E49	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
4101	6/17/26	06:53:44	07:01:27	7:43	E4511	670 LAKEVIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV2
4106	6/17/26	12:22:22	12:29:02	6:40	E4411	COLLEGE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
4129	6/18/26	12:52:58	12:58:16	5:18	E4511	DIAS LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
4148	6/19/26	15:24:22	15:31:36	7:14	E4411	BEVERLY DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
4159	6/19/26	20:17:06	20:34:45	17:39	E4677	HWY 129 / 1 MURPHY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEGETATION FIRE	PV1
4161	6/19/26	20:42:29	20:42:34	0:5	WT49	400 CASSERLY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	K10A
4162	6/19/26	21:55:52	21:59:53	4:1	E4412	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
4165	6/19/26	23:57:40	00:00:26	2:46	E4412	2 MONUMENT AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	HAZ - ODOR OF GAS	PV7
4172	6/20/26	08:34:39	08:45:21	10:42	E4511	LINDEN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
4180	6/20/26	18:48:05	18:55:41	7:36	E4511	DREW LAKE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
4194	6/21/26	09:32:12	09:39:26	7:14	E4511	2350 E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	COMMERCIAL ALARM	PV3
4197	6/21/26	11:13:42	11:18:06	4:24	E4511	DIAS LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV3
4198	6/21/26	12:37:23	12:44:02	6:39	E4511	365 CARLTON RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV1A
4203	6/21/26	14:47:20	14:49:57	2:37	E4412	GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV5
4204	6/21/26	14:49:10	14:55:49	6:39	B1716	435 LAKEVIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV2A
4208	6/21/26	18:26:13	18:28:54	2:41	E3517	AIRPORT BL / 125 PAJARO LN	MEDICAL	PV7A
4213	6/21/26	19:26:48	19:33:47	6:59	E4411	E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
4215	6/21/26	22:27:30	22:40:43	13:13	E4511	CUTTER DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	LIFT ASSIST	PV2A
4219	6/22/26	07:31:03	07:41:51	10:48	E1784	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
4247	6/23/26	08:39:58	08:47:25	7:27	E4511	HECKER PASS RD / 7999 HWY 152	MEDICAL	K12B

<u>Incident #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Dispatch Time</u>	<u>On Scene</u>	<u>Elapse Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>RA</u>
4268	6/23/26	22:14:14	22:18:13	3:59	E4412	1 VALDEZ LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV7
4277	6/24/26	08:45:56	08:52:11	6:15	E4412	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
4278	6/24/26	09:51:37	10:05:00	13:23	CNTE69	MT MADONNA INN @ 1285 HECKER PASS RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	K12B
4298	6/25/26	02:20:19	02:30:50	10:31	E4511	COWLES RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
4300	6/25/26	06:44:49	06:56:22	11:33	E4511	COWLES RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	LIFT ASSIST	PV7A
4310	6/25/26	13:36:18	13:42:38	6:20	E1774	VARNI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV4A
4311	6/25/26	14:36:41	14:41:10	4:29	E4511	RIVERSIDE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1A
4323	6/26/26	08:10:49	08:23:23	12:34	E4511	TRAVERS LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	K10
4327	6/26/26	12:53:29	12:59:17	5:48	E4511	PINTO LAKE MOBILE ESTATES @ GREEN	LIFT ASSIST	PV4
4335	6/26/26	16:19:40	16:31:02	11:22	E4511	CUTTER DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	PUBLIC ASSIST	PV2A
4337	6/26/26	17:28:52	17:35:44	6:52	E4511	E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV3
4342	6/26/26	20:31:00	20:38:00	7:0	E4511	301 GREEN VALLEY RD / 1 AIRPORT BL	VEGETATION FIRE	PV7A
4362	6/27/26	15:33:36	15:38:07	4:31	E4511	E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
4363	6/27/26	15:47:51	15:52:32	4:41	E4511	401 CARLTON RD / 1 KERR RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV1A
4372	6/27/26	22:09:37	22:11:37	2:0	E4412	1 AIRPORT BL / 301 GREEN VALLEY RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV7A
4381	6/28/26	07:38:55	07:45:28	6:33	E4511	TREMBLEY LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4382	6/28/26	07:44:42	07:48:59	4:17	E4412	HI GRADE LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
4383	6/28/26	08:04:11	08:06:50	2:39	E4511	COWLES RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
4402	6/28/26	22:51:31	23:01:14	9:43	E4511	COWLES RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
4417	6/29/26	16:38:30	16:41:56	3:26	E1774	RIVERSIDE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1A
4419	6/29/26	16:00:07	16:03:40	3:33	E4511	275 LAKEVIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	RESIDENTIAL STRUC	PV2A
4424	6/29/26	20:18:02	20:22:08	4:6	E4412	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
4441	6/30/26	17:53:37	18:05:40	12:3	E4511	DUTCHMAN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4443	6/30/26	18:09:46	18:17:16	7:30	E4412	MINTO RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
4446	6/30/26	19:40:26	19:44:26	4:0	E4412	NORTH DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL STAGE REQ	PV7

Average Elapsed Minutes: **7:11**

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Watsonville Fire Dept.
June 2026 PV Fire Incidents



