



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

AGENDA & PUBLIC NOTICE

Revised with Additions

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the

PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

on

Wednesday, April 8, 2025

Meeting to be held at the Pajaro Valley Fire Station

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

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

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call

Director Erbe, Director Dellamonica, Director Moules, Director Sampson, Director Martone

2.0 Agenda Amendments

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

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

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

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

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

3.0 Oral Communications

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

3.1 Public Oral Communication

3.2 Staff Oral Communication

3.3 Board Oral Communication



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4.0 Consent Agenda

Matters listed under the Consent Agenda will be acted upon by one motion affirming the action recommended. There will be no separate discussion on items unless members of the Board or Staff request the removal of an item for separate action.

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

4.1 Minutes – Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on March 11, 2026.

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

Motion: Motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Second:

All in favor:

5.0 Presentations

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

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

5.2 Watsonville Run Report for March 2026

6.0 Committee Reports

Standing Committees are subject to all Brown Act requirements. Ad hoc committees are not subject to the Brown Act noticing and agenda requirements. A written agenda is prepared and posted at least 72 hours prior to standing committee meetings. An opportunity is provided for public input at standing committee meetings. 1) Board/Staff Member Explanation; 2) Board of Directors Questions; 3) Public Comment; 4) Board Member Deliberation

6.1 LAFCO Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

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

7.0 Continuing Business

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

7.1 Ordinance 2026-01 Compensation for Board Members of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

Board to conduct reading and vote of Ordinance 2026-01 Compensation for Board Members of the PVFPD.

Board to review and conduct the reading of Ordinance 2026-01.

- Board clarifying questions to Staff
- ***Board will forgo the reading of Ordinance 2026-01 due to time.***
- Public Hearing – Board Chair opens Public Hearing for Public Comment
- Board Chair closes Public Hearing
- Board Discussion, Deliberation
- Board vote on Ordinance 2026-01

Motion: Adopt Ordinance 2026-01 Compensation for Board Members of the PVFPD as presented

Second:



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Roll Call Vote:

8.0 New Business

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

8.1 Resolution 2026-03 Transfer of Funds to 62304 Attorney

Board to consider Resolution 2026-03 transferring funds in FY 25/26 638100 Operating Budget 62922 Lodging to 62304 Attorney .

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

Motion: Motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 Transfer of Funds to 62304 Attorney.

Second:

Vote:

9.0 Correspondence

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

9.1 4-5-26 Email from Becky Steinbruner about adopting the 2026 Fire Code

9.2 4-6-26 Email from Becky Steinbruner about BESS Fire Code Safety

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Second:

All in favor:

Time:

Note: The Board Chair requests that if you have any questions or wish clarification or additional information about any item on the agenda or contained in the attached materials, please call the Fire Chief at (831) 722-6188 before the meeting. Information regarding items on the agenda may be reviewed at that Pajaro Valley Fire Station located at 562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076, or you may view the agenda on our website www.pajarovalleyfire.com

Members of the Pajaro Valley Fire District Board of Directors shall attend meetings in person unless remote participation is permitted by law. In the event that any member of the Board participates in a meeting by teleconference or video conference, pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953, all votes shall be by roll call. Members of the public that wish to attend and/or participate in a meeting may do so in person.

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The Pajaro Valley Fire station is an accessible facility. If you wish to attend a meeting and you will require assistance in order to attend and /or participate, please call the district at (831) 722-6188 in advance of the meeting and every effort will be made to accommodate your attendance and participation.



PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
562 CASSELY ROAD, WATSONVILLE, CA (831) 722-6188

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

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

1.0 Call to Order at 5:01PM

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Call Meeting to Order – Roll Call

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

Members Excused: Director Erbe

2.0 Agenda Amendments

2.1 Additions to Agenda- NONE

3.0 Oral Communications

3.1 Public Oral Communication

Tarrel Reeder – Corralitos resident, spoke on the status of BESS and the impacts to the District. She presented the Board with a list of needs/resources she suggested for response.

3.2 Staff Oral Communication- NONE

3.3 Board Oral Communication

Chair Martone invited all to participate in Pitch In Santa Cruz's next event on May 9th.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes – Approval of the minutes the Regular Board meeting on February 11, 2026.

