



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

AGENDA & PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the

PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

on

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Meeting to be held at the Pajaro Valley Fire Station

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

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call

2.0 Agenda Amendments

Per Government Code §54954.2, the legislative body may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda under any of the three conditions stated below. Prior to discussing any item pursuant to this subdivision, the legislative body shall publicly identify the item.

(1) Upon a determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in §54956.5.

(2) Upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present at the meeting (i.e. 4 if 5 are present) , or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the District after the agenda was posted as specified in subdivision (a) of §54956.5. 1

(3) The item was agendized at a prior meeting of the Board not more than five calendar days before the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior Board meeting the item was continued to the Board meeting at which action is being taken.

2.1 Additions to Agenda

2.0 Public Comments

Public Comment on matters not on the agenda: Public Comment should ordinarily be limited to 3 minutes per person. There can be no deliberation or action on items not on the agenda. The Board may refer a matter to staff or schedule discussion for future meeting. The public should address the Board on items on the agenda during the Board's consideration of the item.

3.0 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.

3.1 **Minutes** – Approval of the minutes from the Special Board meeting on September 22, 2025 and the Regular Board meeting on September 25, 2025.

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

Motion:

Second:

All in favor:



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4.0 Presentations

- 4.1 Pajaro Valley Chief's Report & Run Report for August
- 4.2 Watsonville Run Report
- 4.3 Pitch In Santa Cruz – Trash Talkers upcoming event on Casserly Rd

5.0 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.

- 5.1 Strategic Planning Committee – None
- 5.2 Finance Committee – None
- 5.3 Audit Committee – BC Urbani
- 5.4 LAFCO Ad HOC Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

6.0 Continuing Business

6.1 Pajaro Valley FPD & Watsonville City FD Contract Update

The Board receives an update from staff on the status of the Pajaro Valley FPD and Watsonville City FD Contract.

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

6.2 218 Benefit Assessment update from Pajaro Valley Fire's LAFCO Ad Hoc Committee

The board will receive an update from Pajaro Valley Fire's LAFCO Ad Hoc Committee on the status of the proposed 218 Benefit Assessment.

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

6.3 Update on Director Badges

The Board will receive an update on the badges that were ordered for the members of the Board and the next steps needed to be able to issue them.

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

7.0 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.

7.1 Establish a working group for Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facility proposed at 90 Minto Rd

The Board to discuss if they want to establish a BESS Facility Working Group to advise the Pajaro Valley FPD Board of Directors on information gathered in reference to the BESS Facility proposed at 90 Minto Rd.

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

Motion:

Second:

All in favor:



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7.2 Resolution 2025-16 Volunteer Firefighter Assistant Grant

Board to review documents and Resolution 2025-16 Volunteer Firefighter Assistant Grant for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Recommended Action: Adopt by motion Resolution 2025-16 Volunteer Firefighter Assistant Grant.

Motion:

Second:

All in favor:

8.0 Correspondence

8.1 – Alex Miller Handout on BESS Facilities that was handed out to the Board Members at the Regular Board Meeting on September 25.

8.2 – Email from Becky Steinbruner sent on 9/25/25 and handed out to the Board Members at the Regular Board Meeting on September 25.

8.3 – Email from Becky Steinbruner sent on 10/8/25 regarding Santa Cruz County Draft Ordinance hearing and YouTube link for BESS Fire Code.

8.4 – Email on 10/10/25 from Senior Project Developer Max Christian responsible for the “Seahawk” project proposed for 90 Minto Rd.

8.5 – Email from Becky Steinbruner on 10/14/25 BESS presentation to Watsonville City Council.

9.0 Agenda items for the next meeting

10.0 Adjournment

Motion:

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

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

On

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Pajaro Valley Fire Station

562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076

1.0 Call to Order -

1.1 Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call – Chair David Martone calls regular meeting to order 05:00

Present:

**Board: Chair David Martone; Vice Chair Ashley Moules; Director Jake Dellamonica;
Director Robert Erbe; Director John Sampson**

Excused Absence:

Staff: BC Mike Urbani, UC Jed Wilson, DC James Allen

2.0 Agenda Amendments

2.1 Additions to Agenda - NONE

2.0 Public Comments

- Alex Miller, Aptos Resident
 - Concern of Santa Cruz County and the Battery Permit storage process. Does not believe that the proposed 420 ft setback is adequate depending on building size. Provide examples of a similar battery fire that happened earlier this month in Parkfield. This is considered a successful example of adequate storage of battery containers along with the evacuation procedures of the nearby community which has a low population. The proportion of the storage should match the size of the building. Advocates for predictable proportion safety buffers.
- Becky Steinbruner, Aptos Resident
 - The SCC Board of Supervisors is reviewing the proposal by Justin Cummings for battery energy. The district should not have it's ordinance influenced from the California Energy Commission, The PVFD should adopt or form an AD HOC committee to create a more restrictive battery energy code specific to local jurisdiction. Becky has provided examples for the board & staff.

3.0 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.

3.1 Minutes – Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on August 20, 2025

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

Motion: Dir. Jake Dellamonica

Second: Dir. Robert Erbe

All in favor: All



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3.2

Aye – Chairperson David Martone; Vice Chair Ashley Moules; Dir. John Sampson; Dir. Robert Erbe; Dir. Jake Dellamonica.

Nay – N/A

Absences – N/A

Abstain - N/A

4.0 Presentations

4.1 Pajaro Valley Chief's Report & Run Report for August

BC Urbani provides a report on two recent fires in PVFPD's Response area and an update on the Aug. 30th plane crash with two injuries near the Watsonville airport with cooperating agency Watsonville Fire

New FAE anticipated for October 2025

PVFPD won a special ribbon for Patch display at the Santa Cruz County Fair
Engine 4510 was displayed at the SCC Fair as well

4.2 Watsonville Run Report

No Discussion

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Strategic Planning Committee – *No Discussion*

5.2 Finance Committee – *No Discussion*

5.3 Audit Committee – *No Discussion*

5.4 LAFCO Ad HOC Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

- The committee has met with LAFCO & Mr. Serrano. The dissolution is continuing on the anticipated schedule. Dir. Dellamonica had multiple meetings with SCI, Prop 18. A decision is not ready to be made at this time per Chair Martone. The committee requires further time for decision.

Public Comment

- o Becky – LAFCO agreed to waive \$8,000 fee. Clarification on the reasoning or necessity for the fee.

6.0 Continuing Business

6.1 Pajaro Valley FPD & Watsonville City FD Contract Update

The Board receives an update from staff on the status of the Pajaro Valley FPD and Watsonville City FD Contract.

Recommended Action: Discuss and give any directions to staff if needed.

UC Jed Wilson – The contract was discussed with Chief Schaefer, they are looking at the contract which was received, and further review is pending. There is no specific timeline for when a discussion will be had with the committee.

Dir. Jake Dellamonica – Extension of the timeline only further drags out issues in another FISCAL quarter. He asks staff to push forward a meeting to expedite the process of contract discussions. Chief Wilson agrees.



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7.0 New Business

7.1 Resolution 2025-10 Final Budget Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Board to review the final budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

- *Staff Report Presented to the Board*
- *Board clarifying questions for staff*
- *PUBLIC HEARING – Board Chair opens public hearing for public comment*
- *Board Chair closes public hearing*
- *Board Discussion and deliberation*
- *Board vote on resolution*

7 Total Fire staff in budget

*Food Training & Lodging budget has been increased to meet newer demands
Special District expenses are increasing to improve the boardroom.*

Contingencies are funded to \$100,000

*Added funds for PPE, Clothing, Small Tools & Replacement for equipment of PVFD Vehicles
Building & Improvements funds increased by \$200,000*

The funds for septic repair are in the operating budget

Dir. Dellamonica asks if insurance will cover the septic repair; BC Urbani states that this is still pending verification.

*BC Urbani presents the FY 25-26 Proposed Budget spreadsheet with a breakdown of expenditures.
Costs are based on the initial purchase price for vehicle budget.*

Predicted \$479,000 Remaining in the Mobile Equipment Budget.

Dir. Dellamonica – Explains the additional interest funding to the board.

BC Urbani encourages the use of Interest and maintaining a healthy balance in keeping a healthy profit across FYs.

BC Urbani provides an update on the website and the recent additions to promote engagement with the community. Schedule and meeting agendas are provided through the website.

Public Question

Becky Steinbruner: Where are the Prop 21 funds found? Answer - Professional services, \$50,000

Recommended Action: Adopt by motion Resolution 2025-10 Final Budget Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

Motion: Dir. John Sampson

Second: Vice Chair Ashley Moules

All in favor: All



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7.1

Aye – Chairperson David Martone; Vice Chair Ashley Moules; Dir. John Sampson; Dir. Robert Erbe; Dir. Jake Dellamonica.

Nay – N/A

Absences – N/A

Abstain - N/A

7.2

Resolution 2025-11 Prop 4 Appropriation Limits

Board to review Prop 4 Appropriation limits Resolutions 2025-11.

Recommended Action: Adopt by motion Resolution 2025-11 Prop 4 Appropriation Limits.

\$8,354,112 is the cap for funds that can be spent by PVFD.

Motion: Dir. Jake Dellamonica

Second: Dir. Robert Erbe

All in favor: All

Aye – Chairperson David Martone; Vice Chair Ashley Moules; Dir. John Sampson; Dir. Robert Erbe; Dir. Jake Dellamonica.

Nay – N/A

Absences – N/A

Abstain - N/A

7.3

Review and discuss application for California Special District Association

Board to receive report from Director Martone about membership with the California Special Districts Association and discuss potential future membership.

Recommended Action: Discussion only

Chair Martone has attended multiple meetings of this association, he recommends that the board has future membership if funding allows. Currently the funding is not there for participation.

Dir. Jake Dellamonica asks if grant money is available

Chair Martone will ask but is unsure if grant money is available.

A new chapter has been created in Santa Cruz, Monterey Counties with Special Districts

Dir. Dellamonica: Is it beneficial to the district?

Chair Martone: It is useful, but it would require funds that are not currently available.

Proposed bringing to the agenda for the next scheduled meeting, Dellamonica seconds that it is beneficial for the district.

Public Comment

Becky Steinbruner: Soquel Creek Water district puts on free Board training and encourages the board to look into the participation in said trainings. Discussion is often brought up regarding reports for Special Districts.