Dispatch Alarm Date Time	Incident #	Type of Call	Incident Location Address	In Service
6/1/2026 12:24	PAJ2600000500	NAUSEA_VOMITING	GREEN VALLEY Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/1/2026 12:53
6/3/2026 20:23	PAJ2600000504	UNKNOWN_PROBLEM	1922 East LAKE Avenue PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/3/2026 20:36
6/4/2026 14:54	PAJ2600000506	CONVULSIONS_SEIZURES	GREEN VALLEY Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/4/2026 15:32
6/5/2026 20:14	PAJ2600000511	UNKNOWN_PROBLEM	86 BEVERLY Drive PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/5/2026 20:25
6/5/2026 1:06	PAJ2600000507	CANCELLED	369 BRIARWOOD Drive PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/5/2026 1:15
6/6/2026 17:40	PAJ2600000516	MOTOR_VEHICLE_COLLISION	East LAKE AVE / BEVERLY Drive PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/6/2026 18:07
6/8/2026 10:04	PAJ2600000525	SICK_CASE	MANFRE Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/8/2026 10:28
6/8/2026 9:59	PAJ2600000524	CANCELLED	33 MINTO Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/8/2026 10:04
6/8/2026 6:42	PAJ2600000523	CHEST_PAIN_NON_TRAUMA	FREEDOM Boulevard PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	6/8/2026 6:58
6/9/2026 8:17	PAJ2600000527	ABDOMINAL_PAIN	East LAKE Avenue PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/9/2026 8:31
6/9/2026 18:32	PAJ2600000529	NO_APPROPRIATE_CHOICE	187 PAJARO Circle PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	6/9/2026 18:56
6/11/2026 9:56	PAJ2600000534	NO_APPROPRIATE_CHOICE	PAJARO LN / AIRPORT Boulevard PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	6/11/2026 10:16
6/11/2026 18:28	PAJ2600000536	MOTOR_VEHICLE_COLLISION	HOLOHAN RD / GREEN VALLEY Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/11/2026 18:39
6/12/2026 18:41	PAJ2600000538	SICK_CASE	MEIDL Avenue PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/12/2026 19:01
6/12/2026 20:06	PAJ2600000539	DAMAGED_HYDRANT	136 AMESTI Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	
6/14/2026 18:01	PAJ2600000544	OTHER_OUTSIDE_FIRE	GREEN VALLEY RD / THICKET Lane PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	6/14/2026 19:29
6/14/2026 21:21	PAJ2600000547	OTHER_OUTSIDE_FIRE	183 PAJARO Circle PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	
6/15/2026 17:03	PAJ2600000548	FIRE_ALARM	44 STEWART Avenue PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	6/15/2026 17:13
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6/27/2026 22:06	PAJ2600000590	MOTOR_VEHICLE_COLLISION	AIRPORT BL / GREEN VALLEY Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/27/2026 22:18
6/27/2026 15:31	PAJ2600000587	CANCELLED	1922 East LAKE Avenue PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/27/2026 15:33
6/28/2026 22:45	PAJ2600000594	CANCELLED	101 COWLES Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/28/2026 22:49
6/28/2026 8:01	PAJ2600000593	CANCELLED	101 COWLES Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	
6/28/2026 7:43	PAJ2600000592	BACK_PAIN_NON_TRAUMA	HI GRADE Lane PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	6/28/2026 8:05
6/29/2026 20:16	PAJ2600000599	UNKNOWN_PROBLEM	2265 FREEDOM Boulevard PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	
6/29/2026 15:59	PAJ2600000597	STRUCTURAL_INVOLVEMENT_FIRE	LAKEVIEW RD / KINGSTON Drive PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	6/29/2026 16:53
6/30/2026 18:08	PAJ2600000601	BREATHING_PROBLEMS	MINTO Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	
6/30/2026 19:36	PAJ2600000602	UNKNOWN_PROBLEM	121 NORTH Drive PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	6/30/2026 20:17



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July 8, 2026

California Energy Commission (CEC)
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Comments Regarding Proposed
Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Docket No. 26-OPT-02**

California Energy Commission,

We are writing in our capacity as the Board of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District (PVFPD) and Fire Chief regarding the BESS project proposed at 90 Minto Road in unincorporated Santa Cruz County (CEC Docket 26-OPT-02).

After reviewing New Leaf Energy's application, we noted that the Watsonville Fire Department (WFD) is listed as the primary responding fire agency. This is incorrect. While PVFPD currently contracts with WFD for response coverage due to proximity, that contract expires in mid-August 2026 and will either be terminated or replaced with an Emergency Medical response agreement. Additionally, contrary to statements made in the letter submitted by the City of Watsonville, there are no auto-aid agreements in place between WFD and PVFPD.

Under SB 283, applicants must formally certify that they have "met and conferred" with the local fire authority at least 30 days prior to submitting their application. PVFPD is the local fire authority for the proposed location. No representatives from New Leaf Energy have met or conferred with PVFPD, nor have they initiated any communication with our Fire Marshal's Office or Board, in the 30-day period leading up to the submission of their application.

PVFPD has been working diligently to prepare for any potential BESS development in our jurisdiction over the past year, with the establishment of an Ad hoc BESS Working Group. Working with Fire Agencies from across the state, leading experts in the field and community groups, to better understand the wide range of impacts this type of facility may have on our district.



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Specifically, but not limited to the following topics:

- **BESS Preparedness** - To support PVFPD's long-term emergency readiness for future BESS projects, we are under contract with a qualified expert firm to ensure comprehensive planning and sustained operational safety. This includes integrated emergency response planning, detailed hazard assessments, development of emergency action procedures, and ongoing operational safety requirements, along with the financial commitments necessary to maintain these capabilities over the life of the project.
- **Code Adoption** - Our Fire Marshal's Office is actively collaborating with industry experts to adopt and enforce the most current and applicable standards governing BESS facilities. This effort includes alignment with the California Fire Code, particularly its evolving provisions for energy storage installations, and full integration of NFPA 855: Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems. By incorporating these nationally recognized safety frameworks, we ensure that all future BESS projects meet rigorous, up-to-date requirements for fire protection, system design, hazard mitigation, and operational safety.
- **Infrastructure planning** - We are actively evaluating the development of a second PVFPD facility strategically located to enhance service delivery across the Pajaro Valley community, including the proposed project area. This planning effort focuses on improving emergency response times, expanding operational coverage, and strengthening our ability to protect high-risk zones. A second facility would also allow for the strategic positioning of specialized equipment, advanced suppression resources, and BESS-specific response capabilities, ensuring that PVFPD can meet the evolving needs of the community and mitigate impacts associated with future growth and emerging technologies.

Given these facts, the application's characterization of WFD as the primary fire authority appears to be a significant oversight. We respectfully request that the Commission correct the record and ensure that PVFPD is recognized as the local fire authority for all compliance, consultation, and safety-related requirements under SB 283.



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We look forward to your response and to establishing the appropriate communication pathway with New Leaf Energy.

