



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

AGENDA & PUBLIC NOTICE (Amended)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
on

Wednesday, August 12, 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 July 8, 2026.

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

5.2 Watsonville Run Report for July 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
(Committee will give report in section 7.2 Continuing Business)

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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7.2 Reorganization Committee Report Update

The Board will receive an update from the Reorganization Committee, receive the latest LAFCO Fire Project update and receive an update of the outcome of the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisor's meeting held on August 11th.

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

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

7.3 Capital Outlay Re-allocation Staff Report

The Board will receive a staff report for 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:

8.0 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 BESS Fire Code Consultant Staff Report

The Board will receive an update from BESS Ad Hoc Committee and review a Staff Report prepared by the Fire Marshalls Office about using a consultant to help with fire code implementation and standards for BESS facilities.

Recommended Action: Board to receive update, review staff report, have discussion, give directions to staff.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

8.2 Pajaro Valley FPD Board Vacancy

The Board will receive an update from staff and Board Chair about the vacancy on the PVFPD board.

Recommended Action: Board to receive update, review staff report, have discussion, give directions to staff.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

8.3 Board Chair Appointment of a New Member to Finance Committee.

The Board will appoint a new member to the Finance Committee for the remainder of 2026.

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)

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.



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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, July 8, 2026

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

2.0 Agenda Amendments

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

NONE

3.0 Oral Communications

3.1 Public Oral Communication

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

3.2 Staff Oral Communication

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

3.3 Board Oral Communication

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

4.0 Consent Agenda

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

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

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

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

Second: Director Erbe

All in favor: All

5.0 Presentations

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

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

BC Urbani reported on the following:

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



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

5.2 Watsonville Run Report for June 2026
No questions.

6.0 Committee Reports

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

7.0 Continuing Business

7.1 Pajaro Valley FPD / Watsonville FD Fire Service Agreement Update

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

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

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

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

Motion: No recommended action.

Second:

Vote:

8.0 New Business

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second: Director Moules

Vote:All

8.2 Capital Outlay Re-allocation

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Second: Director Erbe

Vote: All

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

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

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

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

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

Second: Director Moules

Vote: All

8.4 PG&E and California Fire Foundation Wildfire Preparedness Grant

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

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

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

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

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

Second: Vice Chair Dellamonica

Vote: All

9.0 Correspondence

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

10.0 Adjournment

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

Second: Director Erbe

All in favor: All

Time: 5:58pm

Consent Agenda Expenditures July 2026

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E; Chart Fields = GLKey,FundType,Object

Fiscal Month [01] and Post On [@current-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [XP] and GL Key [683100]

Fiscal Year	Post On	Revenues/Expenditure	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN						
Object: 52015 – PERS						
2027	7/08/2026	Expenditures	683100	52015	-49,319.00	PV FIRE 26/27 UAL
Total 52015 – PERS					-49,319.00	
Object: 54010 – WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE						
2027	7/06/2026	Expenditures	683100	54010	-1,050.00	SCCFAIG Membership FY-26/27
Total 54010 – WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE					-1,050.00	
Object: 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES						
2027	7/14/2026	Expenditures	683100	61222	-186.32	Phone (BAN.)
2027	7/14/2026	Expenditures	683100	61222	-63.50	Phone (BAN.)
Total 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES					-249.82	
Object: 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES						
2027	7/17/2026	Expenditures	683100	61425	-770.08	FS Supp. (Acct.8
2027	7/28/2026	Expenditures	683100	61425	-29.05	FS Supplies (Cust)
Total 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES					-799.13	
Object: 61535 – OTHER INSURANCE						
2027	7/14/2026	Expenditures	683100	61535	-26,176.00	Insurance FY26/27
Total 61535 – OTHER INSURANCE					-26,176.00	
Object: 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES						
2027	7/17/2026	Expenditures	683100	61920	-347.44	EMS Supplies (D)
Total 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES					-347.44	
Object: 62020 – MEMBERSHIPS						
2027	7/06/2026	Expenditures	683100	62020	-300.00	SCCFCA Annual Dues FY-26/27
2027	7/14/2026	Expenditures	683100	62020	-1,500.00	EMSA Annual Dues FY-26/27
Total 62020 – MEMBERSHIPS					-1,800.00	
Object: 62301 – ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FEES						
2027	7/28/2026	Expenditures	683100	62301	-87.84	Cashiering Services - FY25/26
Total 62301 – ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FEES					-87.84	
Object: 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER						
2027	7/14/2026	Expenditures	683100	62381	-45.90	Board Minutes - July 2026
2027	7/17/2026	Expenditures	683100	62381	-432.00	Fire Plan Review 5/30-6/30/26

Consent Agenda Expenditures July 2026

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E; Chart Fields = GLKey,FundType,Object

Fiscal Month [01] and Post On [@current-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [XP] and GL Key [683100]

Fiscal Year	Post On	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN						
Object: 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER						
2027	7/28/2026	Expenditures	683100	62381	-31,827.10	CF 4th QTR Actual - FY25/26
Total 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER					-32,305.00	
Object: 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL						
2027	7/28/2026	Expenditures	683100	62920	-683.76	Fuel ()
Total 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL					-683.76	
Object: 63074 – UTILITIES						
2027	7/17/2026	Expenditures	683100	63074	-368.37	Trash/Rec. ()
2027	7/28/2026	Expenditures	683100	63074	-1,233.43	Gas/Elec. (0)
Total 63074 – UTILITIES					-1,601.80	
Object: 75231 – CONTRIB TO OTHER AGENCIES-OTH						
2027	7/09/2026	Expenditures	683100	75231	-2,805.46	PAJA VLLY FR PRTCT LFCO FY2627
Total 75231 – CONTRIB TO OTHER AGENCIES-OTH					-2,805.46	
Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN					-117,225.25	
					-117,225.25	

Consent Agenda Revenue July 2026

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E; Chart Fields = GLKey,Object,FundType

Fiscal Month [01] and Post On [@current-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [RV] and GL Key [683100] and Object [41322, 42030, 42380, 42381, 42384, 42450]

Fiscal Year	Post On	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN						
Object: 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES						
2027	7/01/2026	Revenues	683100	41322	-2,607.99	JUN 16-30 CC ACCRUAL
2027	7/08/2026	Revenues	683100	41322	2,607.99	JUNE 1-15 2026 CREDIT CARD
2027	7/14/2026	Revenues	683100	41322	442.60	PLN 07/13/2026
2027	7/17/2026	Revenues	683100	41322	2,090.00	#106-121-45-00 - 574 SUMMIT RD
2027	7/24/2026	Revenues	683100	41322	5,001.41	JULY 1-15 2026 CREDIT CARD
Total 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES					7,534.01	
Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN					7,534.01	
					7,534.01	



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Account Ending

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TTY: Use Relay 711

Website: americanexpress.com

New Balance **\$1,577.47**
Minimum Payment Due **\$35.00**
Payment Due Date **08/22/26**

Reward Dollars

As of Jun 2026

636.92

For details, please see your
Reward Dollars Summary.

Account Summary

Previous Balance \$2,539.00
Payments/Credits -\$2,539.00
New Charges +\$1,577.47
Fees +\$0.00
Interest Charged +\$0.00

New Balance **\$1,577.47**
Minimum Payment Due **\$35.00**

Credit Limit \$15,000.00
Available Credit \$13,422.53
Cash Advance Limit \$500.00
Available Cash \$500.00
Days in Billing Period: 32

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date of 08/22/26, 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	7 years	\$2,980
\$60	3 years	\$2,165 (Savings = \$815)

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Account Ending

Enter 15 digit account # on all payments.
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Payment Due Date
08/22/26
New Balance
\$1,577.47
Minimum Payment Due
\$35.00

See reverse side for instructions
on how to update your address,
phone number, or email.



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\$ _____
Amount Enclosed



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MIKE URBANI
Closing Date 07/28/26

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Payments
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CITY OF INDUSTRY
CA
91716-0189

Payments and Credits

Summary

	Total
Payments	-\$2,539.00
Credits	\$0.00
Total Payments and Credits	-\$2,539.00

Detail

*Indicates posting date

Payments	Amount
07/10/26* MIKE URBANI PAYMENT RECEIVED - THANK YOU	-\$2,539.00

New Charges

Summary

	Total
MIKE URBANI	\$111.01
PHILLIP MATTESON	\$557.79
JACE SANDSTROM	\$908.67
Total New Charges	\$1,577.47

Detail



MIKE URBANI Card
Ending

	Amount
06/15/26 LEHR ONLINE 95076 TROY 3 FACE PLATE FITS BE UPS GROUND	\$60.61
07/01/26 GOOGLE*WORKSPACE PAJAROVALLEYFIRE.COM COMPUTER PROGRAMMING	\$50.40



PHILLIP MATTESON
Card Ending

	Amount
07/01/26 GOOGLE *YOUTUBE TV DIGITAL GOODS: MEDIA	\$82.99
07/06/26 AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	\$18.60
07/06/26 AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	\$18.60
07/10/26 VZWRLSS APOCC VISB BILL PAYMENT	\$150.40

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Detail Continued

				Amount
07/13/26	Amazon Prime SUBSCRIPTION	Amazon.com	WA	\$152.21
07/19/26	SPECTRUM 0110072070126 95076	855-707-7328	MO	\$134.99



JACE SANDSTROM
Card Ending

				Amount
07/18/26	BAKER BROTHERS APPLIANCE 831-722-1776	WATSONVILLE	CA	\$877.95
07/19/26	AUTOZONE 8002886966	WATSONVILLE	CA	\$30.72