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

No public comment.

Motion: Director Dellamonica Motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Second: Director Moules

All in favor: All

5.0 Presentations

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

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

BC Urbani reported the following:

- Water rescue on Pajaro River near 129 and Lakeview; Watsonville Fire and State Parks assisted with the rescue of an individual and five dogs.
- No issues with apparatus. No training or staffing adjustments to report.
- Office furniture arrived.
- Members of the Board assisted with Green Valley Road cleanup

No Public Comment

No questions from the Board.

- 5.2 Watsonville Run Report for February 2026
No questions from the Board.

6.0 Committee Reports

- 6.1 Finance Committee – None
- 6.2 LAFCO Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica
Director Dellamonica reported that preparations are in progress for the town hall meetings. LAFCO is providing support for the meeting. County of Santa Cruz will also be providing their social media PIO staff member and logistical support.
Public Comment:
Don Jarvis- resident: Asked the Board for a community advisory group to provide more transparency and to obtain assistance from qualified experts on reorganization. Spoke on support available from the County.
- 6.3 BESS Working Group – None
Public Comment:
Sina Kuhzarani- resident-spoke on how fast BESS is moving; importance of access by emergency personnel; and impacts to the area by the battery storage modules.
- 6.4 Watsonville Fire/Pajaro Valley Fire Contract Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica. Vice Chair Dellamonica reported that the working group met with City of Watsonville representatives. They reviewed the draft together and expect the City of Watsonville to respond soon.

7.0 Continuing Business

7.1 Pajaro Valley Fire Board Meeting Rules

Board to receive an update from BC Urbani, review, discuss and make any further changes to the updated Pajaro Valley Fire Board Meeting Rules.

Recommended Action: Discuss, make changes, give directions to staff, make a motion

BC Urbani reported that the draft being presented has been approved by the attorneys and ready for final approval. Director Sampson asked for clarification on how meeting dates will be adjusted. BC Urbani stated that the process will be the same.

Motion: Director Moules Motion To approve the Pajaro Valley Fire Board Meeting Rules as presented.

Second: Vice Chair Dellamonica

Yes Vote: All

7.2 Review Ordinance 2026-01 Compensation for Board Members of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

Board to receive Staff Report from BC Urbani and discuss any further needed changes to Ordinance 2026-01 Compensation for Board Members of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District.

Recommended Action: Discuss, make changes, give direction to staff.

BC Urbani reported on compensation and availability of funds; impact of compensation to the budget; and reviewed the process to increase the compensation for Board members. Board members have attended more meetings this year compared to previous years. Current budgeted amount will support the needs of the Board, and the Board may increase the total allowed meetings compensated to six (6) meetings monthly. If approved, it will take 60 days to go into effect.

Public Comment:

Becky Steinbruner, resident, questioned if the compensation amount is increasing. Chair Martone responded that the level of compensation is not increasing.

The Board directed staff to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

7.3 **Discuss Request for Proposal (RFP) for Fire Protection Services**

Board will receive a staff report from Chief Wilson. Board to discuss the staff report and have any further needed discussion.

Recommended Action: Board to have discussion, give directions to staff, make motion.

Chief Wilson presented the staff report on a comparative review of personnel in neighboring agencies, specifically Central Fire Protection District and Watsonville Fire, as directed by the Board. The intent of the report is to understand the costs of the 3-0 staffing model if the District should consider this alternative service delivery option in the future and request an RFP. Chief Wilson explained the information that was used to prepare the report and how the analysis was conducted. He explained that if the District moves forward with an RFP, District staff would need to be removed from the process and evaluation since CalFire would be a submitter for that RFP; the RFP does not commit the District to changing service providers but will allow them due diligence for fact finding; and the scope and evaluation criteria must be clearly defined. There is no immediate fiscal impact. If the Board decides to move forward with the RFP, costs will be incurred as District staff will not be able to complete the work due to a conflict of interest. Staff recommendation is to receive the personnel comparison; discuss if the Board wishes to explore alternative service models and request an RFP; and provide direction on engaging an independent party who can develop and manage the process.

The Board discussed and agreed that the cost of an RFP is not prudent as it will not provide different results from what Chief Wilson provided.