Respectfully,

Board Chair Dave Martone

Board Vice Chair Jake Dellamonica

Director Robert Erbe

Director Ashley Moules

Director John Sampson

Fire Chief Jed Wilson

CC: City of Watsonville, City Council
Tamara Vides, City Manager
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
Nicole Coburn, Santa Cruz County Executive Officer
Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System
New Leaf Energy, Inc.
CAL FIRE Fighters L2881
Watsonville Firefighter L1272

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Project Title:	Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System
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**City of Watsonville Comments Regarding Proposed Seahawk
Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Docket No. 26-OPT-02**

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



Office of the City Council

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June 23, 2026

California Energy Commission (CEC)
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: City of Watsonville Comments Regarding Proposed Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Docket No. 26-OPT-02

Dear Commissioners:

The City Council of Watsonville respectfully submits the following comments regarding the proposed Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project and the applicant's election to utilize the California Energy Commission's Opt-In Certification Program pursuant to Assembly Bill 205.

Although the proposed facility is located within unincorporated Santa Cruz County, immediately adjacent to the City of Watsonville, the project will directly affect Watsonville residents, public safety personnel, and municipal resources. Due to geographic proximity, established automatic aid and mutual aid agreements, and emergency response travel times, the City of Watsonville Fire Department is expected to serve as the primary first-response agency in the event of a fire, thermal runaway event, hazardous materials release, or other emergency associated with the facility.

Accordingly, the City of Watsonville requests that the California Energy Commission formally recognize the City as an impacted jurisdiction for purposes of evaluating project impacts, determining net positive economic benefits, developing community benefits commitments, and establishing reimbursement and mitigation requirements associated with project review, construction, operation, emergency response, and eventual decommissioning.

The City further requests that the Commission ensure the project satisfies the requirements of Public Resources Code sections 25545.9 and 25545.10 in a manner that fully accounts for impacts borne by Watsonville residents and municipal services. Any determination that the project provides a net positive economic benefit should include consideration of the direct and indirect costs imposed upon the City, including emergency preparedness, personnel training, equipment acquisition, inspection responsibilities, and long-term public safety obligations.

Likewise, because the City of Watsonville and its residents will experience project-related

impacts and provide critical public services supporting the facility, the City requests participation in the negotiation and development of any Community Benefits Agreement associated with the project. Community benefits should be structured to provide meaningful and measurable benefits to Watsonville residents and should not be limited solely to the jurisdiction in which the project is physically located.

The City further notes that Senate Bill 283 reflects the Legislature's intent that local fire authorities be actively engaged in the planning, design, risk assessment, emergency preparedness, and operational oversight of battery energy storage facilities. The Watsonville Fire Department must therefore be included in all consultations regarding emergency response planning, hazard assessments, emergency action procedures, and ongoing operational safety requirements.

To protect public safety and ensure that project-related costs are not shifted to local taxpayers, the City requests that the Commission require, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures and financial commitments:

- **Equipment and Apparatus Upgrades.** Direct funding for specialized battery energy storage emergency response equipment, including thermal imaging systems, gas monitoring equipment, hazardous materials monitoring devices, communications equipment, and high-capacity water delivery and exposure protection systems.
- **Initial and Ongoing Firefighter Training.** Funding for technician-level and recurring training regarding lithium-ion battery hazards, thermal runaway events, hazardous off-gassing, incident command considerations, and facility-specific emergency response procedures for all applicable personnel throughout the operational life of the project.
- **Plan Review, Inspection, and Compliance Monitoring.** Reimbursement for all staff, consultant, inspection, and administrative costs associated with project review, emergency planning, operational oversight, safety inspections, drills, and regulatory compliance activities.
- **Real-Time Emergency Information Access.** Direct access for emergency responders to facility telemetry, alarm notifications, Battery Management System information, emergency shutdown procedures, site maps, and other information necessary to support rapid and informed emergency response.
- **Binding Cost-Recovery Mechanism.** A legally enforceable agreement requiring full reimbursement of all costs incurred by the City in responding to any incident associated with the facility, including personnel costs, overtime, apparatus deployment, mutual aid expenses, equipment replacement, environmental monitoring, and post-incident recovery activities.
- **Long-Term Public Safety Funding.** Establishment of an ongoing funding mechanism to support recurring training, preparedness exercises, equipment replacement, and emergency readiness throughout the life of the project.
- **Decommissioning and Financial Assurance.** Adequate financial security to ensure that future

decommissioning, site restoration, hazardous material management, and any related public safety costs are borne by the project owner and not by local taxpayers.

In addition to public safety-related commitments, the City requests that any Community Benefits Agreement include meaningful benefits for Watsonville residents. Potential benefits may include workforce development programs, local hiring commitments, educational partnerships, park and recreation improvements, infrastructure investments, environmental enhancement projects, community grant programs, emergency preparedness initiatives, and other investments that provide direct and lasting value to the surrounding community.

The City of Watsonville supports California's clean energy objectives and recognizes the important role that energy storage can play in achieving statewide reliability and climate goals. However, those objectives must be balanced with the responsibility to protect public safety and ensure that local communities and first responders are not required to absorb disproportionate risks or costs associated with state-certified infrastructure projects.

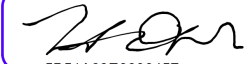
For these reasons, the City respectfully requests that the California Energy Commission formally include Watsonville in all relevant project consultations, Community Benefits Agreement discussions, reimbursement determinations, emergency response planning efforts, and evaluations of net positive economic benefits associated with the Seahawk BESS project.

The City further requests that no final certification of the Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System be issued until all Community Benefits Agreement provisions, public safety mitigation measures, reimbursement mechanisms, emergency response commitments, and financial assurances have been fully negotiated, memorialized in legally enforceable agreements, and made available for public review. Given the City's role as a primary emergency response agency and the direct impacts on Watsonville residents, these commitments are essential to demonstrating compliance with the requirements of Assembly Bill 205 and ensuring that the project provides a genuine net positive benefit to affected communities.