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8.0 Correspondence

None

9.0 Agenda items for the next meeting

- Cleanup on the Slough
- Opening of Murphy Crossing & Green Valley Road
 - o Chair Martone: Recommends reaching out to get a cleanup with the engine utilized as a safety barricade

Public Comment

Becky Steinbruner: Asks if the board would consider adding restrictive policies to the Fire Code for Battery Energy Codes to the agenda for the next meeting.

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: Dir. Jake Dellamonica

Second: Dir. Robert Erbe

All in favor: All

Time: 5:42

Aye – Chairperson David Martone; Vice Chair Ashley Moules; Dir. John Sampson; Dir. Robert Erbe; Dir. Jake Dellamonica.

Nay – N/A

Absences – N/A

Abstain - N/A

This is to certify that for foregoing is a true copy of the discussions during the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Regular Board of Directors meeting, held on September 25th, 2025

Attest:

October 21, 2025

Mike Urbani
Board Secretary

Dave Martone
Board Chair



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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Monday, September 22, 2025

1.0 Call to Order

Call Meeting to Order – Chair David Martone calls special meeting to order 5:13 PM

1.1

Present:

Board: Chair David Martone; Vice Chair Ashley Moules; Director Jake Dellamonica;
Director Robert Erbe; Director John Sampson

Staff: BC Mike Urbani, AC Sam Filson, FC Chris Walters, FC Joe Paquin

Excused Absence: None

2.0 Agenda Amendments

2.1 Additions to Agenda- None

2.0 Public Comments

No Public Attendance, No Public Comments

3.0 Presentations

None

4.0 Continuing Business

None

4.0 New Business

4.1 Discussion of Fire Code Adoption Process – Deputy Fire Marshall Chris Walters

Deputy Fire Marshall Walters to review staff report and discuss changes to current fire code with Directors for future adoption and timeline of the adoption process

Recommended Action: Discussion only.

Background / Discussion:

Chris Walters presents background on the proposed Fire Codes / Amendments for PVFPD.

The goals of the amendment are to streamline Fire Code process and align it with other departments in Santa Cruz County. Most amendments are carried over from previous Fire Code.

Background / Discussion (Cont'd):

BC Urbani summarizes the 4 motions being pushed forward as recommendations. Overview of the timeline for the adoption of ordinance. The November 12th meeting must be approved and changed from the typical schedule that falls on November 20th to meet the required 2025 Fire Code Adoption Timeline. Central Fire Protection District & Scotts Valley Fire Protection District are following similar deadlines.

4.2 Ordinance 2025-15 Pajaro Valley FPD 2025 Fire Code Ordinance (First Reading)

Board to review and conduct the first reading Ordinance 2025-15.

- *Board clarifying questions for staff*
 - *No Questions*
- *Board to entertain to suspend the first reading of Ordinance 2025-15 due to time*
- *PUBLIC HEARING – Board Chair opens public hearing for public comment*
 - *No Public Comment*
- *Board Chair closes public hearing*
- *Board Discussion and deliberation*

4.3 Board Review Dates to Reschedule October 21st, 2025 or November 20th Regular Board Meeting and Set a Date For a Public Hearing of Ordinance 2025-15 2025 Fire Code Adoption

Board to receive staff report and review dates presented to reschedule October 21st, 2025 or November 20th, 2025, regular meeting.

Recommended Action: Establish a new regular meeting date in October or November 2025 or schedule a special meeting date for public hearing for adoption of Ordinance 2025-15 prior to November 14th, 2025.

No Discussion

Motion: Dir. John Sampson

Second: Cochair Ashley Moules

All in favor: All

Aye – Chairperson David Martone; Dir. John Sampson; Dir. Robert Erbe; Dir. Jake Dellamonica; Vice Chair Ashley Moules.

Nay – N/A

Absences – N/A

Abstain - N/A

4.4 Resolution 2025-12 Notice of Intent to Adopt the 2025 Fire Code

Board to review Resolution 2025-12 and request approval for the proposed resolution.

Recommended Action: Adopt by motion Resolution 2025-12.

No Discussion

Motion: Dir. Jake Dellamonica

Second: Dir. Robert Erbe

All in favor: All

Aye – Chairperson David Martone; Dir. John Sampson; Dir. Robert Erbe; Dir. Jake Dellamonica; Vice Chair Ashley Moules.

Nay – N/A

Absences – N/A

Abstain - N/A

4.5 Resolution 2025-13 Findings of Fact Modification of State Housing Law

Board to review Resolution 2025-13 and request approval for the proposed resolution.

Recommended Action: Adopt by motion Resolution 2025-13

No Discussion

Motion: Dir. John Sampson

Second: Dir. Robert Erbe

All in favor: All

*Aye – Chairperson David Martone; Dir. John Sampson; Dir. Robert Erbe; Dir. Jake Dellamonica;
Vice Chair Ashley Moules.*

Nay – N/A

Absences – N/A

Abstain - N/A

4.6 Resolution 2025-14 Notice of Intent to Consider a Negative Declaration

Board to review Resolution 2025-13 and request approval for the proposed resolution.

Recommended Action: Adopt by motion Resolution 2025-13

No Discussion

Motion: Dir. Jake Dellamonica

Second: Vice Chair Ashley Moules

All in favor: All

*Aye – Chairperson David Martone; Dir. John Sampson; Dir. Robert Erbe; Dir. Jake Dellamonica;
Vice Chair Ashley Moules.*

Nay – N/A

Absences – N/A

Abstain - N/A

5.0 Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned 05:24 PM

Motion: Dir. Robert Erbe

Second: Dir. Jake Dellamonica

All in favor: All

Time: 05:24

*Aye – Chairperson David Martone; Dir. John Sampson; Dir. Robert Erbe; Dir. Jake Dellamonica; Vice Chair
Ashley Moules.*

Nay – N/A

Absences – N/A

Abstain - N/A

This is to certify that for foregoing is a true copy of the discussions during the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Special Board of Directors meeting, held on September 22th, 2025

Attest:

October 21, 2025

**Mike Urbani
Board Secretary**

**Dave Martone
Board Chair**

September Consent Agenda Expenditures

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E; Chart Fields = GLKey,FundType,Object
Fiscal Month [03] and Post On [@current-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [XP] and GL Key [683100]

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Document No	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN								
Object: 52015 – PERS								
2026	03	9/05/2025	SD12GASB68	Expenditures	683100	52015	-350.00	BT FOR GASB-68 INV 18034275
Total 52015 – PERS							-350.00	
Object: 61221 – TELEPHONE-NON TELECOM 1099								
2026	03	9/03/2025	PVFD090325	Expenditures	683100	61221	-287.75	Phone/Tablet(#371544236281000)
2026	03	9/12/2025	23997081	Expenditures	683100	61221	-98.66	Phone (BAN#9391004906)
2026	03	9/12/2025	23997643	Expenditures	683100	61221	-61.61	Phone (BAN#9391004910)
2026	03	9/29/2025	JE522629	Expenditures	683100	61221	841.83	RECLASS TO CORR OBJ 61222
Total 61221 – TELEPHONE-NON TELECOM 1099							393.81	
Object: 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES								
2026	03	9/29/2025	JE522629	Expenditures	683100	61222	-841.83	RECLASS TO CORR OBJ 61222
2026	03	9/30/2025	PVFD092625	Expenditures	683100	61222	-275.48	Phone/Tablet(#371544236281000)
Total 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES							-1,117.31	
Object: 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES								
2026	03	9/03/2025	PVFD090325	Expenditures	683100	61425	-83.37	Absorbent (#371544236281000)
2026	03	9/30/2025	68190	Expenditures	683100	61425	-36.18	Car Wash (Cust#10435)
Total 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES							-119.55	
Object: 61720 – MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV								
2026	03	9/30/2025	PVFD092625	Expenditures	683100	61720	-10.96	Fleet (#371544236281000)
Total 61720 – MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV							-10.96	
Object: 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES								
2026	03	9/03/2025	PVFD090325	Expenditures	683100	62219	-210.14	PC/Software(#371544236281000)
Total 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES							-210.14	
Object: 62221 – POSTAGE								
2026	03	9/03/2025	PVFD090325	Expenditures	683100	62221	-1.07	Postage (#371544236281000)
Total 62221 – POSTAGE							-1.07	
Object: 62223 – SUPPLIES								
2026	03	9/03/2025	PVFD090325	Expenditures	683100	62223	-46.62	Office Sup (#371544236281000)
2026	03	9/12/2025	45474992	Expenditures	683100	62223	-392.65	Ink (Acct# 3297303)
Total 62223 – SUPPLIES							-439.27	
Object: 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER								
2026	03	9/03/2025	PVFD090325	Expenditures	683100	62381	-82.99	TV (#371544236281000)
2026	03	9/30/2025	PVFD092625	Expenditures	683100	62381	-82.99	TV (#371544236281000)
Total 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER							-165.98	
Object: 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS								
2026	03	9/12/2025	985449	Expenditures	683100	62715	-388.40	Scene Light Battery (C33347)
Total 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS							-388.40	
Object: 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL								
2026	03	9/12/2025	276042	Expenditures	683100	62920	-752.50	Fuel (Acct ID: 3171)
Total 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL							-752.50	
Object: 63070 – GSD-UTILITIES								
2026	03	9/12/2025	8360462	Expenditures	683100	63070	-368.37	Trash/Rec (Cust ID: 041466)

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Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Document No	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN								
Object: 63070 – GSD-UTILITIES								
2026	03	9/29/2025	JE522629	Expenditures	683100	63070	3,659.57	RECLASS TO CORR OBJ 63074
Total 63070 – GSD-UTILITIES							3,291.20	
Object: 63074 – UTILITIES								
2026	03	9/29/2025	JE522629	Expenditures	683100	63074	-3,659.57	RECLASS TO CORR OBJ 63074
Total 63074 – UTILITIES							-3,659.57	
Object: 90000 – OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
2026	03	9/30/2025	JE522641	Expenditures	683100	90000	-100,000.00	OPERATING TRNSFR OUT
Total 90000 – OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT							-100,000.00	
Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN							-103,529.74	
							-103,529.74	



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Closing Date 09/26/25 Next Closing Date 10/28/25
Account Ending 2-83006

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

New Balance **\$369.43**
Minimum Payment Due **\$35.00**
Payment Due Date **10/22/25**

Reward Dollars

As of Aug 2025

66.85

For details, please see your
Reward Dollars Summary.