Fees

			Amount
Total Fees for this Period			\$0.00

Interest Charged

			Amount
Total Interest Charged for this Period			\$0.00

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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 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	2,382,326.93	-67,174.93
40110	PROPERTY TAX-CURRENT UNSEC-GEN	49,056.00	49,056.00	43,104.81	5,951.19
40130	PROPERTY TAX-PRIOR UNSEC-GEN	2,300.00	2,300.00	4,719.23	-2,419.23
40150	SUPP PROP TAX-CURRENT SEC	20,000.00	20,000.00	39,811.07	-19,811.07
40151	SUPP PROP TAX-CURRENT UNSEC	0.00	0.00	2,211.92	-2,211.92
40160	SUPP PROP TAX-PRIOR SEC	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,888.86	-1,888.86
40161	SUPP PROP TAX-PRIOR UNSEC	0.00	0.00	1,872.70	-1,872.70
40196	FIRE PROTECTION TAX	142,006.00	142,006.00	140,528.95	1,477.05
40430	INTEREST	6,000.00	6,000.00	35,245.87	-29,245.87
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	24,221.99	778.01
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	358.61	-358.61
44143	REDMPTN PNLTIES FOR DELINQ TXS	0.00	0.00	535.88	-535.88
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

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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	-12,132.01	-6,867.99
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	-19,667.77	-1,632.23
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	111,215.36	-966,831.36

Capitol Outlay FY 2026 Year End

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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	54,217.75	-46,217.75
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	154,217.75	-1,435,124.75



Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

562 Casserly Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

Chief's Report

August 6th, 2026

To: Board of Directors
From: Mike Urbani, Battalion Chief
Subject: June Chief's Report

Emergency Incident Response:

- On July 3rd we had two small vegetation fires, one on Mt Madonna Rd and one on Green Valley call. Witnesses described hearing fireworks prior to seeing smoke. Both fires were extinguished by residents prior to our arrival. Both fires were contained to 10 feet x 10 feet.
- On July 4th we had one firework related call for fireworks starting a vegetation fire at Green Valley and Casserly Rd. Fire was extinguished by residents and kept to 1 foot x 1 foot
- Had two vegetation fires along the Pajaro River. Both were in Monterey County.

Apparatus:

- U4591 is back in service and code 3 lights are fixed

Training:

- We meet up with Santa Clara County Fire from the Tree Haven Station and the on duty Battalion Chief on July 19th and July 20th. This was a chance to make introductions; share what equipment we have on our engines and water tenders and to discuss each department's operating standards.

Facilities:

- The contractor for the septic is starting to prepare the system for repair.

Personnel:

- No update for personnel

Fire Prevention/Community Outreach

- Chair Martone attended the trash pickup on Paulsen Rd

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Pajaro Valley Fire Response Times

Pajaro Valley Fire

Protection District

July 01, 2026 to July 31, 2026

August 03, 2026

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

4466	7/1/26	16:37:27	16:47:49	10:22	E4511	RIVERSIDE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1A
4469	7/1/26	17:47:04	17:51:03	3:59	E4412	64 MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	HAZ FOR POWER LINES	PV7
4473	7/1/26	20:33:11	20:33:15	0:04	B1720	60 AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	LE, ASSIST OTHER	PV7A
4477	7/2/26	03:49:48	03:58:51	9:03	E4511	270 SUNDANCE LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	RESIDENTIAL ALARM	K10A
4479	7/2/26	05:34:13	05:40:42	6:29	E1784	LINDEN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
4490	7/2/26	12:57:43	13:04:42	6:59	E4511	MARSH LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV2
4508	7/3/26	06:36:26	06:44:22	7:56	E1774	VALLECITO LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
4514	7/3/26	13:25:13	13:29:08	3:55	E4511	48 VALLEY VIEW RD ,MOUNT_MADONNA	VEGETATION FIRE	K10A
4515	7/3/26	13:33:46	13:38:53	5:07	B1716	1932 GREEN VALLEY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEGETATION FIRE	K10
4527	7/3/26	21:53:07	21:58:54	5:47	B1716	971 GREEN VALLEY RD / 1 PIONEER RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	K10
4530	7/3/26	23:11:59	23:19:30	7:31	B1716	1 LAKEVIEW RD / 215 RIVERSIDE RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV2A
4531	7/3/26	23:28:09	23:39:10	11:01	E4511	MADONNA VIEW ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4546	7/4/26	12:47:05	12:51:27	4:22	E4511	CORRALITOS VIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
4553	7/4/26	15:35:50	15:42:40	6:50	E4412	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
4562	7/4/26	20:20:19	20:20:24	0:05	B1720	171 MESA VERDE DR / 101 MARK AV	LE, AREA CHECK	PV4
4563	7/4/26	20:24:30	20:24:36	0:06	B1720	340 MESA VERDE DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	LE, FIREWORKS	PV4
4565	7/4/26	20:59:03	21:05:34	6:31	B1720	891 GREEN VALLEY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	UNKNOWN TYPE FIRE	PV4
4570	7/4/26	22:49:45	22:54:50	5:05	E1774	636 AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV4A
4573	7/5/26	01:20:07	01:29:06	8:59	E4511	LAKEVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL @ 2350 E LAKE	COMMERCIAL ALARM	PV3
4579	7/5/26	11:21:05	11:29:27	8:22	E1774	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV7
4580	7/5/26	11:44:15	11:54:39	10:24	E4511	150 AGATE DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	PA, OTHER	PV5
4584	7/5/26	12:55:03	13:01:24	6:21	E4511	205 MOUNT MADONNA RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	PA, OTHER	K10A
4594	7/6/26	00:17:34	00:24:48	7:14	E1774	W RIANDA RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
4605	7/6/26	13:43:12	13:47:26	4:14	E4412	99 MANFRE RD / 41 EUCALYPTUS DR	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV7

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4609	7/6/26	16:45:21	16:50:33	5:12	E4511	WHITING RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
4620	7/7/26	09:09:09	09:17:55	8:46	E4511	MESA VERDE DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4623	7/7/26	12:04:12	12:10:07	5:55	E4511	DUTCHMAN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4627	7/7/26	14:52:42	14:53:59	1:17	E4511	COWLES RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
4633	7/7/26	17:05:14	17:13:42	8:28	E4511	2350 E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY (LAKEVIEW	COMMERCIAL ALARM	PV3
4639	7/7/26	20:28:19	20:33:10	4:51	E4511	CASSERLY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	LIFT ASSIST	K10A
4650	7/8/26	11:07:55	11:13:12	5:17	E4511	WHITING RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
4658	7/8/26	14:24:25	14:27:21	2:56	E4411	411 LAKEVIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE MENACE STANDBY	PV2A
4680	7/9/26	12:42:55	12:52:00	9:05	E4511	245 GREEN VALLEY RD / 111 THICKET LN	UNKNOWN TYPE FIRE	PV7A
4686	7/9/26	17:45:05	17:53:15	8:10	E4413	COLLEGE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
4689	7/9/26	19:14:47	19:23:23	8:36	E1784	362 BRIARWOOD DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	SMOKE CHECK	PV7
4725	7/11/26	16:42:08	16:52:07	9:59	E4511	AIRPORT BL / PAJARO LN	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV7A
4739	7/12/26	10:39:05	10:42:50	3:45	E4511	LITTLEWAY LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4745	7/12/26	15:15:32	15:29:43	14:11	E4412	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
4746	7/12/26	15:36:13	15:42:10	5:57	E1784	MEADOWRIDGE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	K10
4784	7/14/26	11:08:25	11:14:39	6:14	E4511	79 DEVON CT ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	DEBRIS FIRE	PV5
4819	7/15/26	21:11:13	21:16:24	5:11	B1714	215 PAJARO CIR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	VEGETATION FIRE	PV7A
4821	7/16/26	02:59:55	03:07:28	7:33	E4412	VIA NICOLA ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
4824	7/16/26	07:22:55	07:30:40	7:45	E4511	E LAKE AV / 21 COLLEGE RD	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV5
4827	7/16/26	09:57:52	10:05:28	7:36	E4511	WHEELOCK RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4831	7/16/26	11:22:39	11:31:45	9:06	E1784	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL RESCUE	PV4A
4832	7/16/26	11:48:35	11:52:32	3:57	E4511	DUTCHMAN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4837	7/16/26	15:25:15	15:34:05	8:50	E4511	SMITH RD ,MOUNT_MADONNA	CODE 2 MEDICAL	K10A
4839	7/16/26	17:11:18	17:17:11	5:53	E4511	FLETCHER CT ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4840	7/16/26	17:28:28	17:40:46	12:18	E1784	51 STEWART AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	VEH LOCK OUT	PV7A
4842	7/16/26	18:25:02	18:30:10	5:08	E4412	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
4849	7/17/26	08:48:48	08:59:19	10:31	E4511	SILLIMAN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1
4880	7/18/26	15:22:48	15:28:07	5:19	E4412	37 HOLOHAN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	DEBRIS FIRE	PV5
4881	7/18/26	15:49:15	15:52:03	2:48	E4412	481 GREEN VALLEY RD / 5 DICK PHELPS RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV5
4890	7/18/26	18:49:18	18:56:39	7:21	E4511	E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
4900	7/19/26	08:47:59	08:53:01	5:02	E4511	MADONNA VIEW ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4902	7/19/26	11:36:21	11:43:20	6:59	E4511	COUNTRY VIEW LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	K10
4914	7/19/26	20:52:57	20:57:21	4:24	B1716	53 ARROYO DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV4