Director Sampson asked for background on the current CalFire contract. Chair Martone advised that the contract is renewed annually. Chief Wilson advised that only actuals are paid.

Becky Steinbruner- resident: questioned need for a consultant and clarification on LG1- Chief Wilson clarified that it means "Local Government 1". Director Sampson stated that a qualified consultant would ensure that the RFP is handled appropriately. The Board also stated that they are not qualified and errors would have legal implications.

Don Jarvis- Spoke on costs and how they apply to the District.

Chief Wilson stated that this was not based on the current CalFire contract.

Motion: Vice Chair Dellamonica motioned to not move forward with RFP for Fire Protection Services

Second: Director Sampson

Yes Vote: All

8.0 **New Business**

8.1 **Discuss Having the District’s Legal Counsel Present at the Board’s Regular Board Meetings**

Board to discuss possibility of having legal counsel present at the Board’s Regular Board Meetings.

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

BC Urbani reported that legal counsel is willing to attend. He reviewed the costs which will include travel time and time spent during the meeting. The Board discussed the benefits of having legal counsel present with all the items recently on the agenda; alternative options to reduce the legal counsel costs; the need to have them present due to comments being made during the Board meetings; and what legal counsel will do if they are present at the meeting. Chief Wilson stated that Coastside Fire Protection District has legal counsel review the agendas before they are posted and they run the meetings.

Public Comment:

Don Jarvis- does not see a need for legal counsel.

Becky Steinbruner- does not see a need for legal counsel, suggested remote attendance if necessary

Sina Kuhzarani- does not see a need for legal counsel.

Terrel Reader- does not see a need for legal counsel. Expressed that other agencies are spending funds on excessive legal fees due to employee issues and issues between their own board members.

Sina Kuhzarani- Suggested recording the meetings.

Becky Steinbrune- asked if the attorney will be at town hall. Chair Martone stated that there is no plan to have them there.

Motion: Vice Chair Dellamonica motioned to table decision to have legal counsel present at the meetings and direct staff meet with legal counsel to review the agendas.

Second: Director Moules

Yes Vote: All

9.0 Correspondence

9.1 Email from Sally-Christine Rodgers on 2/28/26 about the Third Annual Pitch in All County Clean Up
Previously discussed

9.2 Email from Don Jarvis on 3/6/26 Observation of the PVFPD Reorganization Process
Becky Steinbruner- supports the letter

11.0 Adjournment

Motion: Director Sampson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Director Moules

All in favor: All

Time: 6:07pm

March Expenditure

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E; Chart Fields = GLKey,FundType,Object
 Fiscal Month [09] 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: 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES								
2026	09	3/06/2026	PVFD030326	Expenditures	683100	61222	-281.64	Tablet/Phone
2026	09	3/12/2026	24863565	Expenditures	683100	61222	-100.41	Phone
2026	09	3/12/2026	24864127	Expenditures	683100	61222	-62.18	Phone
Total 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES							-444.23	
Object: 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES								
2026	09	3/06/2026	PVFD030326	Expenditures	683100	61425	-42.70	Signage/Misc
2026	09	3/12/2026	69154	Expenditures	683100	61425	-43.88	FS Supplie
2026	09	3/27/2026	9845265454	Expenditures	683100	61425	-66.64	Sta. Supplies
Total 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES							-153.22	
Object: 61720 – MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV								
2026	09	3/03/2026	12027	Expenditures	683100	61720	-2,343.53	E4511-Mirror PU/Kussmaul Rpr.
2026	09	3/06/2026	12032	Expenditures	683100	61720	-366.04	E4510-90 Day
2026	09	3/06/2026	12033	Expenditures	683100	61720	-279.00	E4511-90 Day
2026	09	3/06/2026	12034	Expenditures	683100	61720	-375.00	WT4551-90 Day
2026	09	3/26/2026	DU124350	Expenditures	683100	61720	2,160.53	LAKESIDE ORGANICS (MIRROR)
Total 61720 – MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV							-1,203.04	
Object: 61730 – MAINT-OTH EQUIP-SERVICES								
2026	09	3/12/2026	26863	Expenditures	683100	61730	-615.00	Auto-X Annual Testing 1/8/26
Total 61730 – MAINT-OTH EQUIP-SERVICES							-615.00	
Object: 61848 – MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV								
2026	09	3/06/2026	38937390	Expenditures	683100	61848	-108.00	Pest Cont. (Acct-252519)
2026	09	3/06/2026	93656	Expenditures	683100	61848	-162.20	Window Rprs.
2026	09	3/06/2026	PVFD030326	Expenditures	683100	61848	-688.12	Blinds-Bgtd.(#371544236281000)
2026	09	3/27/2026	944283	Expenditures	683100	61848	-350.79	Fire Alarm Service
Total 61848 – MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV							-1,309.11	
Object: 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES								
2026	09	3/06/2026	2074355	Expenditures	683100	61920	-95.32	EMS Supplies (Cust#95076AFD)
Total 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES							-95.32	
Object: 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES								
2026	09	3/06/2026	PVFD030326	Expenditures	683100	62219	-220.03	Google WS(#371544236281000)
Total 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES							-220.03	
Object: 62223 – SUPPLIES								
2026	09	3/06/2026	PVFD030326	Expenditures	683100	62223	-48.98	Office Supp.(#371544236281000)
Total 62223 – SUPPLIES							-48.98	