Account Summary

Previous Balance \$711.94
Payments/Credits -\$817.26
New Charges +\$474.75
Fees +\$0.00
Interest Charged +\$0.00

New Balance **\$369.43**
Minimum Payment Due **\$35.00**

Credit Limit \$15,000.00
Available Credit \$14,630.57
Cash Advance Limit \$500.00
Available Cash \$500.00
Days in Billing Period: 29

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date of 10/22/25, 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	12 months	\$403

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See page 2 for important information about your account.

Please refer to the **IMPORTANT NOTICES** section.

↓ Please fold on the perforation below, detach and return with your payment ↓



Payment Coupon

Do not staple or use paper clips



Pay by Computer

americanexpress.com/
business



Pay by Phone

1-800-472-9297

Account Ending 2-83006

Enter 15 digit account # on all payments.
Make check payable to American Express.

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PAJARO VALLEY FIRE
562 CASSERLY RD
WATSONVILLE CA 95076

Payment Due Date
10/22/25
New Balance
\$369.43
Minimum Payment Due
\$35.00

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



AMERICAN EXPRESS
PO BOX 60189
CITY OF INDUSTRY CA 91716-0189

\$ _____
Amount Enclosed

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Payments: Your payment must be sent to the payment address shown on your statement and must be received by 5 p.m. local time at that address to be credited as of the day it is received. Payments we receive after 5 p.m. will not be credited to your Account until the next day. Payments must also: (1) include the remittance coupon from your statement; (2) be made with a single check drawn on a US bank and payable in US dollars, or with a negotiable instrument payable in US dollars and clearable through the US banking system; and (3) include your Account number. If your payment does not meet all of the above requirements, crediting may be delayed and you may incur late payment fees and additional interest charges. Electronic payments must be made through an electronic payment method payable in US dollars and clearable through the US banking system. Please do not send post-dated checks as they will be deposited upon receipt. Any restrictive language on a payment we accept will have no effect on us without our express prior written approval. We will re-present to your financial institution any payment that is returned unpaid.

Permission for Electronic Withdrawal: (1) When you send a check for payment, you give us permission to electronically withdraw your payment from your deposit or other asset account. We will process checks electronically by transmitting the amount of the check, routing number, account number and check serial number to your financial institution, unless the check is not processable electronically or a less costly process is available. When we process your check electronically, your payment may be withdrawn from your deposit or other asset account as soon as the same day we receive your check, and you will not receive that cancelled check with your financial account statement. If we cannot collect the funds electronically we may issue a draft against your deposit or other asset account for the amount of the check. (2) By using Pay By Computer, Pay By Phone or any other electronic payment service of ours, you give us permission to electronically withdraw funds from the deposit or other asset account you specify in the amount you request. Payments using such services of ours received after 8:00 p.m. MST may not be credited until the next day.

How We Calculate Your Balance: We use the Average Daily Balance (ADB) method (including new transactions) to calculate the balance on which we charge interest on your Account. Call the Customer Care number on page 3 for more information about this balance computation method and how resulting interest charges are determined. *The method we use to calculate the ADB and interest results in daily compounding of interest.*

Paying Interest: Your due date is at least 25 days after the Closing Date of each billing period. We will not charge you interest on your purchases if you pay the New Balance by the due date each month. We will charge you interest on cash advances and (unless otherwise disclosed) balance transfers beginning on the transaction date.

Foreign Currency Charges: If you make a Charge in a foreign currency, we will convert it into US dollars on the date we or our agents process it. **We will charge a fee of 2.70% of the converted US dollar amount.** We will choose a conversion rate that is acceptable to us for that date, unless a particular rate is required by law. The conversion rate we use is no more than the highest official rate published by a government agency or the

highest interbank rate we identify from customary banking sources on the conversion date or the prior business day. This rate may differ from rates in effect on the date of your charge. Charges converted by establishments (such as airlines) will be billed at the rates such establishments use.

Credit Balance: A credit balance (designated CR) shown on this statement represents money owed to you. If within the six-month period following the date of the first statement indicating the credit balance you do not request a refund or charge enough to use up the credit balance, we will send you a check for the credit balance within 30 days if the amount is \$1.00 or more.

Credit Reporting: We may report information about your Account to credit bureaus. Late payments, missed payments, or other defaults on your Account may be reflected in your credit report.

Billing Dispute Procedures

What To Do If You Think You Find A Mistake On Your Statement

If you think there is an error on your statement, write to us at:

American Express, PO Box 981535, El Paso TX 79998-1535

In your letter, give us the following information:

- **Account information:** Your name and account number.

- **Dollar amount:** The dollar amount of the suspected error.

- **Description of Problem:** Describe what you believe is wrong and why you believe it is a mistake.

You must contact us:

- Within 60 days after the error appeared on your statement.

- At least 2 business days before an automated payment is scheduled, if you want to stop payment on the amount you think is wrong.

You must notify us of any potential errors in writing. You may call us, but if you do we may not follow these procedures and you may have to pay the amount in question.

What Will Happen After We Receive Your Letter

When we receive your letter, we will do two things:

1. Within 30 days of receiving your letter, we will tell you that we received your letter. We will also tell you if we have already corrected the error.

2. We will investigate your inquiry and will either correct the error or explain to you why we believe the bill is correct.

While we investigate whether or not there has been an error:

- We will not try to collect the amount in question.

- The charge in question may remain on your statement, and we may continue to charge you interest on that amount.

- While you do not have to pay the amount in question, you are responsible for the remainder of your balance.

- We can apply any unpaid amount against your credit limit.

After we finish our investigation, one of two things will happen:

- If we made a mistake: You will not have to pay the amount in question or any interest or other fees related to that amount.

- If we do not believe there was a mistake: You will have to pay the amount in question, along with applicable interest and fees. We will send you a statement of the amount you owe and the date payment is due. We may report you as delinquent if you do not pay the amount we think you owe.

Change of Address, phone number, email

- Online at www.americanexpress.com/updatecontactinfo
- Via mobile device
- Voice automated: call the number on the back of your card
- For name, company name, and foreign address or phone changes, please call Customer Care

Please do not add any written communication or address change on this stub

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PAJARO VALLEY FIRE
MIKE URBANI
Closing Date 09/26/25

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Account Ending 2-83006



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Large Print & Braille Statements

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1-800-521-6121

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Website: americanexpress.com

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Payments
PO BOX 60189
CITY OF INDUSTRY
CA
91716-0189

Payments and Credits

Summary

	Total
Payments	-\$711.94
Credits	
MIKE URBANI 2-83006	\$0.00
STEPHONE PARSON 2-81133	-\$105.32
Total Payments and Credits	-\$817.26

Detail

*Indicates posting date

Payments	Amount
09/07/25* MIKE URBANI PAYMENT RECEIVED - THANK YOU	-\$711.94
Credits	Amount
09/25/25 STEPHONE PARSON O'REILLY AUTO PARTS FREEDOM CA 800-755-6759	-\$105.32

New Charges

Summary

	Total
PHILLIP MATTESON 2-81109	\$369.43
STEPHONE PARSON 2-81133	\$105.32
Total New Charges	\$474.75

Detail



PHILLIP MATTESON
Card Ending 2-81109

	Amount
09/01/25 GOOGLE *YOUTUBE TV CABLE & PAY TV G.CO/HELPPAY# CA	\$82.99
09/10/25 VZWRLSS APOCC VISB BILL PAYMENT 800-922-0204 FL	\$144.24
09/19/25 SPECTRUM CABLE SVC 855-707-7328 MO	\$131.24
09/22/25 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 800-755-6759 FREEDOM CA	\$10.96

Continued on reverse

Detail Continued

Amount



STEPHONE PARSON
Card Ending 2-81133

Amount

09/25/25	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 800-755-6759	FREEDOM	CA	\$105.32
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Fees

Amount

Total Fees for this Period	\$0.00
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Interest Charged

Amount

Total Interest Charged for this Period	\$0.00
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About Trailing Interest
You may see interest on your next statement even if you pay the new balance in full and on time and make no new charges. This is called "trailing interest". Trailing interest is the interest charged when, for example, you didn't pay your previous balance in full. When that happens, we charge interest from the first day of the billing period until we receive your payment in full. You can avoid paying interest on purchases by paying your balance in full and on time each month. Please see the "When we charge interest" sub-section in your Cardmember Agreement for details.

2025 Fees and Interest Totals Year-to-Date

Amount

Total Fees in 2025	\$0.00
Total Interest in 2025	\$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	17.24% (v)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash Advances	29.24% (v)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total			\$0.00
(v) Variable Rate			



IMPORTANT NOTICES

EFT Error Resolution Notice

In Case of Errors or Questions About Your Electronic Transfers Telephone us at 1-800-IPAY-AXP for Pay By Phone questions, at 1-800-528-2122 for Pay By Computer questions, and at 1-800-528-4800 for AutoPay questions. You may also write us at American Express, Electronic Funds Services, P.O. Box 981531, El Paso TX 79998-1531, or contact us online at www.americanexpress.com/inquirycenter as soon as you can, if you think your statement or receipt is wrong or if you need more information about a transfer on the statement or receipt. We must hear from you no later than 60 days after we sent you the FIRST statement on which the error or problem appeared.

1. Tell us your name and account number (if any).
2. Describe the error or the transfer you are unsure about, and explain as clearly as you can why you believe it is an error or why you need more information.
3. Tell us the dollar amount of the suspected error.

We will investigate your complaint and will correct any error promptly. If we take more than 10 business days to do this, we will credit your account for the amount you think is in error, so that you will have the use of the money during the time it takes us to complete our investigation.