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4919	7/20/26	09:42:43	09:43:01	0:18	E4412	AIRPORT BL / PAJARO LN	MEDICAL	PV7A
4921	7/20/26	12:52:23	12:58:50	6:27	E1784	MOUNTAIN VIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
4934	7/20/26	20:37:25	20:43:18	5:53	B1714	399 PIONEER RD / 907 AMESTI RD	HAZ, HAZARD	PV4A
4942	7/21/26	10:56:51	11:04:49	7:58	E4511	COUNTRY VIEW LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	CODE 2 MEDICAL	K10
4963	7/21/26	22:53:46	22:58:25	4:39	E4412	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
4974	7/22/26	10:07:59	10:15:19	7:20	E4511	100 SCURICH RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	HAZ FOR POWER LINES	PV1A
4980	7/22/26	12:14:56	12:21:06	6:10	E4511	HATHAWAY AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
4985	7/22/26	14:01:24	14:07:04	5:40	E4412	FREEDOM BL / SCURICH LN	MEDICAL	PV7
4990	7/22/26	17:20:59	17:27:21	6:22	E4412	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
5009	7/23/26	13:30:47	13:36:30	5:43	E4511	325 ORCHARD VIEW DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	HAZ FOR POWER LINES	PV4A
5023	7/24/26	06:47:24	06:56:52	9:28	E4511	109 BEHLER RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	COMMERCIAL ALARM	PV5
5027	7/24/26	10:25:42	10:35:39	9:57	E4511	GERA CT ,PAJARO_VALLEY	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV4
5052	7/25/26	07:52:38	08:03:26	10:48	E4511	CUTTER DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
5056	7/25/26	11:25:32	11:31:19	5:47	E4411	OXFORD DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
5059	7/25/26	12:30:30	12:34:14	3:44	E4411	1901 E LAKE AV / 1 BEVERLY DR	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV5
5060	7/25/26	12:39:40	12:42:32	2:52	E4511	GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV7A
5066	7/25/26	16:19:19	16:26:38	7:19	E4511	HOLOHAN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
5108	7/27/26	11:46:57	11:54:17	7:20	E4511	GIZDICH RANCH @ PECKHAM RD	MEDICAL	PV1A
5118	7/27/26	16:36:52	16:43:36	6:44	E4411	CUTTER DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
5130	7/28/26	00:21:19	00:31:00	9:41	E4511	2350 E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY (LAKEVIEW	COMMERCIAL ALARM	PV3
5133	7/28/26	05:34:02	05:46:04	12:2	E4511	33 MINTO RD #1800 ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	PUBLIC ASSIST	PV5
5135	7/28/26	10:16:52	10:20:29	3:37	E4412	GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV7A
5141	7/28/26	14:35:41	14:40:30	4:49	E4412	GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV5
5152	7/28/26	21:42:03	21:49:32	7:29	E4511	PINTO LAKE COUNTY PARK @ 757 GREEN	VEH LOCK OUT	PV4
5157	7/29/26	03:12:34	03:21:17	8:43	E4511	2350 E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY (LAKEVIEW	COMMERCIAL ALARM	PV3
5174	7/29/26	17:02:27	17:06:15	3:48	E4412	375 BRIARWOOD DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	RESIDENTIAL ALARM	PV7
5175	7/29/26	17:23:40	17:27:29	3:49	E4412	GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV5
5181	7/29/26	20:50:12	20:58:22	8:10	E4511	PECKHAM RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1A
5187	7/30/26	10:37:51	10:43:48	5:57	E4511	LITTLEWAY LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
5189	7/30/26	13:38:48	13:47:03	8:15	E1784	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
5207	7/31/26	08:24:09	08:30:33	6:24	E4412	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
5214	7/31/26	15:28:02	15:34:17	6:15	E1784	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV7BZ
5219	7/31/26	16:51:19	16:56:10	4:51	E4511	195 CASSERLY RD / 1 WEBB RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV3

<u>Incident #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Dispatch Time</u>	<u>On Scene</u>	<u>Elastice Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>RA</u>
5223	7/31/26	19:02:18	19:08:18	6:00	E4511	JOLON DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
5225	7/31/26	19:45:18	19:50:52	5:34	E4511	WATSONVILLE CHARTER SCH OF ART	COMMERCIAL ALARM	PV3

Average Elapsed Minutes: **6:29** Std. Deviation **3.19**

<u>Incident</u> <u>#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Dispatch</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>On</u> <u>Scene</u>	<u>Elapse</u> <u>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

July 01, 2026 to July 31, 2026

August 03, 2026

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

No Incident response times were over fifteen minutes in July of 2026. No change in the Average elapsed minutes listed below.

Average Elapsed Minutes:	6:29	Std. Deviation	3.19
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Watsonville Fire Dept.
July 2026 PV Fire Incidents



Dispatch Alarm Date Time	Incident #	Type of Call	Incident Location Address	In Service
7/1/2026 17:45	PAJ2600000605	ELEC_POWER_LINE_DOWN_ARCHING_MALFUNC	64 MANFRE Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/1/2026 17:56
7/2/2026 0:42	PAJ2600000606	CANCELLED	451 GREEN VALLEY Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/2/2026 0:49
7/3/2026 23:10	PAJ2600000614	CANCELLED	LAKEVIEW RD / RIVERSIDE Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/3/2026 23:22
7/3/2026 22:50	PAJ2600000613	CANCELLED	MINTO RD / GREEN VALLEY Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	
7/4/2026 15:34	PAJ2600000618	ILLNESS	FREEDOM BOULEVARD PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	7/4/2026 15:52
7/4/2026 4:03	PAJ2600000616	CANCELLED	21 MILLER Avenue PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	7/4/2026 4:17
7/8/2026 14:18	PAJ2600000633	ODOR	411 LAKEVIEW Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/8/2026 14:40
7/9/2026 17:44	PAJ2600000635	BREATHING_PROBLEMS	COLLEGE ROAD PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/9/2026 18:18
7/9/2026 19:13	PAJ2600000636	CANCELLED	375 BRIARWOOD Drive PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/9/2026 19:15
7/9/2026 12:42	PAJ2600000634	CANCELLED	GREEN VALLEY RD / THICKET Lane PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	7/9/2026 12:45
7/10/2026 21:44	PAJ2600000637	CANCELLED	126 COLLEGE Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/10/2026 21:47
7/12/2026 15:13	PAJ2600000640	NAUSEA_VOMITING	MANFRE ROAD PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/12/2026 15:33
7/15/2026 21:09	PAJ2600000644	NO_INCIDENT_FOUND_LOCATION_ERROR	215 PAJARO Circle PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	7/15/2026 21:21
7/16/2026 18:23	PAJ2600000653	MEDICAL_ALARM	FREEDOM BOULEVARD PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/16/2026 18:34
7/16/2026 2:58	PAJ2600000645	ILLNESS	VIA NICOLA PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/16/2026 3:12
7/18/2026 15:21	PAJ2600000656	SMOKE_INVESTIGATION	37 HOLOHAN Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/18/2026 15:36
7/18/2026 15:46	PAJ2600000657	MOTOR_VEHICLE_COLLISION	GREEN VALLEY RD / DICK PHELPS Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/18/2026 16:12
7/18/2026 18:45	PAJ2600000659	MOTOR_VEHICLE_COLLISION	2601 East LAKE Avenue PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/18/2026 19:06
7/20/2026 9:36	PAJ2600000663	UNKNOWN_PROBLEM	AIRPORT BL / PAJARO Lane PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	7/20/2026 9:58
7/21/2026 22:51	PAJ2600000667	LIFT_ASSIST	MANFRE ROAD PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/21/2026 23:04
7/22/2026 17:19	PAJ2600000672	ILLNESS	MANFRE ROAD PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/22/2026 17:41
7/22/2026 20:39	PAJ2600000673	OTHER_OUTSIDE_FIRE	BRADFORD RD / BUENA VISTA Drive PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/22/2026 20:59
7/22/2026 21:27	PAJ2600000674	FALL	EAST LAKE AVENUE PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/22/2026 21:46
7/24/2026 6:46	PAJ2600000677	CANCELLED	109 BEHLER Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/24/2026 6:50
7/25/2026 12:40	PAJ2600000684	CANCELLED	25 AMESTI Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/25/2026 12:42
7/25/2026 11:22	PAJ2600000682	CHEST_PAIN_NON_TRAUMA	OXFORD DRIVE PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/25/2026 11:47
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7/27/2026 16:34	PAJ2600000688	FALL	CUTTER DRIVE PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/27/2026 17:15
7/28/2026 10:16	PAJ2600000690	CARDIAC_ARREST	GREEN VALLEY ROAD PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95019	7/28/2026 10:57
7/28/2026 14:34	PAJ2600000691	ALLERGIC_REACTION_STINGS	GREEN VALLEY ROAD PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/28/2026 14:54
7/29/2026 16:56	PAJ2600000693	MALFUNCTIONING_ALARM	375 BRIARWOOD Drive PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/29/2026 17:12
7/29/2026 17:20	PAJ2600000694	NO_APPROPRIATE_CHOICE	563 GREEN VALLEY Road PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/29/2026 18:12
7/31/2026 8:23	PAJ2600000698	ALTERED_MENTAL_STATUS	MANFRE ROAD PAJARO VALLEY, CA 95076	7/31/2026 8:54



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: General Services Department

Subject: Letter to Support the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District's Proposed Reorganization with County Service Area 48 (County Fire)

Meeting Date: August 11, 2026

Formal Title: Authorize the Director of General Services/County Fire Administrator to issue a conditional Will Serve Letter to support the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District's proposed reorganization with County Service Area 48 (County Fire)

Recommended Actions

Authorize the Director of General Services/County Fire Administrator to issue a conditional Will Serve Letter to the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District (PVFPD) to allow the Local Agency Formation Commission to continue its feasibility analysis for the PVFPD's proposed reorganization into County Service Area 48.