The City respectfully requests that the Commission apply standards that are substantially equivalent to or more protective than the requirements contained in the County's draft battery energy storage ordinance when evaluating and conditioning approval of the project.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

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Watsonville City Council

CC: Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
Nicole Coburn, Santa Cruz County Executive Officer



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July 8, 2026

Jed Wilson, Unit Chief
6059 Highway 9
Felton, CA 95018

Re: CAL FIRE LG-1 Cooperative Fire Protection Reimbursement Agreement
Contract Number: 1CA07736 ("**Agreement**") Notice of Intent for
Continuation of Services.

Dear Chief Wilson,

Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District ("**Local Agency**") and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ("**CAL FIRE**") entered into the Agreement for fiscal year 2026-2027

This letter serves as Notice of Intent for Continuation of Services under Exhibit C, Section 4 Item A of the CAL FIRE LG-1 Cooperative Fire Protection Reimbursement Agreement.

The Agreement states in Exhibit C - General Terms and Conditions; Section 4; Item A of the Agreement that Local Agency is to provide written notice to CAL FIRE of its intent to extend or enter into a new agreement with CAL FIRE for fire protection services one year prior to the expiration of the Agreement.

Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District intends to continue services with CAL FIRE. Initiation of negotiations for a new agreement will begin before the expiration of the existing contract June 30, 2027.

Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District
Dave Martone - Board Chair

July 8, 2026



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July 8th, 2026

California Fire Foundation
Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program

RE: Authorization Letter

The Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District is applying for grant funding through the California Fire Foundation's Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program, funded by PG&E and the PG&E Corporation Foundation, in the **amount of \$_____** to support the purchase of wildland fire personal protective equipment and tools used for the suppression of wildland fires.

The Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District supports the submission of this grant application and, if awarded, intends to administer the grant funds for the purposes described in the application.

Should the grant be awarded, acceptance of the grant award and associated unanticipated revenue will be processed in accordance with Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District requirements and presented to the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors for formal acceptance by resolution.

This letter is provided in support of the grant application and confirms the District's intent to pursue the necessary approvals to receive and administer the grant funds if awarded.

Sincerely,

Dave Martone
Board Chair
Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District



Contact: PG&E Communications | 415-973-5930
California Fire Foundation | DeeDee Garcia | dgarcia@cpf.org

June 8, 2026

Applications Now Open for PG&E and California Fire Foundation Wildfire Preparedness Grants

More than \$1 million in grants, public education, and outreach funded in 2026; Applications Accepted June 8 through July 8

OAKLAND, Calif. — With peak wildfire season approaching across Northern and Central California, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and the California Fire Foundation (CFF) are calling for grant applications that support wildfire safety, prevention and emergency preparedness. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on July 8, 2026, through the [CFF website](#). Award notification will begin August 10, 2026.

The grant program continues a nine-year partnership between PG&E and CFF. PG&E and The PG&E Corporation Foundation (PG&E Foundation) are providing a total of \$1.8 million to CFF's Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program (WSPP). The program continues to drive public awareness about wildfire safety and deliver resources to underserved communities in high fire-risk areas.

Last year, as part of the WSPP, PG&E and CFF awarded 63 local fire departments and community groups \$950,000 in funding in competitive grants. This year funding has been increased to \$1 million in grant awards.

In 2025, grants supported:

- Purchasing approximately 1,500 pieces of personal protective equipment including helmets, boots, gloves, goggles and fire shelters
- Removing over 33 million square feet of hazardous tree and brush
- Chipping and hauling of 3 million pounds of tree limbs, branches and other combustibles
- Conducting 49 prescribed fires or pile burns for forest management

A full report and video summary on the 2025 WSPP is available by visiting the [CFF website](#).

"Preparedness plays a critical role in protecting California communities from the growing threat of wildfire," said Angie Carmignani, Executive Director of the California Fire Foundation. "The Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program helps strengthen local wildfire prevention and preparedness efforts by supporting fire agencies with much needed grants for specialized firefighting equipment, vegetation management and fuels reduction efforts, and obtaining personal protection equipment. CFF's continued partnership with PG&E since 2018 has been important in ensuring resources are there for agencies that need them and that our communities stay informed, prepared and resilient all year round."

Since 2018, CFF, which administers and manages the program, has awarded 431 grants to fire departments and community organizations statewide, focusing its efforts in PG&E's service area

of Northern and Central California. Funding targets communities identified as having extreme or elevated fire risk as identified by the California Public Utilities Commission.

“For nine years, PG&E has joined with the California Fire Foundation to support the Wildfire Safety and Preparedness Program,” said Andy Abranches, PG&E Vice President of Wildfire Mitigation. “These grants, which provide essential safety equipment and fund projects that reduce the risk of uncontrolled wildfires, reflect our joint, long-term commitment to successfully keeping our hometowns safe.”

How the Grants Help Communities

From 2018 to the present, PG&E and the PG&E Foundation have provided \$12.25 million in total support for fire safety awareness through the WSPP. The charitable contributions are paid by PG&E shareholders, not PG&E customers.

Since 2018, WSPP has funded:

- Specialized fire equipment and personal protective equipment
- Defensible space and vegetation management efforts
- Fuel/hazard reduction programs
- Fire prevention and emergency preparedness education, including senior citizen wildfire preparedness programs
- Partnerships with community groups in high fire-risk areas to distribute fire-safety information
- Fire safety outreach campaigns, including 12,000 multi-lingual brochures targeting under-resourced communities in English, Spanish, Chinese, Hmong, and Vietnamese

The program develops and distributes in-language fire-safety messaging targeting Spanish, Chinese, Hmong, and Vietnamese communities. These efforts include a comprehensive media campaign consisting of outdoor billboards and in-language television, radio, and digital ads.

The California Fire Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, aids firefighters, their families, and the communities they protect. CFF’s [Firefighters on Your Side](#) program, also supported by PG&E, provides multi-lingual, culturally relevant fire safety messaging in both digital and print forms to assist the public in staying safe.