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MIKE URBANI
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Account Ending 2-83006

Reward Dollar Summary

Total Reward Dollars as of Aug 2025 Billing Period Charges
\$66.85

Beginning Reward Dollar Balance	+49.07
Reward Dollars Accrued*	+17.78
Total Available Balance	+66.85

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

Base Reward Dollars

Aug 2025 Billing Period Charges	Qualified Spend \$	Reward Dollars
Eligible Purchases	711.94 @2.5%	17.78
Total	711.94	17.78

Important Messages

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

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

Get Reward Dollars Everywhere You Use The Card

Tab 3.2 Consent Agenda Sept 2025 Revenue

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E; Chart Fields = GLKey,Object,FundType
Fiscal Month [03] and Post On [@current-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [RV] and GL Key [683100] and Object [41322, 42030, 42380, 42381, 42384, 42450]

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Document No	Doc Ref	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Fund Type	Object	Amount	Description	Vendor No	Warrant No
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN												
Object: 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES												
2026	03	9/04/2025	DU118786	DU118786	Revenues	683100	76	41322	1,950.00	FIRE MARSHAL INSPECTION	C99999	
2026	03	9/25/2025	DU119335	DU119335	Revenues	683100	76	41322	2,097.00	SPRINKLERS APN:049-261-28	C99999	
Total 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES									4,047.00			
Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN									4,047.00			
									4,047.00			



Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

562 Casserly Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

Chief's Report

October 21, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: Mike Urbani, Battalion Chief

Subject: Chief's Report

General

- In general, everything within the District has been going well.
- Had a few new features added to the District's website home page. Added a button for Current Agenda, Agenda & Minutes, Board Meeting Schedule and Contact Us. Also added pictures that rotate through pictures of incidents and events within the District.

Emergency Incident Response:

- Had a few small vegetation fires along the Salsipuedes Creek Levee on Lakeview Rd between Highway 129 and Crestwood Dr.

Apparatus:

- All equipment was in-service in September

Training:

- Crews attended the quarterly County Training Drill at Watsonville Fire Station 2 and went over roof ventilation.

Facilities:

- No facility updates.

Personnel:

- Resume review was completed for new FAE position and will be announced shortly.

Fire Prevention/Community Outreach

- The engine crew and members of the Board attended the Murphys Crossing reopening event and Green Valley Rd upgrades event.
- Did a school presentation at Amesti School for the 2nd grade classes.

<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

September 01, 2025 to September 30, 2025

October 18, 2025

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

5875	9/1/25	00:05:16	00:18:50	13:34	E4511	142 LAKEVIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	HAZ, ELECTRICAL	PV2A
5879	9/1/25	02:37:40	02:44:52	7:12	E4411	BEVERLY DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
5903	9/1/25	16:25:20	16:31:07	5:47	E1774	E PHILLIPS RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
5909	9/1/25	18:14:04	18:23:21	9:17	E4511	100 COWARD RD / 510 RIVERSIDE RD	FIRE, VEH PASSENGER	PV1A
5919	9/2/25	06:53:31	06:56:05	2:34	E1774	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
5928	9/2/25	14:19:28	14:23:54	4:26	E4412	BOWKER RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
5930	9/2/25	15:31:57	15:37:26	5:29	E4511	MARK AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
5951	9/3/25	08:34:44	08:41:23	6:39	E4511	2300 E LAKE AV / 2 HOLOHAN RD	FIRE, DEBRIS	PV5
5964	9/3/25	18:39:56	18:45:54	5:58	E1772	BARBARA WY ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
5968	9/3/25	21:37:32	21:41:07	3:35	E4411	33 RIVERSIDE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, WILDLAND	PV2A
5972	9/4/25	05:10:04	05:24:26	14:22	E4511	510 HECKER PASS RD / 100 RED HAWK PL	MED, TRAFFIC	K12
5978	9/4/25	11:22:49	11:25:52	3:03	E4414	ONYX DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
5988	9/4/25	16:08:04	16:11:04	3:00	E4412	2150 FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MED, TRAFFIC	PV7
5991	9/4/25	20:26:13	20:30:18	4:05	B1714	22 BOWKER RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	HAZ, GAS	PV7
5995	9/5/25	05:45:27	05:56:15	10:48	E4511	DELANEY AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, CODE 2	PV3
6003	9/5/25	13:25:26	13:28:10	2:44	E4412	AIRPORT BL / 130 PAJARO LN	MEDICAL	PV7A
6008	9/5/25	16:18:31	16:23:03	4:32	E4412	STEWART AV / 130 GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV7A
6014	9/5/25	23:09:16	23:14:47	5:31	E4511	WATSONVILLE CHARTER SCH OF ART @ 75	MEDICAL	PV3
6023	9/6/25	11:56:49	12:07:34	10:45	E4511	DALTON LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
6028	9/6/25	15:24:40	15:32:13	7:33	E4511	60 AIRPORT BL / 130 PAJARO LN	FIRE, DEBRIS	PV7A
6068	9/8/25	11:30:43	11:37:33	6:50	E4511	284 GREEN VALLEY RD / 110 THICKET LN	FIRE, DEBRIS ILLEGAL	PV7A
6073	9/8/25	14:57:22	15:02:35	5:13	E4511	PONDEROSA AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
6125	9/10/25	18:38:09	18:45:20	7:11	E4511	2086 GREEN VALLEY RD ,MOUNT_MADONNA	HAZ, GAS	K10A
6128	9/11/25	00:32:43	00:37:40	4:57	E4412	PAJARO CIR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A

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6129	9/11/25	04:10:54	04:19:15	8:21	E4511	QUINTA ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, CODE 2	PV4
6143	9/11/25	19:35:30	19:41:03	5:33	E4412	514 GREEN VALLEY RD	HAZ, CARBON MONO	PV5
6148	9/12/25	00:31:41	00:44:32	12:51	E1784	LUCERNE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
6161	9/12/25	13:32:02	13:39:04	7:02	E1784	BUENA VISTA DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MED, CODE 2	PV7
6168	9/12/25	20:59:29	21:08:40	9:11	E4511	E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
6174	9/13/25	05:18:36	05:26:13	7:37	E4511	CASSERLY RD #A ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
6178	9/13/25	12:01:51	12:06:52	5:01	R3961	W PHILLIPS RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, CODE 2	PV4A
6188	9/13/25	16:51:18	17:01:17	9:59	E4511	BEHLER RD #1 ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MED, CODE 2	PV5
6190	9/13/25	18:08:30	18:15:00	6:30	E1784	MOUNTAIN VIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
6208	9/14/25	13:05:30	13:13:43	8:13	E4511	CARLTON RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, VIOLENCE STAGE	PV1A
6231	9/15/25	08:53:25	09:01:14	7:49	E4411	E LAKE AV / 100 MUNKS CT	MEDICAL	PV5
6250	9/15/25	21:23:00	21:29:15	6:15	E4511	JOLON DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
6283	9/17/25	08:40:31	08:43:30	2:59	E4511	25 AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, COMMERCIAL	PV7A
6284	9/17/25	08:50:04	08:50:04	0:0	E4511	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
6286	9/17/25	09:20:04	09:29:15	9:11	E4511	LAKEVIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
6311	9/18/25	01:28:17	01:35:29	7:12	E4412	BUENA VISTA DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
6335	9/19/25	03:17:22	03:24:16	6:54	E4412	BARBARA WY ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
6338	9/19/25	07:42:10	07:50:46	8:36	E4511	60 AIRPORT BL / 130 PAJARO LN	FIRE, DEBRIS	PV7A
6341	9/19/25	09:20:52	09:27:13	6:21	E4412	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
6368	9/20/25	16:52:39	16:58:41	6:02	E4412	47 STEWART AV #3 ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, MULTI FAMILY	PV7A
6371	9/20/25	18:56:02	18:59:45	3:43	E4412	284 GREEN VALLEY RD / 110 THICKET LN	FIRE, SMOKE CHECK	PV7A
6379	9/21/25	06:08:39	06:15:37	6:58	E4511	WHEELLOCK RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
6382	9/21/25	07:36:08	07:43:43	7:35	E4511	GERA CT ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
6391	9/21/25	13:25:57	13:32:14	6:17	E4511	WHEELLOCK RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
6402	9/21/25	19:32:31	19:41:04	8:33	E4511	405 SILLIMAN RD ,MOUNT_MADONNA	FIRE, SMOKE CHECK	K13A
6412	9/22/25	09:51:33	09:56:36	5:03	E4414	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
6421	9/22/25	14:35:55	14:41:57	6:02	E4511	HUGHES RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
6436	9/23/25	04:43:37	04:55:34	11:57	E4511	2350 E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY (LAKEVIEW	FIRE, COMMERCIAL	PV3
6439	9/23/25	08:06:40	08:16:04	9:24	E4511	2350 E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY (LAKEVIEW	FIRE, COMMERCIAL	PV3
6440	9/23/25	10:48:06	10:55:10	7:04	E4511	75 WHITING RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	FIRE, COMMERCIAL	PV3
6458	9/23/25	19:34:16	19:39:24	5:08	E4412	MEIDL AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MED, TRAFFIC	PV5
6474	9/24/25	11:35:33	11:45:29	9:56	E4511	2350 E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY (LAKEVIEW	FIRE, COMMERCIAL	PV3

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6502	9/25/25	17:22:26	17:26:30	4:04	E4511	CASSERLY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
6533	9/27/25	09:13:02	09:17:16	4:14	E4412	STEWART AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
6534	9/27/25	09:38:25	09:40:31	2:06	E4412	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
6560	9/27/25	23:34:36	23:40:51	6:15	E4511	PINTO LAKE MOBILE ESTATES @ GREEN	MEDICAL	PV4
6561	9/28/25	00:01:56	00:22:02	20:06	E4511	RIVERSIDE RD / 2 LAKEVIEW RD	MED, VIOLENCE STAGE	PV2A
6597	9/29/25	14:46:59	14:53:21	6:22	E4511	NIGUEL ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
6602	9/29/25	18:33:14	18:38:29	5:15	E4412	SOUTH DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
6620	9/30/25	12:35:32	12:39:33	4:01	E4412	AMESTI SCHOOL @ AMESTI RD	MEDICAL	PV7A
6630	9/30/25	21:18:52	21:30:51	11:59	B1716	HECKER PASS RD / 10 PACIFIC VIEW	MED, TRAFFIC	K12B

Average Elapsed Minutes:

6:54

Std. Deviation **4.05**

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Pajaro Valley Fire Response Times

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Pajaro Valley Fire
Protection District

October 18, 2025

6561	9/28/25	00:01:56	00:22:02	20:06	E4511	RIVERSIDE RD / 2 LAKEVIEW RD	MED, VIOLENCE STAGE	PV2A
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This call should be included. E4511 arrived in the area to stage, awaiting law enforcement to clear the area for a possible shooter and the victim. Once the victim was located by Sheriff's Deputies and Watsonville PD, E4511 and the assigned AMR ambulance responded to the patient location and rendered aid.