Executive Summary

On October 22, 2025, the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District (PVFPD) Board voted to pursue dissolution and reorganization into County Service Area 48 (County Fire). As part of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) feasibility review process, PVFPD has requested a Will Serve Letter from County Fire to demonstrate County Fire's preliminary willingness to provide fire protection and emergency services within the PVFPD service area.

This item requests authorization for the County Fire Administrator to issue a conditional Will Serve Letter. The letter identifies the financial, operational, legal, and administrative conditions that must be satisfied before County Fire can make a formal commitment to provide service.

Discussion

Following a series of unsuccessful attempts to secure voter approval of a Proposition 218 benefit assessment, the PVFPD Board unanimously adopted a resolution requesting dissolution of PVFPD and reorganization into County Fire pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act.

On February 4, 2026, LAFCO directed staff to coordinate with PVFPD, CAL FIRE, and County Fire to conduct community outreach regarding the proposed reorganization, including anticipated service levels, governance changes, and fiscal impacts. In response, representatives from LAFCO, PVFPD, County Fire, and CAL FIRE conducted community meetings on May 23 and May 26, 2026. During these meetings, and through information posted on the PVFPD and LAFCO websites, property owners were provided information on the reorganization, service levels and estimates of the anticipated costs associated with the proposed reorganization on a per-parcel basis.

To support the feasibility review, LAFCO prepared a Plan for Service and Five-Year Financial Analysis evaluating the proposed transition of services from PVFPD to County Fire. Over the past year, LAFCO, PVFPD, and County Fire have worked collaboratively to refine and validate the assumptions underlying the analysis. The proposed Plan for Service and supporting financial documentation were subsequently provided to County

Based on the information provided, preliminary projections indicate that the combined County Service Area (CSA) 48 and PVFPD service area would maintain a positive annual fund balance throughout the five-year projection period, assuming continuation of current revenue sources and expenditure trends.

Table 1. Five-Year Revenue and Expenditure Projection

Fiscal Year	Total Revenue	Total Expenditures	Projected Fund Balance
2026–27	\$4,389,590	\$ 4,128,107	\$261,482
2027–28	\$4,519,024	\$4,304,206	\$214,818
2028–29	\$4,652,342	\$4,488,893	\$163,448
2029–30	\$4,789,660	\$4,682,594	\$107,065
2030–31	\$4,931,097	\$4,885,754	\$45,343

The fiscal analysis incorporates revenues from the CSA 48 fire flow charge and benefit assessment, projected PVFPD property tax revenues, and other miscellaneous revenues. Expenditures include the CAL FIRE service contract, administrative services, supplies, capital outlay, and CalPERS-related obligations. Separate from the PVFPD property tax revenues which would transfer to CSA 48, The analysis assumes that the voter-approved PVFPD Fire Protection Tax, in effect since Fiscal Year 1996-97, would be discontinued following reorganization. Additional fiscal review and validation will occur as part of LAFCO's ongoing feasibility analysis and any subsequent reorganization proceedings.

Under LAFCO procedures, the proposed successor agency must submit a Will Serve Letter confirming its preliminary willingness to provide service under the proposed governance structure. County Fire has prepared a draft conditional Will Serve Letter (Attachment A), which identifies key requirements that must be satisfied before any final commitment can be made. These conditions include:

1. Completion of a comprehensive financial and operational analysis demonstrating long-term service sustainability;
2. Identification and reconciliation of all PVFPD assets, liabilities, contractual obligations, and outstanding commitments;
3. Verification that the CalPERS unfunded liability associated with the reorganization will not exceed \$51,000 and that no additional members will be added to the plan;
4. Confirmation that the existing \$1-per-year fire station lease will remain in effect for the duration of the reorganization process;
5. Clarification of property ownership and any land disposition issues associated with the PVFPD fire station site; and
6. Final approval by the Board of Supervisors prior to any binding commitment to provide service.

Issuance of the conditional Will Serve Letter will allow LAFCO to continue its feasibility assessment, environmental review, and subsequent determinations regarding the proposed reorganization while ensuring that the County Fire's potential obligations

remain clearly defined and contingent upon demonstrated financial and operational viability. Staff therefore recommend that the Board authorize the County Fire Administrator to issue the conditional Will Serve Letter. **Item 21
26-27799**

Financial Impact

No fiscal impacts are directly associated with the item. Additional fiscal review will be completed as part of LAFCO's feasibility analysis and any future reorganization proceedings.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - County Facilities & Infrastructure, Workplace & Workforce
Operational Plan - Attainable Housing, Sustainable Environment, Operational Excellence
Climate Action - Wildfire Prevention, Government Operations

Submitted By:

Kimberly Finley, Director of General Services

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Nicole D. Coburn, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.



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June 23, 2026

Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District
562 Casserly Rd,
Watsonville, CA 95076

RE: Willingness to Serve – Future Fire Protection Services Upon Fire District Dissolution

Dear Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District:

The County of Santa Cruz Fire Department is committed to ensuring continuity of fire protection and emergency response services for communities throughout the County. In light of Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District (PVFPD) Board action on October 22, 2025 to request dissolution of the (PVFPD) and reorganize with CSA48, we wish to formally communicate the County's conditional willingness to serve the current PVFPD service area pursuant to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) process.

The initial step in the LAFCO process is for the County to provide the PVFPD with a "will serve" letter. This willingness to serve is expressly contingent upon assurances as to the financial viability of the reorganization, dependent on the following:

1. The completion of a comprehensive financial and operational analysis to evaluate the long-term viability and sustainability of expanded service delivery, not limited to but including:
 - a. The County and PVFPD must discuss and negotiate terms and conditions as part of the proposed reorganization to ensure that all existing assets and liabilities as well as all current and future revenues and expenditures are properly identified prior to the completion of the proposed reorganization.
 - b. Validation of the CalPERS liability ceiling at \$51,000, with no additional members of CalPERS added to the unfunded liability.
 - c. The terms of the current lease at \$1 annually renewed as long as the reorganization remains in place.
 - d. Additional information regarding land on which fire station rests.
 - e. Reconfirmation of existing contracts and obligations.
2. Additionally, any final commitment will be subject to the review and approval of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

We recognize the importance of coordinated planning to ensure the continued safety and well-being of the communities impacted by this potential transition. Our department stands ready to

engage collaboratively with PVFPD leadership, LAFCO, and other stakeholders to explore all aspects of this potential service shift.

Please consider this letter an initial expression of interest, pending further analysis and governance-level approval.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Finley
County of Santa Cruz County Fire Administrator

PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REORGANIZATION

5-YEAR FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS ANALYSIS

May 26, 2026
(Working Draft)



Packet Pg. 322

INTRODUCTION

County Service Area 48 (CSA 48) is a dependent special district in Santa Cruz County that contracts with CAL FIRE to provide fire protection to unincorporated areas outside independent fire districts. CSA 48 currently operates with two separate benefit assessments that fund fire services within its boundaries. Following the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District's (PVFPD) application to dissolve and concurrently annex into CSA 48, this report examines CSA 48's revenue streams and summarizes the projected financial performance should the reorganization come to fruition.

CSA 48 REVENUE STREAM

CSA 48 funds fire protection services through two distinct benefit assessments. The first, known as the "Fire Flow Unit Assessment", was originally approved by property owners in 1997 to provide stable funding for fire protection in rural, unincorporated Santa Cruz County. This assessment is calculated based on "fire flow units," which reflect parcel characteristics such as use, size, and building type. In other words, this assessment links the charge to the fire protection demand a property is likely to generate. It is LAFCO's understanding that small annual increases tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) were authorized to ensure the assessment kept pace with costs. For example, in 2006 the County Board of Supervisors reaffirmed the assessment structure and applied CPI-based adjustments, resulting in incremental changes to the per-unit charge. Over the years, these gradual increases have allowed CSA 48 to maintain consistent service levels without imposing sudden rate hikes.

The second assessment was introduced much later in response to growing service demands and staffing needs. In January 2020, CSA 48 property owners approved by weighted mailed-in ballots, a supplemental assessment often referred to as the "2020 Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment". Passing with approximately 56% support, this measure provided additional funding specifically to enhance staffing levels, including increasing CAL FIRE engine staffing from two to three firefighters per engine, and to improve emergency medical response capabilities. This new assessment is calculated on an Equivalent Single-Family Unit (ESFE) basis – in other words, a typical single-family residence is assigned one unit, while other parcel types are adjusted proportionally.

Together, these two benefit assessments form the backbone of CSA 48's revenue stream. The 1997 Fire Flow Unit Assessment supplies foundational funding tied directly to property risk profiles, while the 2020 supplemental assessment provides the expanded financial capacity needed to maintain modern service levels and respond effectively to emergencies. Incremental CPI adjustments to the original assessment and the addition of the second assessment have significantly strengthened CSA 48's fiscal position, ensuring the district can fund its CAL FIRE contract, equipment replacement, and other operational needs without jeopardizing service quality. This dual-assessment structure demonstrates CSA 48 constituents' willingness to invest in reliable, professional fire protection as community needs have evolved.