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mandate includes an array of survivor and victim assistance projects and community initiatives.
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Correspondence to Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors re: \$1.4 Million Surplus and Staffing Levels

From Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

Date Thu 6/11/2026 11:16 AM

To Urbani, Mike@CALFIRE <Mike.Urbani@fire.ca.gov>; Dave Martone <dave.martone@pajarovalleyfire.com>

Cc Wilson, Jed@CALFIRE <Jed.Wilson@fire.ca.gov>; Ph.D Supervisor Justin Cummings <third.district@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Second District <second.district@santacruzcountyca.gov>

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Dear Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors,
I was shocked to hear Chair Martone declare during the June 10 meeting that he and Vice-Chair Dellamonica had rejected LAFCO's offer to hire an independent consultant to review the merger of your District with Santa Cruz County Fire Department. Hiring a consultant was recommended by the Commissioners at their June 3 meeting and review of the Countywide Fire Sphere and Service Report.

It is evident that your Board is intent upon dissolving the District, despite clear resistance voiced by several residents at the May 23 and May 26 Town Hall meetings to discuss the merger with Santa Cruz County Fire Dept..

Therefore, I request that your Board consider an item on the July agenda to amend the 2026-2027 CalFire Contract to provide 3-0 staffing. The District's 2026-2027 Budget identifies \$1,436,907 rolling revenue surplus that can be applied to the increased staffing. (page 88 of June 10 agenda packet: https://www.pajarovalleyfire.com/wp-content/uploads/PV-Board-Meeting-Packet-6-10-26_Amended.pdf)

What is the wisdom of amassing \$1.4 Million in cash reserves from your District's taxpayers to simply hand over to Santa Cruz County Fire, when your residents could receive an improved level of service in the year the District remains independent? LAFCO'S Timeline indicates the District's dissolution and reorganization process will be complete by February, 2027. <https://santacruzlafco.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/PVFPD-Reorg-Timeline-as-of-5-13-26.pdf>

Shouldn't your Board allocate monies to provide the best level of service to the District's residents now, rather than sit on the money to favor the Santa Cruz County Fire coffers? What assurance does your Board have that Santa Cruz County Fire would implement the \$1.4 Million surplus for the benefit of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District residents?

Please respond. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becky Steinbruner

Follow Up with Log of Unclear References to Designated Primary Responder and Firefighting Water Supply in BESS Docket 26-OPT-02

From Nina Audino <gregeninahome@hotmail.com>

Date Tue 7/7/2026 12:34 PM

To Urbani, Mike@CALFIRE <Mike.Urbani@fire.ca.gov>; Dave Martone <dave.martone@pajarovalleyfire.com>

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Designated Primary Responder and Firefighting Water Supply Discrepancies BESS Docket 26-OPT-02.docx;

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Dear Chief Urbani,

I'm following up with the unclear and possibly conflicting references in New Leaf Energy's submitted application materials related to designated primary responder and firefighting water supply.

I searched the three parts of the application and Appendix 3.16 (HMA and Emergency Response Plan) using the words "Watsonville," "primary," "provider" and "primary provider."

I'm pasting in the excerpts, identified by exact location in the docketed docs and page number.

Also, attaching them in an editable Word doc, for your ease of use.

I'm working on a longer log of "oversights" and "omissions" and will make this available as soon as it's done.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Respectfully,
Nina Audino
831-234-7992

Designated Primary Responder

Application Part 1 TN 270250

3.5 Hazardous Materials Handling

Fire and Explosion Hazards

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"For emergency spills, hazardous materials, and fire-related incidents, Watsonville Fire Station 2 would first be called. For additional assistance, the closest fire station is the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Station 45, located at 562 Casserly Road, which is approximately 4 miles away from the project site."

Application Part 3 TN 270249

3.16 Wildfire

3.16.1.9 Emergency Response and Fire Protection

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The project site is on LRA [Local Responsibility Area] lands, where the local agency is responsible for fire suppression and emergency response. **The Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District (PVFPD) is the primary provider of emergency services to the project site.** However, PVFPD's 2024–2025 Engineer's Report notes that the Watsonville Contract Boundary extends into the PVFPD service boundary, and would also serve the project site (PVFPD 2021, 2023). The nearest fire station is Watsonville Fire Station 2,

approximately 2.6 miles from the project site and next to the Watsonville Municipal Airport. The next closest fire responders would come from Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Station 45, approximately 4.2 miles from the project site and northeast toward the mountains. These existing stations were analyzed herein due to their proximity to the project site.

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It is assumed that the project would be classified as "Rural," with a 14-minute first-in fire engine response time. Watsonville Fire Department Station 2 would provide an initial response as the closest existing fire station. Total response time, including call and turnout time, from Watsonville Fire Department Station 2 is calculated at roughly 6 minutes and 44 seconds to the entrance of the BESS facility.

3.17 Worker Health and Safety.

3.17.2.4 Fire Protection

Hazard Mitigation Analysis (HMA) and Emergency Response Plan

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The project site falls under Local Responsibility Area lands, with fire protection primarily provided by the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District. Due to overlapping service boundaries, Watsonville Fire Station 2—located 2.6 miles away—is expected to be the first responder, with an estimated travel time of approximately 5 minutes (PVFPD 2021, 2023). Pajaro Valley Station 45, 4.2 miles away, is the next closest. Response times were estimated using NFPA and ISO standards. The County of Santa Cruz does not have formal response time requirements. For more information regarding response times, refer to Section 3.16, Wildfire.

3.17.2.4.1 PVFPD Requirements

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In conjunction with the Santa Cruz County Fire Marshals office, the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District would provide fire protection planning services for the BESS. Ordinance No. 2025-15 of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Fire Code adopts the 2025 edition of the CFC, which governs plan review, inspections, and permitting under state-adopted regulations (PVFPD 2025).

According to Senate Bill 283, the Clean Energy Safety Act of 2025, the BESS would be required to work with the local fire department for reviews and inspections throughout construction and operations of the facility. If the local fire department chooses not to oversee the project, a safety inspection must be completed by the State Fire Marshal prior to commencement of the facility's operations.

3.17-6 Table. Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Standards

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LORS, LOCAL: Santa Cruz County and Watsonville City Land Use Ordinances and Fire Code Amendments for BESS

APPLICABILITY:

Addresses construction (site layout), operation (local fire and safety) and decommissioning (site restoration).

ADMINISTERING AGENCY: **PVFPD**, Santa Cruz County Planning Department

PROJECT CONFORMITY:

Project meets local zoning use permits for BESS, local fire-prevention plan review, setbacks, site access, and decommissioning, consistent with County and city requirements.

p. 201-202

Watsonville Fire Department named as Administering Agency for NFPA 855, 850, 72, 70, 69, 68, 24, 22 ???