Average Elapsed Minutes: 6:54 Std. Deviation 4.05

Watsonville Fire Dept.

Watsonville, CA

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Incident Response Detail EXPANDED for Date Range (Landscape)

Zone(s): CA1 - PV Contract Area- Station 1, CA2 - PV Contract Area- Station 2 | Start Date: 09/01/2025 | End Date: 09/30/2025

INCIDENT DATE	INCIDENT #	ADDRESS	INCIDENT TYPE	ALARM TIME	DISPATCH TIME	ARRIVAL TIME	BACK IN SERVICE
ZONE: PV Contract Area- Station 1							
09/01/2025	2025-03795	BEVERLY DR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9/1/2025 02:35:26	9/1/2025 02:36:46	9/1/2025 02:44:34	9/1/2025 02:56:37
09/03/2025	2025-03834	33 RIVERSIDE RD	142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	9/3/2025 21:31:39	9/3/2025 21:33:51	9/3/2025 21:38:53	9/3/2025 22:44:05
09/23/2025	2025-04136	LAKEVIEW RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/23/2025 11:37:07	9/23/2025 11:41:00		9/23/2025 11:44:36
09/24/2025	2025-04154	231 LAKEVIEW RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/24/2025 11:51:45	9/24/2025 11:52:45		9/24/2025 12:05:31
09/27/2025	2025-04209	CARLTON RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/27/2025 23:59:20	9/27/2025 23:59:51		9/28/2025 00:01:14
09/30/2025	2025-04245	288 BRIARWOOD DR	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/30/2025 06:21:07	9/30/2025 06:22:13		9/30/2025 06:24:36
ZONE: PV Contract Area- Station 2							
09/02/2025	2025-03813	BOWKER RD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9/2/2025 14:16:05	9/2/2025 14:18:02	9/2/2025 14:23:42	9/2/2025 15:04:05
09/04/2025	2025-03846	ONYX DR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9/4/2025 11:16:57	9/4/2025 11:19:38	9/4/2025 11:25:42	9/4/2025 11:42:01
09/04/2025	2025-03848	2150 FREEDOM BLVD	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	9/4/2025 16:05:44	9/4/2025 16:06:48	9/4/2025 16:11:29	9/4/2025 16:34:11
09/04/2025	2025-03854	22 BOWKER RD	622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	9/4/2025 20:23:52	9/4/2025 20:24:22	9/4/2025 20:30:00	9/4/2025 20:44:35
09/06/2025	2025-03888	PAJARO LN	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/6/2025 15:22:08	9/6/2025 15:23:32		
09/11/2025	2025-03946	MINTO RD	622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	9/11/2025 09:45:26	9/11/2025 09:46:32	9/11/2025 09:52:00	9/11/2025 09:57:00
09/11/2025	2025-03957	514 GREEN VALLEY RD	736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	9/11/2025 19:31:16	9/11/2025 19:32:32	9/11/2025 19:39:08	9/11/2025 19:45:19
09/13/2025	2025-03984	109 BEHLER RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/13/2025 12:06:02	9/13/2025 12:06:27		9/13/2025 12:08:57
09/14/2025	2025-03991	GREEN VALLEY RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/14/2025 05:14:43	9/14/2025 05:15:27		9/14/2025 05:18:00
09/15/2025	2025-04012	33 MINTO RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/15/2025 09:22:39	9/15/2025 09:23:53		9/15/2025 09:29:24
09/18/2025	2025-04051	BUENA VISTA DR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9/18/2025 01:26:36	9/18/2025 01:27:29	9/18/2025 01:35:14	9/18/2025 01:59:53
09/19/2025	2025-04070	BARBARA WAY	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9/19/2025 03:15:32	9/19/2025 03:17:01	9/19/2025 03:24:13	9/19/2025 03:39:44
09/19/2025	2025-04073	AIRPORT BLVD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/19/2025 07:40:03	9/19/2025 07:41:22		9/19/2025 07:42:26
09/19/2025	2025-04077	MANFRE RD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9/19/2025 09:19:07	9/19/2025 09:20:19	9/19/2025 09:26:59	9/19/2025 09:56:42
09/20/2025	2025-04097	47 STEWART AVE	733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	9/20/2025 16:50:47	9/20/2025 16:51:54	9/20/2025 16:58:36	9/20/2025 17:06:33
09/20/2025	2025-04101	GREEN VALLEY RD / THICKET LN	651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	9/20/2025 18:51:56	9/20/2025 18:53:26	9/20/2025 18:58:56	9/20/2025 19:02:37
09/21/2025	2025-04108	BUENA VISTA DR /EXIT 427 AIRPORT BLVD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/21/2025 00:45:49	9/21/2025 00:49:55		9/21/2025 01:02:36
09/22/2025	2025-04121	FREEDOM BLVD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9/22/2025 09:49:01	9/22/2025 09:49:35	9/22/2025 09:56:11	9/22/2025 10:06:26
09/23/2025	2025-04133	AIRPORT BLVD	561 - Unauthorized burning	9/23/2025 07:17:11	9/23/2025 07:18:34	9/23/2025 07:24:22	9/23/2025 07:37:20
09/23/2025	2025-04143	114 MEIDL AVE	324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	9/23/2025 19:27:20	9/23/2025 19:31:30	9/23/2025 19:38:15	9/23/2025 19:48:55
09/24/2025	2025-04155	AIRPORT BLVD	622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	9/24/2025 15:17:41	9/24/2025 15:19:50	9/24/2025 15:21:00	9/24/2025 15:21:21
09/24/2025	2025-04157	AIRPORT BLVD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/24/2025 16:10:32	9/24/2025 16:11:28		9/24/2025 16:12:32
09/27/2025	2025-04197	STEWART AVE	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9/27/2025 09:10:11	9/27/2025 09:12:35	9/27/2025 09:17:22	9/27/2025 09:35:52
09/27/2025	2025-04198	FREEDOM BLVD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9/27/2025 09:35:57	9/27/2025 09:37:10	9/27/2025 09:40:28	9/27/2025 09:53:47
09/27/2025	2025-04205	156 AMESTI RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	9/27/2025 17:40:11	9/27/2025 17:41:32		9/27/2025 17:41:54
09/29/2025	2025-04236	SOUTH DR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9/29/2025 18:29:51	9/29/2025 18:31:09	9/29/2025 18:36:03	9/29/2025 18:57:31
09/30/2025	2025-04248	AMESTI RD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9/30/2025 12:31:46	9/30/2025 12:34:45	9/30/2025 12:39:24	9/30/2025 12:51:46
09/30/2025	2025-04250	GREEN VALLEY RD	622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	9/30/2025 17:09:51	9/30/2025 17:12:17	9/30/2025 17:21:51	9/30/2025 17:22:18

Only REVIEWED incidents included. Alarm, Dispatch and Arrival Date/times are earliest recorded for an incident, across all responding apparatus. Back in Service is the Latest recorded for an incident across all responding apparatus

Upcoming Cleanups

- **Join Felipe Hernandez' Office, Pitch In and More for a Community Clean-up! (October 23, 2025 @ 9:00am - 11:00am)**
 - **Time:** October 23, 2025 @ 9:00am - 11:00am
 - **Location:** Casserly Road from Hwy 152 to Whiting Road
 - **Meet:** Park and meet near the empty lot on Hwy 152 near Casserly Road, Watsonville.
 - For More Information Call Ramon Gomez at 831-247-5338
- **Join Save Our Shores cleanups**
 - **Beach Cleanup @ Sunny Cove Beach (October 18 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am)**
 - **Time:** October 18 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am
 - **Location:** Sunny Cove Beach Johans Beach Dr, Santa Cruz
 - **Meet:** Please meet us at the end of Johan's Beach Drive at the main entrance to the beach.
 - **Facilities & Accessibility:** There are no restrooms available, and no drinking fountains on site. Parking is limited, so please plan accordingly.
 - [Registration is required](#)
 - **Beach Cleanup @ Hidden Beach (October 25 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am)**
 - **Time:** October 25 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am
 - **Location:** Hidden Beach 660 Cliff Dr, Aptos
 - **Meet:** Please meet us by the benches overlooking the beach near the end of the path, past the playground.
 - **Facilities & Accessibility:** There is a bathroom on site and drinking fountain available in the park. Parking is very limited in park lot, please plan accordingly. Overflow parking available on neighborhood streets, Save Our Shores has been informed by the County of Santa Cruz the permit parking only signs on neighborhood streets are not valid or enforced.
 - [Registration is required](#)
- **Join Coastal Watershed Council!**
 - **Coastal Watershed Council River Health Day @ San Lorenzo River (November 8 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm)**

Plant and maintain native seedlings along the banks of the San Lorenzo River to increase biodiversity and revitalize the river ecosystem. Generally, we meet on the east riverbank between the Laurel Street bridge and the Branciforte Creek pedestrian bridge. Sometimes we meet near Mike Fox Skate Park. Free parking is available in the CWC parking lot at 107 Dakota Ave. Paid parking is also available on Dakota Avenue or across the river in downtown Santa Cruz. The closest parking garage is at 601 Front Street. [RSVP](#) to receive up-to-date location information.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District
COUNTY OF Santa Cruz, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

Resolution Number: 2025-16

Approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement # 7FG25082 for services from the date of last signatory on page 1 of the Agreement to August 31, 2026 under the Volunteer Fire Capacity Program of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District, that said Board does hereby approve the Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection dated as of the last signatory date on page 1 of the Agreement, and any amendments thereto. This Agreement provides for an award, during the term of this Agreement, under the Volunteer Fire Capacity Program of the Cooperative Fire Assistance Act of 1978 during the State Fiscal Year 2025-26 up to and no more than the amount of \$ 10,318.35.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sam Filson, Assistant Chief of said Board be and hereby is authorized to sign and execute said Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 21st day of October, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

Signature, Board of Directors Member

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Printed Name and Title

Signature, Board of Directors Member

Printed Name and Title

-----CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION-----

ATTEST:

I Mike Urbani, Clerk of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District, County of Santa Cruz, California do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution Number 2025-16.

WITNESS MY HAND OR THE SEAL OF THE Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District, on this 21st day of October, 2025.