CSA 48's funding after reorganization (if approved) would be supported by three primary revenue sources, creating a diversified and stable financial base. The largest component is CSA 48 Fire Flow and Assessment Revenue, a parcel-based benefit assessment that grows by approximately three percent each year. This predictable, incremental growth ensures a stable stream of funding to cover ongoing fire protection operations and contractual costs with CAL FIRE.

Another major revenue stream be the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District (PVFPD) Property Tax Revenue, representing PVFPD's share of ad-valorem property taxes. Upon reorganization, this tax allocation would transfer to CSA 48 and, like the CSA 48 assessment, is expected to grow at roughly three percent annually.

Other Proposed Revenue sources, such as small, fixed amounts from fees, grants, or interest earnings, would provide a modest but consistent contribution to CSA 48's overall budget. Together, these funding sources (benefit assessments, transferred property taxes, a dedicated fire protection tax, and miscellaneous revenues) form a balanced and reliable revenue structure. This diversified approach strengthens CSA 48's fiscal stability and positions the district to meet both current and future fire protection needs.

At present, the Pajaro Valley FPD Fire Protection Tax (a dedicated, voter-approved tax) is currently being collected; however as part of the proposed reorganization, CSA 48 is scheduled to discontinue this additional tax measure post-reorganization.

Projected Revenues and Expenditures (2026–2031)

CSA 48's financial projections indicate steady revenue growth over the five-year forecast period, as shown in **Table A** on page 3. Annual revenues are expected to rise from \$4.39 million in FY 2026–27 to \$4.93 million in FY 2030–31, largely driven by the projected three-percent annual increases in both CSA 48's benefit assessments and the transferred Pajaro PVFPD tax revenues. This predictable growth demonstrates a stable funding environment to support ongoing fire protection services.

At the same time, CSA 48 is projected to experience moderate expenditure growth, with total costs increasing from \$4.13 million to \$4.88 million over the same period. Most of this increase is attributed to incremental rises in the CAL FIRE service contract and the County Fire Operational Support Cost. This controlled cost escalation suggests careful fiscal management and cost containment. Other annual expenses, typical for any fire agency, includes capital outlay, services and supplies, and operational support.

It is important to note that CSA 48 is forecasted to maintain a steady surplus each year. Fund balance excesses are projected to remain between \$45,000 and \$261,000 annually, equivalent to approximately four percent of yearly expenditures (on average). These modest yet healthy reserves (while projections) provide CSA 48 with financial flexibility to absorb unforeseen expenses, respond to emergencies, or invest in capital improvements without compromising service levels.

Finally, capital outlay and asset replacements (i.e. equipment and apparatuses) are expected to remain stable. This stability further enhances CSA 48's ability to manage its financial resources prudently while planning for the long-term sustainability of fire protection services.

Table A: Five-Year Financial Projections

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
Revenue					
CSA 48 Fire Flow/Assessment Revenue ⁽¹⁾	\$1,855,720.00	\$1,911,391.60	\$1,968,733.35	\$2,027,795.35	\$2,088,629.21
Pajaro Valley FPD Tax Revenue ⁽²⁾	\$2,458,776.00	\$2,532,539.28	\$2,608,515.46	\$2,686,770.92	\$2,767,374.05
Other Revenue Proposed	\$ 75,094.00	\$ 75,094.00	\$ 75,094.00	\$ 75,094.00	\$ 75,094.00
Total Proposed Revenue	\$4,389,590.00	\$4,519,024.88	\$4,652,342.81	\$4,789,660.27	\$4,931,097.26
Expenditures					
CAL FIRE Contract ⁽³⁾	\$3,145,700.00	\$3,302,985.00	\$3,468,134.00	\$3,641,541.00	\$3,823,618.00
Services and Supplies ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 361,867.50	\$ 369,104.85	\$ 376,486.95	\$ 384,016.69	\$ 391,697.02
Capital Outlay/Asset Replacement (Fixed Amount)	\$ 338,000.00	\$ 338,000.00	\$ 338,000.00	\$ 338,000.00	\$ 338,000.00
CALPERS Liability	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00
County Fire Operational Support Cost ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 231,540.00	\$ 243,117.00	\$ 255,273.00	\$ 268,037.00	\$ 281,439.00
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$4,128,107.50	\$4,304,206.85	\$4,488,893.95	\$4,682,594.69	\$4,885,754.02
Fund Balance Excess (Deficiency)	\$ 261,482.50	\$ 214,818.03	\$ 163,448.86	\$ 107,065.58	\$ 45,343.24

Footnotes: (1) 3% increase each year applied to projections, (2) 3% increase each year applied to projections, (3) 5% increase each year applied to projections, (4) 2% increase each year applied to projections, and (5) 5% increase each year applied to projections.

CONCLUSION

The projections shown in this report demonstrate that CSA 48's expanded revenue base comprising of the identified assumptions (two existing benefit assessments, PVFPD's transferred property taxes, and discontinuation of the PVFPD parcel tax) would adequately cover estimated expenditures should a reorganization between the two fire agencies occur. Consistent annual surpluses suggest the reorganization of PVFPD is financially feasible under the proposed assumptions, with sufficient capacity to maintain operational stability and address potential future needs. That said, the County and PVFPD must discuss and negotiate terms and conditions as part of the proposed reorganization to ensure that all existing assets and liabilities as well as all current and future revenues and expenditures are properly identified prior to the completion of the proposed reorganization. In addition, if surpluses are projected to occur, the affected agencies must determine how those funds will be utilized. In conclusion, this analysis was meant to evaluate the financial impact to CSA 48 as the successor agency and provide more context to the affected agencies, LAFCO, and the general public. It is important to note that these projections may be subject to change throughout the reorganization process but provides a better understanding of the estimated fiscal impact to CSA 48 as it considers assuming additional fire protection and emergency service demands.



Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission

Date: August 5, 2026
To: LAFCO Commissioners
From: Joe Serrano, Executive Officer
Subject: **Fire-related Projects – Status Update**

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

The Commission has been receiving a comprehensive update on the various ongoing fire-related projects throughout the 2026 calendar year with notable accomplishments including but not limited to the formation of the LAFCO Fire Ad-Hoc Committee, the development of a five-year fiscal analysis for a proposed reorganization, and the completion of the countywide fire report. This staff report provides the latest news regarding the various fire-related projects.

It is recommended that the Commission direct staff to continue coordinating and assisting the affected fire agencies.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The following section provides a comprehensive summary of each fire-related project currently underway at Santa Cruz LAFCO. Together, these project updates demonstrate how staff are advancing multiple interconnected initiatives aimed at improving the governance, coordination, and long-term sustainability of fire service across the county. For quick reference, **Table A** on page 3 offers a consolidated overview of all active fire-related projects and their current status.

County Service Area 48 Reorganization Analysis

In August 2024, the Commission received a fire study from AP Triton that evaluated the potential financial impacts to CSA 48 if local fire agencies annexed areas within their respective spheres of influence. The report's findings led to the formation of a stakeholder working group (with representatives from the County, CAL FIRE, and LAFCO) to develop a specialized transition study assessing the conversion of CSA 48 from a dependent fire agency to an independent fire protection district. While this transition study was initially planned as an in-house effort to assess governance models, service levels, operational frameworks, financial capacity, and long-term sustainability, its development was delayed following the submission of an application in May 2025 for a reorganization involving CSA 48 and the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District.

Status Update: The Commission adopted the 2026 Countywide Fire Protection Service & Sphere Review on June 3, 2026 and one of the recommended actions was to consider hiring an outside consultant to produce a feasibility study for the proposed CSA 48 transition into an independent fire district. LAFCO staff is scheduled to present a draft Request for Proposals to the Commission in October 2026 for consideration and approval.

Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Reorganization

On April 24, 2025, the PVFPD Board of Directors adopted a resolution to dissolve the District and concurrently annex its service area into County Service Area 48. The District submitted its formal reorganization application in May 2025. Since that time, LAFCO has worked closely with the County and PVFPD to help guide the reorganization process while also supporting the District's consideration of an alternative funding model that could allow it to remain an independent agency. It is important to note that PVFPD discontinued the alternative funding model process in March 2026. Throughout 2026, LAFCO (together with the County, PVFPD, and CAL FIRE) prepared and updated a five-year fiscal projection illustrating the potential impacts to CSA 48 should the reorganization proceed, facilitated two community workshops (one virtual and one in person), launched a dedicated webpage to enhance public transparency, and recently updated the Plan for Service document, included as **Attachment 1**.

Feasibility Study Request

At the Commission's June 3 LAFCO meeting, a PVFPD resident requested that LAFCO conduct a supplemental feasibility analysis comparing projected costs under the CSA 48 reorganization with the discontinued PVFPD benefit assessment. LAFCO subsequently received three emails supporting the request (two from constituents and one from a non-resident) as noted in **Attachment 2**. The Commission directed staff to consult with PVFPD and the County to determine whether a supplemental fiscal study was warranted. Following meetings in mid-June, both agencies confirmed they do **not** support conducting an additional analysis. They emphasized that the SCI Consulting report already evaluated comparable fiscal scenarios, LAFCO's February 4, 2026 staff report compared the discontinued PVFPD benefit assessment with the proposed CSA 48 assessments, and a recent joint effort among LAFCO, the County, PVFPD, and CAL FIRE produced an updated five-year fiscal projection. Together, these documents provide sufficient fiscal information, making a new study unnecessary. All referenced materials are available on LAFCO's website: https://santacruzlafco.org/pvfpd_reorg/.

Status Update: The County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider the draft property tax exchange agreement and a will-serve letter at its August 11th board meeting. **Attachment 3** provides the latest timeline for this reorganization effort.