March Expenditure

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E; Chart Fields = GLKey,FundType,Object
 Fiscal Month [09] 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: 62304 – ATTORNEY								
2026	09	3/03/2026	35019	Expenditures	683100	62304	-3,956.30	Attorney Svcs (1/1-1/31/26)
2026	09	3/27/2026	35042	Expenditures	683100	62304	-755.00	Attorney-General Counsel
Total 62304 – ATTORNEY							-4,711.30	
Object: 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER								
2026	09	3/03/2026	40170	Expenditures	683100	62381	-18,029.56	WTS Contract 3rd QTR (#100350)
2026	09	3/03/2026	64642	Expenditures	683100	62381	-864.00	Fire Plan Review
2026	09	3/03/2026	IN0130935	Expenditures	683100	62381	-993.00	County HMMP Health Permit
2026	09	3/06/2026	PVFD030326	Expenditures	683100	62381	-82.99	TV (#371544236281000)
2026	09	3/23/2026	65071	Expenditures	683100	62381	-432.00	Fire Plan Review 1/31-2/27/26
2026	09	3/23/2026	PVFD030926	Expenditures	683100	62381	-5,429.17	Tablet Command FY-25/26
Total 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER							-25,830.72	
Object: 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS								
2026	09	3/06/2026	PVFD030326	Expenditures	683100	62715	-142.73	Ang. Grinder(#371544236281000)
Total 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS							-142.73	
Object: 62888 – SPEC DIST EXP-SERVICES								
2026	09	3/06/2026	2477445-0	Expenditures	683100	62888	-9,951.70	Office Furn. Bdgtd
2026	09	3/06/2026	2477462-0	Expenditures	683100	62888	-5,181.32	Office Furn. Bdgtd
Total 62888 – SPEC DIST EXP-SERVICES							-15,133.02	
Object: 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL								
2026	09	3/03/2026	281607	Expenditures	683100	62920	-1,175.62	Fuel
2026	09	3/06/2026	281231	Expenditures	683100	62920	-99.82	DEF
2026	09	3/27/2026	281756	Expenditures	683100	62920	-1,027.50	Fuel
Total 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL							-2,302.94	
Object: 63074 – UTILITIES								
2026	09	3/03/2026	PVFD022326	Expenditures	683100	63074	-1,387.19	Utilities
2026	09	3/12/2026	8736790	Expenditures	683100	63074	-368.37	Trash/Rec
2026	09	3/27/2026	PVFD031826	Expenditures	683100	63074	-1,244.27	Gas/Elect.
Total 63074 – UTILITIES							-2,999.83	
Object: 86110 – BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS								
2026	09	3/03/2026	69041	Expenditures	683100	86110	-65.82	Wall Rpr.
2026	09	3/06/2026	PVFD030326	Expenditures	683100	86110	-2,671.02	Septic+Bgtd.
2026	09	3/12/2026	69174	Expenditures	683100	86110	-9.87	Water Leak
Total 86110 – BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS							-2,746.71	
Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN							-57,956.18	
							-57,956.18	



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Account Ending

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Customer Care: 1-800-521-6121
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New Balance	\$6,962.76
Minimum Payment Due	\$70.00
Payment Due Date	04/22/26

Reward Dollars As of Feb 2026	323.38
For details, please see your Reward Dollars Summary.	