Appendices Section 3.16 TN 270272

3.16B HMA

4.1.4 Fire Department Access

Watsonville Fire Station No. 2 is the closest fire department to the Seahawk BESS and is approximately 2 miles away from the BESS installation.

Firefighting Water Supply

Application Part 1 TN 270250

Project Description

2.4.9 Construction Water Use

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On-site water would connect to the **City of Watsonville's water system for fire suppression purposes to accommodate a 2,000-gallon-per-minute flow rate**. The site would include **two on-site fire hydrants** that would connect to a new water line installed from the project site within Minto Road for a distance of approximately 1,000 feet (Figure 2-1). The new line would connect to the City of

Watsonville's water system at the intersection of Minto Road and Meidl Avenue. The new water line would be installed within the Minto Road pavement and/or ROW.

Application Part 3 TN 270249

3.16 Wildfire

3.16.1.9 Emergency Response and Fire Protection

Utilities

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The project would provide on-site water for firefighting purposes by connecting to the water main that serves Minto Road and would be designed to meet the CFC requirements for fire flow rates for providing a water supply for firefighting purposes. This water supply is intended to provide a readily available source of water for emergency responders to extinguish fires in the vegetation surrounding the BESS facility or to extinguish a fire in ancillary equipment or vehicles. As identified in the Emergency Response Plan prepared for the project, on-site water for firefighting is not to be used to extinguish a fire in a BESS container or in energized equipment (Appendix 3.16C).

3.17 Worker Health and Safety

3.17.2.3.2 Operations Health and Safety Program

On-Site Fire Protection Systems and Management

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The City of Watsonville completed a study to evaluate the feasibility of connecting the project to its municipal water system for fire suppression. The study found that the local fire department confirmed that 2,000 gallons per minute would be required. The BESS project would connect to the City of Watsonville's water system and is **planning on using the two fire hydrants that are currently on site** (see Figure 2-1, Project Site Plan).

3.17.2.4 Fire Protection

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Two fire hydrants would be located on site that would be connected to the City of Watsonville's water supply. The project's water supply would meet CFC requirements and is intended for extinguishing vegetation, vehicle, or ancillary equipment fires. On-site water for firefighting would not be used to extinguish a fire located within a BESS container or in energized equipment. In the unlikely event of a fire within a BESS container or in energized equipment, water would be used for cooling the adjacent BESS containers, provide asset protection and prevent fire from spreading outside of the affected equipment.

Hydrants would be spaced approximately 300 feet apart throughout the BESS facility.

Fire Water Storage and Flow Rates

The PVFPD has requested the project have two fire hydrants, each with a flow of 1,000 gallons per minute. The project's water supply would connect to the City of Watsonville's existing water distribution system, including piping upgrades, to provide service to two on-site fire hydrants.

Draft of PVFPD Letter to the CEC Docket 26-OPT-02 RE: Inaccuracies in First Responder Designation in New Leaf Energy's Submitted Materials

From Nina Audino <gregeninahome@hotmail.com>

Date Mon 7/6/2026 10:23 AM

To Urbani, Mike@CALFIRE <Mike.Urbani@fire.ca.gov>; Dave Martone <dave.martone@pajarovalleyfire.com>

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PVFPD CEC Comment Letter RE First Responder Status July 8 2026.pdf;

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Dear Chief Urbani,

Thank you so much for your time in meeting with me this last Saturday.

Per your suggestion, I have reviewed the PVFPD's draft letter to the CEC Opt-in Certification Program regarding inaccurate statements made in New Leaf Energy's application materials regarding the primary responding fire agency in the event of a fire incident at the proposed BESS at 90 Minto Road.

Thank you for the excellent letter.

I respectfully suggest that the best choice of recipient for the letter is the assigned Lead CEQA/Compliance Project Manager.

I've copied our legal team's entire address heading in their first comment letter as a template for your convenience here:

July 1, 2026

Eric Veerkamp
Project Manager
California Energy Commission
715 P Street, MS-40
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System; Docket 26-OPT-02; County Code/Measure
J/Agricultural Impacts Comments

Dear Mr. Veerkamp:

Also, I think you already know this, but just in case:

As the designated local fire authority, you would submit using the CEC E-Filing option (different from the E-Comment for public comment).

As we agreed, I will send you a list later today of unclear statements in New Leaf Energy's submitted materials regarding 1) the designated first responding fire agency and 2) firefighting water supply with exact in-text locations for excerpts.

There are quite a few other "oversights" and omissions regarding fire response, especially as related to a thermal runaway incident, in the application materials.

I am preparing a list of these as well and will share it with you as soon as it is complete.

Thank you for your service to our community.

Respectfully,
Nina Audino



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July 8, 2026

California Energy Commission (CEC)
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Comments Regarding Proposed
Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Docket No. 26-OPT-02**

California Energy Commission,

We are writing in our capacity as the Board of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District (PVFPD) and Fire Chief regarding the BESS project proposed at 90 Minto Road in unincorporated Santa Cruz County (CEC Docket 26-OPT-02).

After reviewing New Leaf Energy's application, we noted that the Watsonville Fire Department (WFD) is listed as the primary responding fire agency. This is incorrect. While PVFPD currently contracts with WFD for response coverage due to proximity, that contract expires in mid-August 2026 and will either be terminated or replaced with an Emergency Medical response agreement. Additionally, contrary to statements made in the letter submitted by the City of Watsonville, there are no auto-aid agreements in place between WFD and PVFPD.

Under SB 283, applicants must formally certify that they have “met and conferred” with the local fire authority at least 30 days prior to submitting their application. PVFPD is the local fire authority for the proposed location. No representatives from New Leaf Energy have met or conferred with PVFPD, nor have they initiated any communication with our Fire Marshal's Office or Board, in the 30-day period leading up to the submission of their application.

PVFPD has been working diligently to prepare for any potential BESS development in our jurisdiction over the past year, with the establishment of an Ad hoc BESS Working Group. Working with Fire Agencies from across the state, leading experts in the field and community groups, to better understand the wide range of impacts this type of facility may have on our district.