Fire Memorandum of Understanding (Potential Fire Study)

Since November 2024, LAFCO staff has actively participated in a stakeholder group with representatives from the City of Santa Cruz, Central Fire District, and Scotts Valley Fire Protection District. Early discussions produced consensus on engaging an independent consultant to assess the benefits and limitations of potential shared services arrangements (including but not limited to reorganizations or consolidations) through the development of a comprehensive feasibility study. While the fire agencies decided not to move forward with hiring an outside consultant to conduct a feasibility study, LAFCO has had an opportunity to take a proactive role in continuing to guide this process, fostering continued collaboration among all parties, and ensuring that governance options are thoroughly evaluated as part of the upcoming 2026 Countywide Fire Report.

Status Update: The Commission authorized staff to work with the affected agencies to consider retaining an outside consultant to evaluate service efficiencies and governance options. This action creates a structured opportunity for the agencies and their boards to jointly consider long-term service models and ensure that any future review of governance alternatives is grounded in shared priorities and collaborative input. Staff is tentatively scheduled to meet with the agencies in August 2026.

Felton Fire Protection District Governance Options Analysis

In July 2025, LAFCO published a comprehensive governance review outlining twelve potential organizational options for Felton FPD and its community to evaluate. After considering those alternatives, the District's Board determined in November 2025 that pursuing a new benefit assessment represented the most viable path for securing additional revenue while maintaining its status as an independent fire district. To advance that direction, Felton FPD conducted a mailed-ballot benefit assessment proceeding throughout June and July 2026, with the final tabulation completed during a special Board meeting on July 24, 2026.

Status Update: The proposed benefit assessment passed through strong community participation, with 1,181 ballots submitted representing \$924,082.26 in assessed value and 67.88% of the weighted votes in support. LAFCO extends its appreciation to the Felton FPD Board and staff for their proactive leadership throughout the assessment process, and also thanks the Felton Community for Emergency Response (FCER) resident group for its sustained engagement and outreach, which contributed meaningfully to the measure's successful passage.

Table A: Overview of Fire Projects

Project	Affected Agencies	Description	Timeline / Deadline
CSA 48 Reorganization	County (CSA 48) and CalFIRE	Status: Ongoing The affected agencies and LAFCO are exploring the concept of transitioning CSA 48 into an independent special district.	Group effort started in August 2024; Draft RFP will be considered by the commission in Oct. 2026
Pajaro Valley FPD Reorganization	County (CSA 48), CalFIRE, and Pajaro Valley FPD	Status: Ongoing LAFCO is processing an application submitted by PVFPD that would dissolve the district and concurrently annex the area into CSA 48. A dedicated webpage regarding the project is now available on LAFCO's website: https://santacruzlafco.org/pvfpd_reorg/	Application received on May 2, 2025; Two community workshops held in May 2026 Commission may consider the reorganization by late-2026
Fire Memorandum of Understanding	City of Santa Cruz, Central Fire District, and Scotts Valley FPD	Status: Pending The affected agencies and LAFCO initially considered hiring a consultant to produce a study; however, those discussions were stalled at the board level. LAFCO is currently coordinating with the affected agencies once again to determine if conducting a special study (led by LAFCO) would be supported by the respective boards.	Group effort started in July 2023; LAFCO staff will coordinate with the affected agencies to determine if a special study is supported.
Felton FPD Governance Options	Felton Fire Protection District	Status: Complete Felton FPD conducted a successful mailed-in election with approximately 68% support from the community. FFPD is tentatively scheduled to announce the selection of a new full-time fire chief in late-July or early-August 2026.	LAFCO received and filed the governance options report in September 2025; LAFCO analyzed Felton FPD's recent improvements and actions as part of the 2026 Countywide Fire Report.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe A. Serrano
Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. PVFPD Plan for Service Document (Updated Version)
2. Email Correspondence (PVFPD Reorganization)
3. PVFPD Reorganization Timeline (Updated Version)

From: [WordPress](#)
To: [Joe Serrano](#)
Subject: Santa Cruz LAFCO "Correspondence re: Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Reorganization and Independent Consultant"
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026 2:02:36 PM

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From: Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>
 Subject: Correspondence re: Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Reorganization and Independent Consultant

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your recommendation made at your June 3, 2026 meeting that LAFCO pursue an independent consultant to analyze the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District reorganization as a condition of approval of the Draft 2026 Countywide Fire District Sphere and Service Review. As you remember, this recommendation was requested by Mr. Don Jarvis, in his expert opinion testimony during public comment on the Report. Mr. Jarvis has served as an expert in past fire district reorganization efforts led by LAFCO, and was responsible for seeing the Aptos/ La Selva Fire District and Central Fire District consolidation across the finish line, as an Interim Chief of Aptos/ La Selva Fire District.

Subsequently, I attended the June 10, 2026 Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Board meeting wherein District staff merely reported that LAFCO had approved the Countywide Service and Sphere Review. I then testified regarding the Commission's recommendation to seek an independent consultant to analyze the current trajectory of LAFCO's and the District's reorganization actions.

I was very shocked to hear Chair Martone only then declare that he and Vice-Chair Dellamonica had rejected LAFCO's recommendation to hire an independent consultant to review the merger of the District with Santa Cruz County Fire Department. There was no discussion.

This decision was made in a vacuum, without any public discussion or approval of the PVFPD Board.

It is evident that, for whatever reason, some on the Board members are intent upon dissolving the District, despite clear and strong 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.. <https://www.pajarovalleyfire.com/>

Mr. Jarvis's careful analysis has shown that the draft Santa Cruz County Fire Dept. assessments for PVFPD assessment post-annexation would cost significantly more for the same 3-0 level of staffing that a simple parcel tax increase would cost, should the District remain an independent fire district. As Mr. Jarvis pointed out to the public at the May 23, 2026 Public Meeting, a Prop. 218 assessment vehicle is not the proper tool for increasing PVFPD revenues to fund 3-0 staffing, and the District should pause the dissolution and consider a simple parcel tax increase.

This is what your Commission's June 3 recommendation to staff would have done, but it met with curious resistance from LAFCO staff, who reported that no action on the recommendation could be taken without prior approval of the PVFPD. I find this incongruent with the duties of LAFCO staff, and the fact that your Commission has already approved funding / waiving fees related to this reorganization effort, contingent upon the reorganization's completion.

The District's 2026-2027 Budget identifies \$1,436,907 rolling revenue

surplus that could be applied to the increased staffing now. (page 88 of June 10 agenda packet: https://www.pajarovalleyfire.com/wp-content/uploads/PV-Board-Meeting-Packet-6-10-26_Amended.pdf)
A simple parcel tax increase would require 2/3 voter approval, but would be the most transparent, equitable and most cost-effective level of service to the residents within PVFPD. In my opinion, a 2/3 voter approval is possible to achieve.

Therefore, please continue public discussion of this issue at the August LAFCO meeting, and insist that LAFCO staff move forward with an independent consultant analysis (NOT done "in-house") to determine whether or not the current course of action being decided in a vacuum is the best for the residents of PVFPD.

Please respond.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Santa Cruz LAFCO (<https://santacruzlafco.org>)

From: [Randy Craven](#)
To: [LAFCO Info](#)
Cc: [Randy Craven](#)
Subject: Pajaro Valley Fire District Reorganization
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 7:12:14 PM

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Dear LAFCO,

I believe that one of the critical roles that LAFCO plays is ensuring that the people affected by these types of reorganization projects are not adversely impacted. To fulfill that role, LAFCO staff and Commissioners must remain impartial, objective, and unbiased. Given that LAFCO staff assumed the lead role in the PVFD reorganization from the very beginning, it appears that they are an advocate of one particular approach to the exclusion of all others.

At the May 23, 2026 PVFD Town Hall meeting, Officials acknowledged that for the identified service level, the reorganization of the PVFD into CSA 48 will cost \$500,000 more than the PVFD remaining an independent fire district. To my knowledge, this is the first time this has been made public and has not been independently reviewed nor adequately justified.

Based on information in LAFCO's May 20, 2026 Financial Projections report, it is proposed that both of the existing CSA 48 Benefit Assessments be applied to the PVFD parcels at the current maximum rate, generating over \$1.8 million in new revenue from charges placed on property owner's tax bills *without a vote*. I am very concerned that this authority is being exercised without due regard for the provisions of Proposition 218. The risk of implementing this methodology incorrectly is that property owners within the reorganization area may be deprived of the protections afforded them under Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

I find it very concerning that the proposed Resolution (No. 2026-11) for the Countywide Fire Protection Service and Sphere Review includes direction to staff to hire an outside consultant to produce a feasibility study exploring the reorganization of CSA 48 into an independent fire district. However, there is no such recommendation for a feasibility study exploring the reorganization of the Pajaro Valley Fire District. The CSA 48 reorganization is likely to have no financial implications to the CSA 48 constituents but on the other hand, the Pajaro Valley Fire District reorganization proposed would add \$1.8 million dollars in new assessments to property in the PVFD.

I'm respectfully asking that the Commission engage the services of a qualified outside consulting firm to produce a feasibility study to address and evaluate, at a minimum, the increased costs of providing services to the PVFD reorganization area and whether the costs are commensurate with the services desired by the community; and to ensure that the process of extending the CSA 48 Benefit Assessments to the reorganization area adheres strictly to all applicable provisions of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Sincerely,

Randy Craven

From: [Don Jarvis](#)
To: [LAFCO Info](#)
Subject: Comments on the Pajaro Valley Fire District Reorganization
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 12:03:07 PM

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Dear LAFCO Commissioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify my position on the Pajaro Valley reorganization project. As a resident and property owner in the PVFPD I will be directly impacted by the proposed changes and I want the Commission to have an accurate understanding of what my concerns are.