**OFFICIAL SEAL
OR NOTARY CERTIFICATON**

Signature

Clerk of the Board, Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District
Title and Name of Local Agency

E. Proposed Project (List individual items for funding. Include tax and shipping in unit cost):

	Type	Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Total
1.	Safety - Structural	Turnouts coats	6	\$ 2,092.56	\$ 12,555.36
2.	Safety - Structural	Turnout Pants	6	\$ 1,346.89	\$ 8,081.34
3.					\$ 0.00
4.					\$ 0.00
5.					\$ 0.00
6.					\$ 0.00
7.					\$ 0.00
8.					\$ 0.00
9.					\$ 0.00
10.					\$ 0.00
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12.					\$ 0.00
13.					\$ 0.00
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17.					\$ 0.00
18.					\$ 0.00
19.					\$ 0.00
20.					\$ 0.00
21.					\$ 0.00
22.					\$ 0.00

F. CAL FIRE USE ONLY (Formula-Driven)

Approved Project:

Award: \$10,318.35

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Project Total Cost: \$ 20,636.70

State of California
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
Cooperative Fire Protection
GRANT AGREEMENT

APPLICANT: Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

PROJECT TITLE: Volunteer Fire Capacity

GRANT AGREEMENT: 7FG25082

PROJECT PERFORMANCE PERIOD is from date upon approval through August 31, 2026.

Under the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement, the applicant agrees to complete the project as described in the project description, and the State of California, acting through the Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, agrees to fund the project up to the total state grant amount indicated.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Cost-share funds awarded to provide assistance to rural areas in upgrading their capability to organize, train, and equip local forces for fire protection.

Total State Grant not to exceed \$10,318.35 (or project costs, whichever is less).

**The Special and General Provisions attached are made a part of and incorporated into this Grant Agreement.*

PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Applicant

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION

By

Signature of Authorized Representative

Title **Sam Filson, Assistant Chief**

By

Title: **David Scheurich**
Staff Chief, Cooperative Fire Protection

Date

Date

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING

GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER 7FG25082	PO ID	SUPPLIER ID
FUND 0001	FUND NAME General Fund	
PROJECT ID 354025DG2012154	ACTIVITY ID SUBGNT	AMOUNT OF ESTIMATE FUNDING \$10,318.35
GL UNIT 3540	BUD REF 001	CHAPTER 4
PROGRAM NUMBER 9999000FED	ENY 2025	ADJ. INCREASING ENCUMBRANCE \$ 0.00
ACCOUNT 5340580	ALT ACCOUNT 5340580002	ADJ. DECREASING ENCUMBRANCE \$ 0.00
REPORTING STRUCTURE 35409206	SERVICE LOCATION 92801	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE \$10,318.35

I hereby certify upon my personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance.

Signature of CAL FIRE Accounting Officer

Date

VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA Natural Resources Agency

Agreement for the Volunteer Fire Capacity Program of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered between the STATE of California, acting through the Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection hereinafter called "STATE", and _____ Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District _____ hereinafter called "LOCAL AGENCY", covenants as follows:

RECITALS:

1. STATE has been approved as a passthrough agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA), Forest Service for the purpose of administering the Volunteer Fire Capacity program in California, hereinafter referred to as VFC, authorized by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act (CFAA) of 1978 (PL 95-313, 92 Stat 365, 16 U.S.C. 2106), as amended.
2. This is a subaward under the FY2025 State of California Volunteer Fire Capacity Projects Grant #25-DG-11052012-154 awarded to STATE by the Forest Service on September 20, 2025. The Federal Assistance Listing for the award is 10.698, Cooperative Fire Program. This subaward is funded solely with Federal funds and is subject to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance in subparts A through F of 2 CFR Part 200, as adopted and supplemented by the USDA in 2 CFR Part 400, and under certain terms and conditions to LOCAL AGENCY to assist LOCAL AGENCY to upgrade its fire protection capability.
3. LOCAL AGENCY desires to participate in said VFC and agrees to the terms and conditions specified in the Procedural Guide for Volunteer Fire Capacity Program 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed between the parties as follows:

4. **APPROVAL:** This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both parties and approved by the Department of General Services, if required. LOCAL AGENCY may not commence performance until such approval has been obtained.
5. **INCORPORATION:** The Procedural Guide for Volunteer Fire Capacity Program 2025, submitted Application for Funding and associated Grant Assurances are hereby incorporated by reference as part of the Grant Agreement.
6. **TIMELINESS:** Time is of the essence in this Agreement.
7. **FORFEITURE OF AWARD:** LOCAL AGENCY must return this Agreement and required resolution properly signed and executed to STATE at the email address specified in paragraph 12, with a timestamp no later than January 31, 2026 or LOCAL AGENCY will forfeit the funds.

8. GRANT AND BUDGET CONTINGENCY CLAUSE: It is mutually understood between the parties that this **Agreement** may have been written for the mutual benefit of both parties before ascertaining the availability of congressional appropriation of funds, to avoid program and fiscal delays that would occur if the **Agreement** were executed after that determination was made.

This **Agreement** is valid and enforceable only if sufficient funds are made available to the STATE by the United States Government for the **State Fiscal Year 2025** for the purpose of this program. In addition, this **Agreement** is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the Congress or to any statute enacted by the Congress that may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this **Agreement** in any manner.

The parties mutually agree that if the Congress does not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, this **Agreement** shall be amended to reflect any reduction in funds.

The STATE has the option to invalidate the **Agreement** under the 30-day cancellation clause or to amend the **Agreement** to reflect any reduction in funds.

9. REIMBURSEMENT: STATE will reimburse LOCAL AGENCY, from funds made available to STATE by the Federal Government, an amount not to exceed **\$10,318.35** on a 50/50 matching funds basis, for the performance of specific projects and/or purchase of specific items identified in Proposed Project, Application for Funding, attached hereto. **Reimbursement will be only for those projects accomplished and/or items purchased between THE LAST SIGNATORY DATE ON PAGE 1 and AUGUST 31, 2026.** This sum is the sole and maximum payment that STATE will make pursuant to this Agreement. **LOCAL AGENCY must bill STATE at the e-mail address specified in paragraph 12, with a timestamp no later than NOVEMBER 1, 2026 in order to receive the funds.** The bill submitted by LOCAL AGENCY must clearly delineate the projects performed and/or items purchased. A vendor's invoice and proof of payment to vendor(s) must be included for items purchased.
10. LIMITATIONS: LOCAL AGENCY shall notify STATE prior to purchase of any Equipment as defined under 2 CFR 200.1 "Equipment." Expenditure of the funds distributed by STATE herein is subject to the same limitations as placed by the VFC, upon expenditure of United States Government Funds. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.313 Equipment, subject to the obligations and conditions set forth in that section; title to any equipment and supplies acquired under this **Agreement** vests with the LOCAL AGENCY. For any equipment items over \$10,000, the federal government may retain a vested interest in accordance with paragraph 17 below.
11. MATCHING FUNDS: Any and all funds paid to LOCAL AGENCY under the terms of this **Agreement**, hereinafter referred to as "VFC Funds", shall be matched by LOCAL AGENCY on a dollar-for-dollar basis, for each project listed on attachment(s) hereto identified as "Proposed Project". No amount of unpaid "contributed" or "volunteer" labor or services shall be used or consigned in calculating the matching amount "actually spent" by LOCAL AGENCY.

LOCAL AGENCY shall not use VFC Funds as matching funds for other federal grants, including Department of Interior (USDI) Rural Fire Assistance grants, nor use funds from other federal grants, including USDI Rural Fire Assistance grants, as matching funds for VFC Funds.

12. ADDRESSES: The mailing addresses of the parties hereto under the terms of the Agreement are:

LOCAL AGENCY: **Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District**
562 Casserly Rd
Watsonville, CA 95076
Attention: Mike Urbani
Telephone Number(s): 831-254-1716
E-mail: mike.urbani@fire.ca.gov

STATE: **Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**
Grants Management Unit, Attn: VFC
P. O. Box 944246
Sacramento, California 94244-2460
E-MAIL: CALFIRE.GRANTS@fire.ca.gov

13. PURPOSE: Any project to be funded hereunder must be intended to specifically assist LOCAL AGENCY to organize, train, and/or equip local firefighting forces in the aforementioned rural area and community to prevent or suppress fires which threaten life, resources, and/or improvements within the area of operation of LOCAL AGENCY. Project funds are not to be used for research and development.
14. COMBINING: In the event funds are paid for two or more separate, but closely related projects, the 50/50 cost-sharing formula will be applied to the total cost of such combined projects.
15. OVERRUNS: In the event that the total cost of a funded project exceeds the estimate of costs upon which this Agreement is made, LOCAL AGENCY may request additional funds to cover the **Agreement** share of the amount exceeded. However, there is no assurance that any such funds are, or may be, available for reimbursement. Any increase in funding will require an amendment.
16. UNDERRUNS: In the event that the total cost of a funded project is less than the estimate of costs upon which this **Agreement** is made, LOCAL AGENCY may request that additional eligible projects/items be approved by STATE for **Agreement** funding. However, there is no assurance that any such approval will be funded. Approval of additional projects/items, not listed on the Proposed Project application, made by STATE, will be in writing and will require an amendment.
17. FEDERAL INTEREST IN EQUIPMENT: Items of equipment with a current fair market value in excess of \$10,000 (per-unit) may be retained or sold by LOCAL AGENCY once it is no longer needed for the original project, program, or for other activities supported by the awarding Federal agency. However, the Federal agency is entitled to an amount calculated by multiplying the percentage of the Federal agency's contribution towards the original purchase by the current market value or proceeds from the sale. If the equipment is sold, the STATE may permit the LOCAL AGENCY to retain, from the Federal share, \$1,000 of the proceeds to cover expenses associated with the selling and handling of the equipment. LOCAL AGENCY will notify STATE of the disposal of such items.