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Specifically, but not limited to the following topics:

- **BESS Preparedness** - To support PVFPD's long-term emergency readiness for future BESS projects, we are under contract with a qualified expert firm to ensure comprehensive planning and sustained operational safety. This includes integrated emergency response planning, detailed hazard assessments, development of emergency action procedures, and ongoing operational safety requirements, along with the financial commitments necessary to maintain these capabilities over the life of the project.
- **Code Adoption** - Our Fire Marshal's Office is actively collaborating with industry experts to adopt and enforce the most current and applicable standards governing BESS facilities. This effort includes alignment with the California Fire Code, particularly its evolving provisions for energy storage installations, and full integration of NFPA 855: Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems. By incorporating these nationally recognized safety frameworks, we ensure that all future BESS projects meet rigorous, up-to-date requirements for fire protection, system design, hazard mitigation, and operational safety.
- **Infrastructure planning** - We are actively evaluating the development of a second PVFPD facility strategically located to enhance service delivery across the Pajaro Valley community, including the proposed project area. This planning effort focuses on improving emergency response times, expanding operational coverage, and strengthening our ability to protect high-risk zones. A second facility would also allow for the strategic positioning of specialized equipment, advanced suppression resources, and BESS-specific response capabilities, ensuring that PVFPD can meet the evolving needs of the community and mitigate impacts associated with future growth and emerging technologies.

Given these facts, the application's characterization of WFD as the primary fire authority appears to be a significant oversight. We respectfully request that the Commission correct the record and ensure that PVFPD is recognized as the local fire authority for all compliance, consultation, and safety-related requirements under SB 283.



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We look forward to your response and to establishing the appropriate communication pathway with New Leaf Energy.

Respectfully,

Board Chair Dave Martone

Board Vice Chair Jake Dellamonica

Director Robert Erbe

Director Ashley Moules

Director John Sampson

Fire Chief Jed Wilson

CC: City of Watsonville, City Council
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Submitted On: 6/26/2026
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**City of Watsonville Comments Regarding Proposed Seahawk
Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Docket No. 26-OPT-02**

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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June 23, 2026

California Energy Commission (CEC)
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: City of Watsonville Comments Regarding Proposed Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Docket No. 26-OPT-02

Dear Commissioners:

The City Council of Watsonville respectfully submits the following comments regarding the proposed Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project and the applicant's election to utilize the California Energy Commission's Opt-In Certification Program pursuant to Assembly Bill 205.

Although the proposed facility is located within unincorporated Santa Cruz County, immediately adjacent to the City of Watsonville, the project will directly affect Watsonville residents, public safety personnel, and municipal resources. Due to geographic proximity, established automatic aid and mutual aid agreements, and emergency response travel times, the City of Watsonville Fire Department is expected to serve as the primary first-response agency in the event of a fire, thermal runaway event, hazardous materials release, or other emergency associated with the facility.

Accordingly, the City of Watsonville requests that the California Energy Commission formally recognize the City as an impacted jurisdiction for purposes of evaluating project impacts, determining net positive economic benefits, developing community benefits commitments, and establishing reimbursement and mitigation requirements associated with project review, construction, operation, emergency response, and eventual decommissioning.

The City further requests that the Commission ensure the project satisfies the requirements of Public Resources Code sections 25545.9 and 25545.10 in a manner that fully accounts for impacts borne by Watsonville residents and municipal services. Any determination that the project provides a net positive economic benefit should include consideration of the direct and indirect costs imposed upon the City, including emergency preparedness, personnel training, equipment acquisition, inspection responsibilities, and long-term public safety obligations.

Likewise, because the City of Watsonville and its residents will experience project-related

impacts and provide critical public services supporting the facility, the City requests participation in the negotiation and development of any Community Benefits Agreement associated with the project. Community benefits should be structured to provide meaningful and measurable benefits to Watsonville residents and should not be limited solely to the jurisdiction in which the project is physically located.

The City further notes that Senate Bill 283 reflects the Legislature's intent that local fire authorities be actively engaged in the planning, design, risk assessment, emergency preparedness, and operational oversight of battery energy storage facilities. The Watsonville Fire Department must therefore be included in all consultations regarding emergency response planning, hazard assessments, emergency action procedures, and ongoing operational safety requirements.

To protect public safety and ensure that project-related costs are not shifted to local taxpayers, the City requests that the Commission require, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures and financial commitments:

- **Equipment and Apparatus Upgrades.** Direct funding for specialized battery energy storage emergency response equipment, including thermal imaging systems, gas monitoring equipment, hazardous materials monitoring devices, communications equipment, and high-capacity water delivery and exposure protection systems.
- **Initial and Ongoing Firefighter Training.** Funding for technician-level and recurring training regarding lithium-ion battery hazards, thermal runaway events, hazardous off-gassing, incident command considerations, and facility-specific emergency response procedures for all applicable personnel throughout the operational life of the project.
- **Plan Review, Inspection, and Compliance Monitoring.** Reimbursement for all staff, consultant, inspection, and administrative costs associated with project review, emergency planning, operational oversight, safety inspections, drills, and regulatory compliance activities.
- **Real-Time Emergency Information Access.** Direct access for emergency responders to facility telemetry, alarm notifications, Battery Management System information, emergency shutdown procedures, site maps, and other information necessary to support rapid and informed emergency response.
- **Binding Cost-Recovery Mechanism.** A legally enforceable agreement requiring full reimbursement of all costs incurred by the City in responding to any incident associated with the facility, including personnel costs, overtime, apparatus deployment, mutual aid expenses, equipment replacement, environmental monitoring, and post-incident recovery activities.
- **Long-Term Public Safety Funding.** Establishment of an ongoing funding mechanism to support recurring training, preparedness exercises, equipment replacement, and emergency readiness throughout the life of the project.
- **Decommissioning and Financial Assurance.** Adequate financial security to ensure that future

decommissioning, site restoration, hazardous material management, and any related public safety costs are borne by the project owner and not by local taxpayers.