My request to the Commission at your June 3 meeting was very succinct. I requested that the Commission undertake an objective, third-party analysis of the PVFPD reorganization project, with particular emphasis on the overall cost of the proposed services and compliance to relevant provisions of Proposition 218. As I stated, the project proposes to levy more than \$1.8 million in new assessments on property owners, and the total projected costs of \$4.4 million are about \$500,000 higher than the costs of the PVFPD remaining an independent fire district operating with a CAL FIRE contract.

LAFCO Policy 3.7 states the following:

In order for LAFCO to approve a change of organization, the proponent shall demonstrate that the subject services can be provided in a timely manner and at a reasonable cost. (emphasis added)

The amount of the proposed assessment has ballooned from about \$1 million in 2024 to today's \$1.8 million. In the context of a rural fire district, \$1.8 million is an enormous amount of money. Combined with existing revenue sources, the total revenue generated from PVFPD territory is projected at about \$4.4 million, far in excess of the reasonable cost for CAL FIRE to operate one fire station at the Basic Life Support level.

The proponents (including LAFCO staff) have not demonstrated that the subject services are being provided at a reasonable cost. In fact, there has been no independent analysis of the costs (or any other measurable criteria) of the project. The proposed assessments against the properties in the PVFD were arbitrarily set at the maximum level by staff, without any public input and without the express consent of any elected governing body.

This leads to my concerns about compliance to Proposition 218. Based on first-hand conversations and the evolution of staff's financial projections, it is clear that the basis for the projections began with the maximum amount of potential revenue, then the calculations were reverse-engineered to try to justify the taking. This methodology is a clear violation of Proposition 218. There are many other direct and indirect deviations that potentially deprive ratepayers of their protections under Article XIII-D of the California Constitution. Even a casual reading of Proposition 218 would draw one to conclude that the law does not allow a government agency to assess property owners for services that they don't directly benefit from.

It seems as though the PVFPD is viewed as a cash-cow or profit-center for funding CSA 48.

My final area of concern involves the role that LAFCO plays in projects such as this. LAFCOs have traditionally remained neutral and objective arbiters of proposed changes in local government boundaries that could be counted on to render unbiased and factual analysis, and ultimately, judgement. People affected by proposed changes could trust that LAFCO would ensure that they were not adversely impacted by the change. In contrast to this traditional approach, LAFCO staff have taken an activist role in this process, ceaselessly advocating for a "highest possible revenue" funding model.

To ensure that ratepayers are not saddled with unsubstantiated charges, a project of this magnitude absolutely deserves objective independent study. LAFCO Policy 3.7 insists that such a study be completed before allowing property owners to be subjected to this level of new assessments, especially since it is under the authority of LAFCO that such assessments would be imposed. Questions about the amount of revenue, the level of expenses, and compliance to the law should be approached with an abundance of caution and backed by verifiable data.

The PVFPD reorganization is being passed off as inevitable and trivial. It may well be inevitable, but it is far from trivial. The PVFPD reorganization is by far the most significant project LAFCO has considered since your current Executive Officer assumed the role. Despite the financial implications to property owners, important policy questions (such as shifting the financial burden from commercial interests to residences) are brushed aside, and the PVFPD Board is along for the ride, refusing to engage with their constituents in any meaningful way.

My June 3 comments to the Commission have been reinterpreted by various parties, so please allow me to clarify. I am asking for one thing and one thing only: an impartial, unbiased, thorough, and comprehensive study of the Pajaro Valley Fire District reorganization project by a qualified, independent, third-party consultant that will provide the community and your Commission with a complete and accurate analysis of all relevant information so that together we can make data-driven decisions that work for all of us.

I am not opposed to the reorganization of the PVFPD. I am however opposed to being taken advantage of, so I must insist that if we are going to engage in such a process, we do it correctly, with complete, impartial, and thorough analysis of all relevant data.

Sincerely,
Don Jarvis

"Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Reorganization" (LAFCO Process - Proposed Schedule) <i>(For Discussion Purposes Only - Dates Subject to Change)</i>			
Action	Responsible Agency	Target Date	Description
Pre-LAFCO Process			
Discussion about application requirements	County, CalFIRE, PVFPD, and LAFCO	February - April 2025	Discuss the LAFCO process, proposal area, and application requirements to transfer service responsibilities from Pajaro Valley FPD to CSA 48.
Conduct Community Workshop	County, CalFIRE, PVFPD, and LAFCO	April 15, 2025	While not mandatory, it may be beneficial to educate the community about the existing issues and the benefits from the reorganization. This was the first of a series of meetings/workshops that will help alleviate any misconceptions/questions from residents.
During LAFCO Process			
Submittal of Application to LAFCO	PVFPD	May 2025	A completed application must also include the following: 1) Initiating Document (adopted resolution); 2) Plan for Service/Feasibility Study; 3) Environmental Questionnaire (CEQA requirement); 4) Map & Legal Description (SBE requirement); 5) Signed Indemnification Agreement; 6) LAFCO Filing Fee (Initial Deposit; based on acreage); 7) Letters/Resolutions of support from CSA 48; and 8) Any additional information requested by LAFCO (TBD)
Review and Notification of Application	LAFCO	May 2025	Pursuant to state law, LAFCO will identify any missing items to the applicant within 30 days. Concurrently, LAFCO will solicit comments from affected and interested agencies/parties.
Discuss Next Steps in LAFCO Process	County, CalFIRE, PVFPD, and LAFCO	December 2026 - January 2026	Discuss the next steps in the LAFCO process, including but not limited to, the upcoming educational workshops, outstanding application items, etc.
Provide Supplemental Documents	LAFCO	February 4, 2026	Provide commission and public a 5-Year Financial Projection Analysis and Proposed Benefit Assessment Parcel Cost Breakdown for informational purposes only
Host Educational Workshop (In-Person Setting)	County, CalFIRE, PVFPD, and LAFCO	May 23, 2026	PVFPD will host an in-person educational study session to inform the community about the reorganization effort, discuss the proposed benefit assessment process, and answer any questions by the residents (1 of 4 workshops).
Host Educational Workshop (Virtual Setting)	County, CalFIRE, PVFPD, and LAFCO	May 26, 2026	PVFPD will host a virtual educational study session to inform the community about the reorganization effort, discuss the proposed benefit assessment process, and answer any questions by the residents (2 of 4 workshops).
Adoption of a Property Tax Ex. Agreement & Will-Serve Letter	County and PVFPD	August 11, 2026	The County will need to determine the transfer of ad valorem property tax revenues to fulfill the requirements of Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. A Will-Serve Letter will indicate that the County, under CSA 48, is willing and capable of providing services.
Discuss Next Steps in LAFCO Process	County, CalFIRE, PVFPD, and LAFCO	August 2026	Address any pending items. These items must be resolved before LAFCO staff can deem this project complete and ready for Commission consideration.
CALPERS Actuarial Report	CALPERS	Aug-Sept 2026	CalPERS will provide an actuarial report indicating how PVFPD's pension obligations will be addressed following the reorganization.
Host Educational Workshop (In-Person Setting)	County, CalFIRE, PVFPD, and LAFCO	Lat-August 2026	PVFPD will host an in-person educational study session to inform the community about the reorganization effort, discuss the proposed benefit assessment process, and answer any questions by the residents (3 of 4 workshops).
Host Educational Workshop (Virtual Setting)	County, CalFIRE, PVFPD, and LAFCO	September 2026	PVFPD will host a virtual educational study session to inform the community about the reorganization effort, discuss the proposed benefit assessment process, and answer any questions by the residents (4 of 4 workshops).
Complete Certificate of Filing	LAFCO	October 2026	Pursuant to State law, LAFCO's Executive Officer will deem the project complete when a Certificate of Filing is signed. All required documents and actions need to be accomplished before this step is taken.
Advertise LAFCO Hearing in Newspaper(s)	LAFCO	October 2026	Pursuant to State law, LAFCO will advertise the consideration of the proposed reorganization in a newspaper(s) at least 21-days prior to the hearing date (GCS 56157[h] - 1/8 page in newspaper).
Conduct LAFCO Hearing (Consider Proposal)	LAFCO	November 4, 2026	The Commission will consider the proposed change of organization in a public forum. Affected/interested agencies and members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Commission on this matter.
Record Environmental Document	LAFCO	November 5, 2026	The affected parties and LAFCO must determine which environmental document will be needed to fulfill the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). LAFCO may act as the Lead Agency.
Conduct 30-day Request for Reconsideration Period	LAFCO	Nov. 5 to Dec. 4, 2026	Pursuant to state law, the request for reconsideration period is 30 days. <u>Reconsideration:</u> If the reorganization is approved, any person or affected agency may file a written request with the executive officer requesting amendments to or reconsideration of the adopted resolution. The request shall state the specific modification to the resolution being requested and shall state what new or different facts that could not have been presented previously are claimed to warrant the reconsideration.
Advertise LAFCO Protest Hearing in Newspaper(s)	LAFCO	November 30, 2026	Pursuant to State law, LAFCO will advertise the protest proceedings for the reorganization in a newspaper(s) at least 21-days prior to the hearing date (GCS 56157[h] - 1/8 page in newspaper)
Conduct Protest Proceedings	LAFCO	Dec. 7, 2026 to Jan. 22, 2027 (47 days)	Pursuant to state law, the date of the protest hearing shall not be less than 21 days or more than 60 days after the date the notice is given. This is an opportunity for affected residents/landowners to submit protest petitions against the Commission's action (i.e. approval of the reorganization). If less than 25% oppose, then Commission action holds If 25%-50% oppose, then election is required If more than 50% oppose, then Commission action is terminated
Conduct Protest Hearing (Collect Final Petitions)	LAFCO	Jan. 15, 2027	A protest hearing will be held to receive any final protest petitions from affected residents/landowners.
Conduct LAFCO Hearing (Adopt Protest Results)	LAFCO	February 3, 2027	Pursuant to state law, LAFCO will adopt a resolution acknowledging the results of the protest proceedings.
Completion of all Terms & Conditions	County, CalFIRE, PVFPD, and LAFCO	February - March 2027	The adopted resolution from the LAFCO Meeting will list a number of terms and conditions. The affected parties will be responsible to fulfill such conditions prior to recordation, including but not limited to legislative assistance, bond measures, etc.
Recordation of Proposal	LAFCO	February - March 2027	<u>LAFCO:</u> Recordation of the approved proposal with the County and the State Board of Equalization (SBE). <u>PVFPD / County:</u> The effective date of the reorganization may be the day of recordation or a specified date. The affected parties may specify the effective date as a potential condition in the LAFCO resolution.
Post-LAFCO Process			
Certificate of Completion Distribution	LAFCO	March 2027	LAFCO will send a copy of the Certificate of Completion, which includes the adopted resolution, to all affected/interested parties.
State Board of Equalization Tax Roll Update	SBE	March 2027	Reorganization will be reflected in new tax roll