18. EQUIPMENT INVENTORY: Any single item purchased in excess of \$10,000 will be assigned a VFC Property Number by the STATE. LOCAL AGENCY shall forward a copy of the purchase documents listing the item, brand, model, serial number, any LOCAL AGENCY property number assigned, and a LOCAL AGENCY contact and return address to STATE at the address specified in paragraph 12. The STATE will advise the LOCAL AGENCY Contact of the VFC Property Number assigned.
19. AUDIT: LOCAL AGENCY agrees that the STATE, the Department of General Services, the California State Auditor, or their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this **Agreement**. LOCAL AGENCY agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of five (5) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. LOCAL AGENCY agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, LOCAL AGENCY agrees to include a similar right of the State of California to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this **Agreement**. (GC 8546.7, PCC 10115 et seq., CCR Title 2, Section 1896).
20. DISPUTES: In the event of any dispute over qualifying matching expenditures of LOCAL AGENCY or audit findings, the dispute will be decided by STATE and its decision shall be final and binding.
21. MONITORING: LOCAL AGENCY agrees to the monitoring of activities as necessary by STATE to ensure that the award is used for authorized purposes, in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the agreement; and that performance goals are achieved.
22. INDEMNIFICATION: LOCAL AGENCY agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless, the STATE, its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims and losses, accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, laborers, and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this **Agreement**, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by LOCAL AGENCY in the performance of this **Agreement**.
23. CIVIL RIGHTS: LOCAL AGENCY agrees to comply with civil rights requirements as detailed in the Complying With Civil Rights Requirements brochure (FS-850) and the And Justice For All poster (AD-475A). The poster is to be placed at all public points of contact/reception areas.
24. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS: LOCAL AGENCY will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 and will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:
 - a. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations.

- b. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees about:
- 1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2) the person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 3) any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and,
 - 4) penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- c. Every employee who works on the proposed **Agreement** will:
- 1) receive a copy of the company's drug-free workplace policy statement; and,
 - 2) agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the **Agreement**.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the **Agreement** or termination of the **Agreement** or both and LOCAL AGENCY may be ineligible for funding of any future State **Agreement** if the department determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the LOCAL AGENCY has made false certification, or violated the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above. (GC 8350 et seq.)

25. **TERM:** The term of the Agreement SHALL COMMENCE ON THE LAST SIGNATORY DATE ON PAGE 1 and continue through August 31, 2026.
26. **TERMINATION:** This **Agreement** may be terminated by either party giving 30 days written notice to the other party or provisions herein amended upon mutual consent of the parties hereto.
27. **AMENDMENTS:** No amendment or variation of the terms of this **Agreement** shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties and approved as required. No oral understanding or **Agreement** not incorporated in the **Agreement** is binding on any of the parties.
28. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** LOCAL AGENCY, and the agents and employees of LOCAL AGENCY, in the performance of this **Agreement**, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the STATE or the Federal Government.
29. **INDIRECT RATE:** LOCAL AGENCY may not assess an indirect rate in excess of their Federally approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) or a de minimis rate if LOCAL AGENCY does not have an approved NICRA, not to exceed 15%. LOCAL AGENCY may also elect not to assess an indirect rate. The approved indirect cost rate at the time of execution is 0%.

30. MEDIA: LOCAL AGENCY shall acknowledge STATE and USDA Forest Service support in any publications, audiovisuals and electronic media developed as a result of this award.

It is encouraged to give public notice of the receipt of this award and announce progress and accomplishments, acknowledging STATE and USDA Forest Service support. Follow direction in USDA Supplemental 2 CFR 415.2.

31. ASSIGNMENT: This Agreement is not assignable by LOCAL AGENCY either in whole or in part.

Patron
Company Name
Company Address

Telephone
Fax
Email

09/25/2025

Pajaro Valley Fire District Board
562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville

Dear Board Members,

On August 31, 2015, a fire occurred at the Parkfield Battery Storage System, part of the California Flats Solar Project. This incident was "successful" because the containment systems worked as planned and no lives were lost. Yet, even in this best case scenario:

2-4 Tesla Megapack Modules burned for hours. They were part of one 20MWh Tesla Megablock.

A 2 mile evacuation order was issued. Thankfully on 18 people lived in this 2 mile zone.

Unknown quantities of water were required to cool adjacent Megapacks. Gas and smoke plumes were unreported, leaving unanswered questions about exposure.

If we superimpose this incident on the proposed Minto Road BESS facility or the Freedom High School or Dominican Hospital proposed BESS sites the impact would be significant.

We should not have a Grid Scale BESS Facility near any sensitive receptors in Santa Cruz County. Assemblymember Dawn Addis has a bill, AB 303, still in committee, that proposes a 3200 foot setback for BESS facilities over 200 MWh. This would create a loophole for facilities just under this limit. I ask that you recommend Santa Cruz adopt a scaled setback approach. For example:

Facility Size (MWh)	Proposed Setback From Sensitive Receptor
10-49	300ft
50-199	600ft
200+	1,200ft

This framework closes the loophole for sub-200MWh projects,

And provides predictable, proportional safety buffers. I urge the Fire District to recommend that Santa Cruz County incorporate scaled setbacks into its BESS ordinance. This approach ensures that all residents, regardless of project size, receive meaningful protection from fire, smoke, and evacuation risks.

Sincerely,

Alex Miller

Aptos, California

Update on Santa Cruz County Draft BESS Ordinance; Request that Pajaro Fire Protection District Take Action to Approve BESS Fire Code for the District

From Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

Date Thu 9/25/2025 3:37 PM

To Wilson, Jed@CALFIRE <Jed.Wilson@fire.ca.gov>; Walters, Chris@CALFIRE <Chris.Walters@fire.ca.gov>

Cc Urbani, Mike@CALFIRE <Mike.Urbani@fire.ca.gov>; Dave Martone <dmarty454@gmail.com>; Paquin, Joe@CALFIRE <Joe.Paquin@fire.ca.gov>; Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

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Dear Chief Wilson and Deputy Fire Marshal Walters,
Last night, Santa Cruz County Planning staff announced to the County's Commission on the Environment that the Board of Supervisors is now moving quickly to review a Draft BESS Ordinance for the County.

The matter could come before the Supervisors within the next few weeks.

This is being pressured by the Seahawk Energy Project developer, New Leaf Energy and Sequoia Energy, at 90 Minto Road, Watsonville.

I have reviewed Public Records Act request documents that show the project's developer and consultants are strongly resisting a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR), while making their own interpretations of County Codes, definitions, and ag land use determination. I am concerned that the Board of Supervisors could adopt less-protective measures for this grid-scale lithium ion BESS facility, at the risk of compromising safety of responding firefighters, the public, livestock, wildlife and the agricultural resources nearby, including College Lake.

For that reason, I hereby ask that the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Board form an Ad Hoc Committee that includes the Fire Marshal to study and develop District-based Fire Codes that will provide a better level of public health and safety protection than current Codes include.

On August 19, 2025, the Board of Supervisors voted to postpone review of the "in concept" County BESS Ordinance until August, 2026.

Many feel that this delay could cause potential grid-scale BESS developers to apply to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for an Opt-In Certificate of operation, as allowed under AB 205, and by-pass local jurisdiction review. However, the local fire jurisdictions would still have authority to review the project applications and issue approvals.

It seems that the Board of Supervisors is being pressured to now move more quickly.

Therefore, it is incumbent that you study this issue and take action to set in place codes within Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District that could be **more protective** than what current State Fire Codes currently allow. As you know, those State Fire Codes regarding BESS are in the process of update, but will not be in effect until July 1, 2027.

Under Fire Code Section 1.1.7.3, when there are conflicts in code requirements, the more strict code applies.

https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/CAFC2022P3/chapter-1-scope-and-administration#CAFC2022P3_Pt01_Ch01_SubChII

I respectfully request that your Board form an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of studying the following sections of the Fire Code, and develop a more protective set of lithium ion battery energy storage system (BESS) fire codes, and adopt them in a timely manner:

1.11.2.3 Administrative Scope

Chapter 1 Part 1 Section 101

101.2 Fire and Explosion

Section 105

105.5.16 Explosions

105.5.14 Energy Storage Systems

105.5.53 Lithium Batteries (and section 322.1)

105.6.5 Energy Storage Systems and section 1207

105.6.6 Fire Alarm and detection systems and related equipment

(A) 105.6.10 Gas Detection systems

(A) 105.6.12 Hazardous Materials

Section 109 Testing and Inspection

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I also request that the Ad Hoc Committee and Fire Marshal apply all Hazards Materials Regulations relating to transport of lithium ion batteries into and out of the District, as well as decommissioning plans: <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/sites/phmsa.dot.gov/files/2024-11/Lithium-Battery-Guide-2024.pdf>

Finally, I want to provide you with some information that you may find useful:

1) Since the District Board could consider adopting stronger, more protective requirements for BESS Projects you may want to be aware of the following information and craft a requirement for additional testing of any and all alarm notification equipment.

E. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) for early fire detection (Chief Crystal Sujeski) Chief Crystal Sujeski informed the committee that CFC, 2025 Edition, Chapter 1207 will be the main section for Energy Storage Systems and will be monitoring what's going in the IFC 2027 Edition. Guest Joseph Cervantes informed the committee that there are container units that are being shipped in have pre-installed fire alarm equipment that is being installed by a non-licensed integrator or installer and a lot of the systems installed are not listed. Member James Carver brought up the fact that, in his experience, he has seen many of these containers have passed the warranty period just from sitting on ships for years. Member David Myers attested to the previous comments, and added, that he has encountered over 50 percent failure rate when inspecting these containers.

<https://34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdff6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/osfm-website/committees/fire-alarm-advisory-committee/may-2025/attachment-1--faac-meeting-minutes-draft-20250205.pdf?rev=fecb5d45fea345fbb1b816e1d737f011&hash=964EE9F4000B2786F54CDC7D7767B1E8>

2) PLEASE CONSIDER A MORATORIUM ON LITHIUM BESS FACILITIES, due to unacceptable fire and off-gas risks to your firefighters and the public.

Yesterday's Lithium BESS Fire in Boulder City, Nevada occurred in the same type of modules and lithium battery chemistry as what is proposed for the 90 Minto Road Seahawk Energy Storage Facility:

<https://www.fox5vegas.com/video/2025/09/25/boulder-city-fire-chief-breaks-down-response-solar-plant-lithium-battery-fire/>

That Chief stated the mitigation effort to cool other nearby battery modules required sustained pressurized water delivery of 1200-1500 gal/minute for hours, until the fire burned itself out. How would such large water demands affect the neighboring subdivision water supply and fire suppression ability if another fire began nearby?

How would this significant amount of contaminated runoff be stored or prevented from flowing into College Lake?