In addition to public safety-related commitments, the City requests that any Community Benefits Agreement include meaningful benefits for Watsonville residents. Potential benefits may include workforce development programs, local hiring commitments, educational partnerships, park and recreation improvements, infrastructure investments, environmental enhancement projects, community grant programs, emergency preparedness initiatives, and other investments that provide direct and lasting value to the surrounding community.

The City of Watsonville supports California's clean energy objectives and recognizes the important role that energy storage can play in achieving statewide reliability and climate goals. However, those objectives must be balanced with the responsibility to protect public safety and ensure that local communities and first responders are not required to absorb disproportionate risks or costs associated with state-certified infrastructure projects.

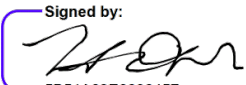
For these reasons, the City respectfully requests that the California Energy Commission formally include Watsonville in all relevant project consultations, Community Benefits Agreement discussions, reimbursement determinations, emergency response planning efforts, and evaluations of net positive economic benefits associated with the Seahawk BESS project.

The City further requests that no final certification of the Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System be issued until all Community Benefits Agreement provisions, public safety mitigation measures, reimbursement mechanisms, emergency response commitments, and financial assurances have been fully negotiated, memorialized in legally enforceable agreements, and made available for public review. Given the City's role as a primary emergency response agency and the direct impacts on Watsonville residents, these commitments are essential to demonstrating compliance with the requirements of Assembly Bill 205 and ensuring that the project provides a genuine net positive benefit to affected communities.

The City respectfully requests that the Commission apply standards that are substantially equivalent to or more protective than the requirements contained in the County's draft battery energy storage ordinance when evaluating and conditioning approval of the project.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

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Watsonville City Council

CC: Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
Nicole Coburn, Santa Cruz County Executive Officer

RECEIVED July 8, 2026
From NINA AUDINO

July 8, 2026

Eric Veerkamp, Project Manager
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715 P Street, MS-40
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Electronic filing of a 2-Page Letter

Subject: Comments by Nina Audino, STOP Lithium BESS in Santa Cruz County, on Developer's Exclusion of Foundational Large-scale Fire Test Data Based on the Updated 6th edition of the ANSI/CAN/UL 9540A standards for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

Reference: AB-205 Application Submitted for a Proposed Battery Energy Storage Project in Santa Cruz County, CA.
Docket Number 26-OPT-02.

Dear Mr. Veerkamp:

STOP Lithium BESS in Santa Cruz County respectfully files the following comments pertaining to the applicant's, New Leaf Energy's, exclusion of foundational large-scale fire test data that is based on the updated March 13, 2026 6th edition of the ANSI/CAN/UL 9540A standards for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

There does not appear to be a large-scale fire test (LSFT) report included with the applicant's submitted materials that meets the new 2026 6th edition UL 9540A requirements for an LSFT that evaluates a fully populated BESS unit pushed into a worst-case thermal runaway fire with its active fire suppression and detection systems disabled.

The 5.2 Operational Thermal Runaway Impacts Aermod Methodology section of Application Part 2 (p. 33/2635) references a "CATL EnerC+ Large Scale Burn Test – Document No.: 10520137-HOU-R-01" and lists conclusory statements recommending installation distances based on it.

It is not clear if this is the same test as the "DNV Energy USA, Inc. CATL EnerC+ Large Scale Burn Test, January 13, 2025" that is listed in the MNS Public Health Assessment Reference Section (p. 45/2635).

In any case, neither of these tests are available for public and agency review.

The Hazard Mitigation Analysis (HMA) EnerC+ UL 9540A Testing section of Appendix 3.16B details in its 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 sub-sections, respectively, the results of cell level, module level and unit level UL 9540A testing and offers conclusory recommendations based on them. The

UL 9540A cell level test “was conducted by UL Solutions in April and May of 2024.” (p. 23/107) “Module level testing was conducted at a UL laboratory on June 13, 2024.” (p.26/107) “Unit level testing was conducted at a UL laboratory on June 13, 2024. (p.27/107)

These tests are also referenced in the 1.3 Reference sub-section (p. 15/107) of the 3.16B HMA Introduction section as follows:

- CATL EnerC+ UL 9540A Cell Level Fire Test Report (4790838636.3), UL (Changzhou) Quality Technical Service Co., LTD Dated 2023.08.24.
- CATL EnerC+ UL 9540A Module Level Fire Test Report (4790931782), UL (Changzhou) Quality Technical Service Co., LTD Dated 2023.09.13.
- CATL EnerC+ UL 9540A Unit Level Fire Test Report (4790931774), UL (Changzhou) Quality Technical Service Co., LTD Dated 2023.10.27.

The applicant has made the full description of these tests confidential, as indicated by the Appendix 3.16A UL 9540A Test Results section. However, these tests were conducted according to outdated UL9540A standards. As stated previously, the applicable UL 9540A standards should be those in the current edition: the March 13, 2026 6th edition of the ANSI/CAN/UL 9540A standards for BESS.

The 3.16B HMA Introduction section of Appendix 3.16 states in its 1.2 Applicable Codes and Standards sub-section (p. 14-15/107) that “the following codes and standards are applicable to the Seahawk BESS installation in Watsonville, California¹: UL 9540A, Test Method for Evaluating Thermal Runaway Fire Propagation in Battery Energy Storage Systems – 2019 4th Edition.” As stated previously, the applicable UL 9540A edition should be the current one: the March 13, 2026 6th edition of the ANSI/CAN/UL 9540A standards for BESS.

STOP Lithium BESS in Santa Cruz County hopes that the Commission finds the information provided herein to be useful in assessing the completeness and accuracy of the developer’s application. Excluding the foundational data and methodologies an agency relies upon violates the principles of administrative transparency and prevents meaningful public participation and decision-making. STOP Lithium BESS in Santa Cruz County looks forward to the addition of large-scale fire test results, extant, into the public record that are based on standards explicitly required in the March 13, 2026 6th edition of the ANSI/CAN/UL 9540A standards for BESS.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Audino
Founder, STOP Lithium BESS in Santa Cruz County

¹Please note that the proposed BESS site is not in Watsonville; it is in unincorporated Santa Cruz County.