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PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Fire Chief, Jed Wilson

DATE: August 2026

SUBJECT: Reserve Budget Spending 26/27 Fiscal

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an update on the fiscal impacts associated with (1) transitioning daily operations to 3/0 staffing, and (2) exploring the potential acquisition of property for a future fire station site. This information was requested by the Board at the July meeting.

Background

At the July Board meeting, staff was directed to return with additional fiscal detail and operational considerations related to increasing daily staffing and evaluating the feasibility of acquiring land for a future station location. This report outlines initial cost impacts, options and recommended next steps.

Fiscal Overview

The District currently maintains a capital outlay budget of 1,435,125 dollars for FY 26/27. Additionally, the District began the fiscal year with approximately 521,612 dollars more than anticipated during the preliminary budget process. Based on current revenue projections, staff estimates that an additional 150,000 to 200,000 dollars will be transferred into the capital outlay fund during FY 26/27. This provides an estimated total capital outlay of **1,635,125** dollars for the fiscal year. The cash/fund balance for 26/27 would have a balance of around **744,787** dollars, with the movement of funds to capital outlay and the septic and turnout purchases.

Current capital fund allocations are as follows:

- Clothing and supplies: 52,000 dollars
- Small tools and instruments: 157,000 dollars
- Building and improvements: 250,000 dollars
- Mobile equipment replacement: 1,176,125 dollars



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Options and Analysis

1. LG-1 Agreement Amendment (3/0 Daily Staffing)

This option would amend the existing LG-1 agreement to increase daily staffing levels to 3 personnel on duty.

Cost Impacts: 26/27 – 532,584 dollars total for 2.0 FAE

- Increased salary and benefit obligations associated with maintaining 3/0 staffing daily within the district.
- Additional overtime exposure depending on vacancy rates, leave usage, and long-term staffing stability.

Implementation Considerations:

- Evaluation of reserve spending impacts and sustainability.
- Assessment of the financial runway in which 3/0 staffing can be supported within current and future district budgets.
- Consideration of the impacts on other capital-categorized items if funds are diverted, including equipment replacement, building improvements, and other essential capital needs.

2. Property Acquisition for Future Station Location

Acquisition of land for a future station will require detailed review and analysis.

Key Factors:

- Availability of suitable parcels within service-area coverage needs.
- Total costs of land purchase, site development, environmental review, and permitting.
- Potential partnership or shared-use opportunities.

Additional fiscal analysis will require consultation with real estate and planning professionals.

Next Steps

Staff recommends that the Board discuss the information provided in this report and offer direction on the following:

- Whether staff should proceed with drafting an amendment to the LG-1 agreement for 3/0 staffing.



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- Whether the Board would like staff to begin a formal property acquisition assessment, including identification of candidate parcels, estimated costs, and feasibility considerations.



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STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Deputy Fire Marshall, Joe Paquin

DATE: August 2026

SUBJECT: BESS Fire Protection Standard & Local Ordinance Consultant

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an update from the Fire Marshalls Office about their meetings with San Diego County Fire Department, Jensen Hughes an engineering and consulting firm and Kern County Fire Department

Background

At the June Board meeting, staff were directed to evaluate options for revising or adopting a new fire code that incorporates NFPA 855. Following this direction, the BESS Working Group and the Fire Marshal's Office met with representatives from the San Diego County Fire Department and with consultants from Jensen Hughes. We also obtained documents from Kern County Fire.

During our discussion with San Diego and the documents we got from Kern County, each agency described the processes used to develop their respective standards and ordinances for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Both departments relied on consultant support to create their requirements, and both appeared to adopt standards that go above and beyond current fire code and industry requirements for BESS facilities, using the most current adopted codes and standards as their foundation.

We also met with consultants from Jensen Hughes, a large engineering firm experienced in supporting both developers and public safety agencies with the review, analysis, and development of BESS related documents. Jensen Hughes has a broad range of engineering disciplines available to assist in developing comprehensive fire codes, standards, and other technical elements necessary for regulating BESS facilities. Jensen Hughes was used by both Kern County and San Diego County.

Recommendation

We have reviewed San Diego County and Kern County Fire Department's fire code and standards that relate to BESS facilities. We recommend that we



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request a quote from a consultant about costs to assist with developing or revising current standards and fire codes that relate to BESS.

Fiscal Overview

It is unknown what the fiscal impact would be. Staff estimate roughly \$50,000 for consultants.

Scope of Services – Items to be requested for a quote

Task 1 — Technical review of Kern and San Diego County standards and ordinances. Review any applicable NFPA standards and fire codes published

Task 2 — Which mechanisms to adopt, standard and/or ordinance

Task 3 — Local fire-code amendment (ordinance) or standard drafting

Task 4 — Application document set for new ESS within District. Develop a submittal guide, commissioning and decommissioning checklist and ITM (inspection, testing and maintenance) program document

Task 5 — Adoption timing and sequencing

Task 6 — State law alignment

Task 7 – Provide all documents for inspections



Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Process for Filling a Vacancy on a Special District Board

To: Pajaro Valley Fire Board of Directors

Summary:

Director John Sampson has resigned from his position on the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Board effective this past Monday, August 10, 2026. Under Government Code §1780, the Board may either appoint a qualified individual or call a special election for the vacancy. This report outlines the steps required if the Board chooses to **fill the vacancy by appointment**.

Background:

Government Code §1780 establishes procedures for filling vacancies on special district boards. Once the district is notified of the vacancy or once the vacancy becomes effective—the Board has **60 days** to take action.

Process for Appointment:

1. Notify the County Elections Office

The district **must notify the county elections official within 15 days** of the vacancy being known or becoming effective.

2. Post Public Notice of the Vacancy

Before making an appointment, the district must:

- Post a **Notice of Vacancy** in **three or more conspicuous places** within the district
- Keep the notice posted for **at least 15 days before making the appointment**

3. Accept Applications

Applicants may submit an application expressing interest in serving. Applications can be picked up at the fire station front office.

4. Board Appointment

Within **60 days**, the Board may appoint a qualified person.

- At the board meeting on September 9th, 2026, appointment a new member to the board. If more than one application is received board would cast votes for who to appoint.

Once appointed:

- The district must notify the county elections official **within 15 days** of the appointment.



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Term of Appointee:

The appointee serves:

- **Until the next general district election**, provided that election is **130+ days** after the county elections office was notified of the vacancy; and
- Then until the elected successor is qualified.

Failure to Act:

If the Board does **not** act within 60 days:

- The **County Board of Supervisors** has **30 days** to appoint or order an election.
If no governing body acts within **90 days**, the district **must call an election**.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board proceed with posting the required notice and accepting applications in preparation for appointing a qualified candidate at the September 9th, 2026 board meeting.



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Notice of Vacancy

Interested persons are hereby notified that pursuant to Government Code §1780 there is a vacancy on the

Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors

The position to be filled is for a term ending
December 31, 2026

The seat will go to election in November 2026 for

- ☐ the final two years of the term or
- ☒ for a new 4-year term.

Applications are available at the
Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Office located at:
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Website: pajarovalleyfire.com

Applications are due by: August 31, 2026 by 5 p.m.

This district board has 60 days from the date the board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later, to fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election. Gov. Code §1780

Pursuant to Government Code §1780, this notice will be posted for **15 days in 3 or more** conspicuous locations in the districts from **August 13, 2026 to August 31, 2026**.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A SPECIAL DISTRICT VACANCY OF THE PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Instructions

If you are interested in serving on the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors, please complete this application and return it to: **Battalion Chief Mike Urbani at 562 Casserly Road Watsonville, CA. 95076**

Date Due: **August 31, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

You will be advised by the district board if your appointment is confirmed. Thank you for your interest.

DISTRICT: _____ DATE: _____

NAME: _____ AGE (optional): _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS OR MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (DAYTIME): _____ PHONE (EVENING): _____

E-MAIL: _____

EDUCATION			
Institution	Major	Degree	Year

WORK / VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE				
Organization	City	Position	From	To

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Please briefly describe your qualifications and why you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I authorize the verification of the information in this application.

Signature

Date