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date of 04/22/26, you may have to pay a late fee of up to \$39.00 and your APRs may be increased to the Penalty APR of 29.99%.

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

If you make no additional charges and each month you pay...	You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about...	And you will pay an estimated total of...
Only the Minimum Payment Due	18 years	\$15,570
\$248	3 years	\$8,915 (Savings = \$6,655)

Account Summary	
Previous Balance	\$4,178.21
Payments/Credits	-\$7,771.57
New Charges	+\$10,556.12
Fees	+\$0.00
Interest Charged	+\$0.00
New Balance	\$6,962.76
Minimum Payment Due	\$70.00
Credit Limit	\$15,000.00
Available Credit	\$8,037.24
Cash Advance Limit	\$500.00
Available Cash	\$500.00
Days in Billing Period:	30

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MIKE URBANI
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WATSONVILLE CA 95076

Payment Due Date	04/22/26
New Balance	\$6,962.76
Minimum Payment Due	\$70.00

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

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Amount Enclosed



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Payments and Credits

Summary

	Total
Payments	-\$4,178.21
Credits	
MIKE URBANI	\$0.00
PHILLIP MATTESON	-\$3,540.00
JACE SANDSTROM	-\$53.36
Total Payments and Credits	-\$7,771.57

Detail

*Indicates posting date

Payments			Amount
03/12/26*	MIKE URBANI	PAYMENT RECEIVED - THANK YOU	-\$4,178.21
Credits			Amount
03/16/26	PHILLIP MATTESON	IN *SANTA CRUZ PIPEFITTERS SOQUEL CA 8313466649	-\$1,180.00
03/16/26	PHILLIP MATTESON	IN *SANTA CRUZ PIPEFITTERS SOQUEL CA 8313466649	-\$1,180.00
03/16/26	PHILLIP MATTESON	IN *SANTA CRUZ PIPEFITTERS SOQUEL CA 8313466649	-\$1,180.00
03/11/26	JACE SANDSTROM	THE HOME DEPOT WATSONVILLE CA 800-654-0688	-\$53.36

New Charges

Summary

	Total
MIKE URBANI	\$4,552.13
PHILLIP MATTESON	\$5,844.82
JACE SANDSTROM	\$159.17
Total New Charges	\$10,556.12

Detail

MIKE URBANI Card
Ending


				Amount
02/28/26	LOTTS AUTO STEREO AUTO UP 00-080290931 AUTO PARTS/ACCESSORY	SANTA CRUZ	CA	\$3,540.01
03/01/26	GOOGLE *WORKSPACE_PAJA COMPUTER NETWORK/INFO	CC@GOOGLE.COM	CA	\$50.40
03/10/26	BEST BUY 888BESTBUY	SOQUEL	CA	\$65.69
03/10/26	BUENA VISTA LANDFILL BUENA VISTA LAN PUBLIC UTILITY	WATSONVILLE	CA	\$113.25
03/10/26	BUENA VISTA LANDFILL BUENA VISTA LAN PUBLIC UTILITY	WATSONVILLE	CA	\$82.00
03/26/26	THE HOME DEPOT 800-654-0688	WATSONVILLE	CA	\$700.78

PHILLIP MATTESON
Card Ending

				Amount
02/26/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$66.69
02/26/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$10.94
02/26/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$9.80
02/26/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$18.93
03/01/26	GOOGLE *YOUTUBE TV DIGITAL GOODS: APPS	G.CO/HELPPAY#	CA	\$82.99
03/03/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$56.54
03/09/26	IN *SANTA CRUZ PIPEFITTERS 8313466649	SOQUEL	CA	\$1,180.00
03/09/26	IN *SANTA CRUZ PIPEFITTERS 8313466649	SOQUEL	CA	\$1,180.00
03/09/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$65.69
03/10/26	IN *SANTA CRUZ PIPEFITTERS 8313466649	SOQUEL	CA	\$1,180.00
03/10/26	VZWLSS APOCC VISB BILL PAYMENT	800-922-0204	FL	\$150.40
03/10/26	AMAZON.COM BOOK STORES	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$284.01
03/12/26	AMAZON.COM BOOK STORES	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$24.09
03/13/26	IN *SANTA CRUZ PIPEFITTERS 8313466649	SOQUEL	CA	\$1,180.00
03/13/26	AMAZON.COM BOOK STORES	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$126.82
03/17/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$31.52
03/19/26	SPECTRUM 0110072030126 95076	855-707-7328	MO	\$136.24
03/22/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$60.16