3) Please consider requiring the developer to provide drone technology to the Fire Department, along with training and certification, for use in site assessment when a battery unit begins to off-gas or exhibit thermal runaway. This is critical to protect first responder safety, as the Project Risk Assessment Report states that responders should NOT approach closer than 100', due to the real possibility of explosions and the metal container doors becoming projectiles.

4) The Seahawk Energy Project Risk Assessment report states that no personnel should staff the site, due to off-gassing of carcinogenic compounds. For that reason, the site would be completely monitored and data-driven by electronic systems.

Your District's Ad Hoc Committee could review this information, and consider requiring stronger codes to protect the health and safety of the District's responders and the general public, requiring redundancy and monthly testing of monitoring systems and inherent notifications. Requiring a long-duration fire test and worst-case scenario plume model would help ensure public safety and evacuation planning in a fire and off-gas malfunction.

5) Please consider requiring monthly operational testing of all fire alarm and monitoring systems at a project site that are collaborative with District firefighters and the BESS facility operator/owner.

In conclusion, although recent news media report that New Leaf Energy is considering application to the California Energy Commission for Opt-In Certification, due to the delay caused by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors approving postponing review of Draft County BESS Ordinance until August, 2026, we now know from County staff that the Board is quickly moving forward. <https://lookout.co/battery-storage-developer-aims-to-advance-watsonville-project-before-next-summer-regardless-of-santa-cruz-countys-rules/story>.

<https://lookout.co/newsletter/in-the-public-interest-upping-the-urgency-around-battery-storage-policy-in-santa-cruz-county>

I am aware that the North County Fire Protection District received substantial funding from Vistra related to the permitting of the Moss 300 BESS project. Central Fire Protection District may want to investigate this and the issue of funding the District for adequate staffing and operational response, as well as funding purchase of and operator certification for using drones to surveil reported malfunctions and potential fires and explosions at any proposed BESS site.

Please consider this information, and place the issue on your Board's next agenda.

Please respond.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becky Steinbruner

New StacheD Video re: Not All BESS Are Safe

From Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

Date Wed 10/8/2025 2:55 PM

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Dear Pajaro Valley Fire District Board of Directors,

I have attended your recent Board meetings to speak of my concerns relating to the Seahawk Energy Project at 90 Minto Road in your District.

The Project is in permitting process, and the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors will consider voting on a draft Battery Energy Storage (BESS) Ordinance very soon.

As I stated last month at your Board meeting, you have the ability to adopt more protective fire codes in your District and hope that you will.

I found this recent video by StacheD that discusses the importance of siting BESS projects and applicable BESS fire codes to be very helpful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nffthY0Rvj8>

Sincerely,

Becky

Proposed Battery Storage Project - Watsonville

From Max Christian <mchristian@newleafenergy.com>

Date Fri 10/10/2025 9:04 AM

To Urbani, Mike@CALFIRE <Mike.Urbani@fire.ca.gov>

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Dear Mike,

I'm reaching out on behalf of New Leaf Energy regarding the proposed battery energy storage project near Watsonville. I am the Senior Project Developer responsible for the "Seahawk" project, and would be happy to meet with you to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the project.

I'm available via phone, virtually or in person. I'm also happy to respond to questions via email.

Concurrently, the County of Santa Cruz is considering an ordinance to regulate the siting and safety of battery energy storage in the County. Supervisor Hernandez's office has scheduled a community meeting on Monday, October 27 (5:30-7:00pm, Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main St., Top Floor). The intent of the meeting is to provide additional information on the County's proposed battery energy storage ordinance in advance of the Board of Supervisors' scheduled vote on the matter on November 18.

In case it is helpful to you, what follows is background and basic information about the project and the ordinance:

New Leaf Energy is proposing the Seahawk battery energy storage facility to be built at 90 Minto Rd., adjacent to the existing PG&E Green Valley Rd. substation. The facility will store clean energy for use during peak electricity demand periods in order to help prevent power shutoffs, reduce harmful air pollution and support the transition to renewable energy.

The project will occupy 14 acres on a 47-acre parcel. The area of the parcel to be developed includes lower quality soil that has been less productive historically. The remaining 33 acres will be placed in a permanent agricultural easement to ensure farming continues.

The Minto Rd. parcel was selected because of its proximity to the existing PG&E substation, which is the only viable site for grid-scale battery storage in Santa Cruz County, and due to the substation's critical grid location for ensuring electricity reliability across the County.

In addition to benefits related to a more stable electricity grid, decarbonization and air quality, the Seahawk project will provide significant local economic benefits including:

- \$41 Million in property tax revenue over 20 years (\$2 Million est. annually) for the County of Santa Cruz, with allocations for schools, libraries, special districts.
- \$8 Million in net sales tax revenue for the County of Santa Cruz from the purchase of equipment.
- \$2 Million contribution to establish a local Community Benefit Fund for public/community projects.

- \$100,000 contribution to the fire protection district for training and specialized equipment.

In terms of safety, the project will meet or exceed the most up to date National Fire Code and California State battery storage requirements. In contrast with older systems that have experienced significant safety issues (such as the January 17 fire at Moss Landing), the Seahawk project will include new modular technology battery units that are housed within purpose-built, sealed containers and meet national fire safety and testing standards.

Each container will be physically separated by a buffer zone of several feet and equipped with on-board monitoring, remote shut-off and specialized fire suppression systems. The batteries will utilize lithium-iron-phosphate (LFP) chemistry, which is far more stable than the nickel-manganese-cobalt (NMC) chemistry found in first-generation systems. LFP is specifically designed for stationary grid applications, whereas the more reactive NMC batteries were developed for electric vehicles.

The project will have a robust Emergency Response Plan developed in coordination with local fire protection agencies. The battery energy storage system will be set back from the property boundary in compliance with national codes and battery testing certifications. This will ensure minimum safe distances for first responders and safe air quality for surrounding areas in the unlikely event of an emergency. The project site will also have a 14-foot tall fire-rated wall around the perimeter. No water runoff will happen during an emergency response because any water used by first responders would be collected in a retention basin, tested, and only released from the property if deemed safe. In addition, no groundwater penetration will be possible because the entire site will be lined with an impermeable barrier.

I would welcome the opportunity to engage with you directly. Please let me know if you would like to meet, or would like additional information about the proposed Seahawk project. In the meantime, please visit the project website (www.seahawkenergystorage.com), where you can explore comprehensive FAQs and a bilingual brochure that further explains battery technology and more.

Best,
Max Christian

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Max Christian

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URGENT ACTION NEEDED TONIGHT RE: 90 MINTO ROAD BESS PROJECT IN WATSONVILLE

From Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

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Greetings, All,
Please share this information.

I am sending this Bcc to many whom I know are concerned about the dangers of grid-scale lithium battery storage projects that the County of Santa Cruz has planned for our neighborhoods, especially the Seahawk Energy facility at 90 Minto Road in Watsonville, where over 300 containers of lithium batteries prone to explosion and toxic fire plumes is already in permitting process with the County.

Tonight, sometime after 6:30pm, the Watsonville City Council will hear a presentation by New Leaf Energy Project leader Mr. Max Christian, about the 90 Minto Road battery energy storage system (BESS) project, in the Green Valley neighborhood area. The City Council Chambers are located at 275 Main Street, Watsonville, on the top floor. Parking in the attached parking garage is free. You can also enter from the Watsonville Library entrance lobby, and take the elevator to the top floor.

The 90 Minto Road Project Presentation is Item 7J:

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PRESENTATION - OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT BY MAX CHRISTIAN, SENIOR PROJECT DEVELOPER

[City Council Meeting - October 14, 2025](#)

This Project is next to many low-income and blue-collar working class neighborhoods, such as Schapiro Knolls, Diamond Estates and the Amador Subdivision. It is next to College Lake (a water source for a new reclamation project), and the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds (the County's emergency evacuation shelter) is less than one mile away downwind.

We need to fill the Council Chambers and ask that the Council oppose the project. This is what Council member Ari Parker had earlier requested, but staff instead scheduled the presentation by New Leaf to provide the Council with information before taking action to oppose it.

Spanish translation is available.

Please keep in mind that the Watsonville City Mayor, Ms. Maria Orozco, is an analyst for 4th District County Supervisor Felipe Hernandez. He is supporting the New Leaf Project and is pushing the Board of Supervisors to approve a new County Ordinance on November 18 to allow rezoning of agricultural land for the 90 Minto Road project to allow the project to get permit approval.

I have inquired this morning with the City Clerk regarding the possibility of remote participation, but it is unclear at this time whether that will be available or not. There is no remote access information provided on the Council webpage or on the agenda itself.

If you cannot attend the meeting in person tonight, please submit written comment as soon as possible by clicking on the Item 7J line and then the yellow box on the right that will appear with the item materials. At the time of this writing, there are three comments, one of which is mine:

Dear Councilmembers,

If the Seahawk BESS uses lithium batteries, the City of Watsonville will be affected by the hazardous plume when the units catch fire. Please inquire whether New Leaf Energy is evaluating non-lithium battery technology, especially in terms of the long-duration energy storage that could provide electricity for periods of outages longer than four hours. Will the power stored be dedicated to providing power to the Watsonville area? Will New Leaf Energy conduct a full Environmental Impact Report, with alternative analysis? Will the Risk Assessment be based on a worst case scenario, or a failure of a single battery? What is the plan for evacuating the Minto Road and surrounding dense subdivisions? Would there be actual staff at the Seahawk BESS site to monitor equipment and test battery conditions? If not, how would this safety monitoring be done and how often? How would New Leaf or another operator that acquires the BESS facility monitor battery condition for signs of overcharging or over-depletion that lead to battery heating, thermal runaway and explosions?

What would be the maximum amount of water required to respond to a BESS container fire and explosion to keep surrounding containers cool? Does the City of Watsonville Water infrastructure have the capability to supply that level of water demand for what could be days on end?

What is New Leaf's plan for emergency notification to the City of Watsonville and County of Santa Cruz OR3 (emergency services) when there is a system failure or malfunction?

Why would the Seahawk BESS project be allowed to take agricultural land out of production? Did New Leaf Energy consider any other locations for this BESS facility? Why did New Leaf Energy choose the more densely-populated area of Watsonville rather than a more remote location, such as the substations on Empire Grade Road and Warrenella Road in the County?

Thank you for this presentation.

Sincerely,

Becky Steinbruner

Take care. I hope to see you tonight at the Watsonville City Council meeting.
Becky