Detail Continued

				Amount
 JACE SANDSTROM Card Ending				
				Amount
03/04/26	THE HOME DEPOT 800-654-0688	WATSONVILLE	CA	\$106.73
03/05/26	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 800-755-6759	FREEDOM	CA	\$21.94
03/10/26	BUENA VISTA LANDFILL BUENA VISTA LAN PUBLIC UTILITY	WATSONVILLE	CA	\$30.50

Fees

		Amount
Total Fees for this Period		\$0.00

Interest Charged

		Amount
Total Interest Charged for this Period		\$0.00

About Trailing Interest

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

2026 Fees and Interest Totals Year-to-Date

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

Interest Charge Calculation

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

	Annual Percentage Rate	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Interest Charge
Purchases	16.74% (v)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash Advances	28.74% (v)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total			\$0.00

(v) Variable Rate



Classic Blue Cash® for Business Credit Card

PAJARO VALLEY FIRE
MIKE URBANI
Closing Date 03/27/26

Reward Dollar Summary Total Reward Dollars as of Feb 2026 Billing Period Charges \$323.38

Beginning Reward Dollar Balance	+301.57
Reward Dollars Accrued*	+21.81
Total Available Balance	+323.38

*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

Feb 2026 Billing Period Charges	Qualified Spend \$	Reward Dollars
Eligible Purchases	4,014.88 @0.5%	20.06
Eligible Purchases	-21.89 @0.5%	-0.11
Eligible Purchases	185.22 @1%	1.86
Total	4,178.21	21.81

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

Consent Agenda - Revenues

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

Fiscal Month [02] 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	Revenues/Expenditure	GL Key	Fund Type	Object	Amount	Description
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN									
Object: 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES									
2026	02	8/25/2025	DU118480	Revenues	683100	76	41322	1,130.82	JULY 2025 CREDIT CARD
2026	02	8/25/2025	DU118493	Revenues	683100	76	41322	634.75	PLN 08/20/2025
Total 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES								1,765.57	
Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN								1,765.57	
								1,765.57	



Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

562 Casserly Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

Chief's Report

April 1st, 2026

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

General

- Nothing significant to report.

Emergency Incident Response:

- We had a structure fire on Cutter Dr. Crews were able to make a good stop and another structure fire on North Dr. that ended up being a deck on fire.

Apparatus:

- E4511 was repaired by Golden State for a water leak coming from the roof. This was covered under warranty.

Training:

- No significant training happened.

Facilities:

- If we do not receive any significant rain we should be able to start repairs to the septic system at the end of April or in May.

Personnel:

- No personnel updates.

Fire Prevention/Community Outreach

- We attended the career day at Lakeview Middle School.

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1447	3/1/26	00:13:17	00:21:35	8:18	E4511	LINDEN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
1450	3/1/26	10:47:02	10:56:31	9:29	E4511	GREEN VALLEY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
1461	3/1/26	23:13:05	23:21:08	8:03	E4511	E LAKE AV / 2 HOLOHAN RD	MEDICAL	PV5
1464	3/2/26	07:32:48	07:40:39	7:51	E4413	BUENA VISTA DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
1480	3/3/26	05:13:11	05:18:22	5:11	E4414	300 GREEN VALLEY RD / 498 HOLOHAN RD	MED, TRAFFIC	PV7A
1489	3/3/26	13:08:30	13:12:58	4:28	E4414	BEHLER RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
1503	3/4/26	05:57:01	06:02:47	5:46	E4414	BUDDY WY ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
1504	3/4/26	07:33:40	07:42:44	9:04	E49	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
1512	3/4/26	13:11:33	13:18:24	6:51	E4511	140 ROBERTA DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	PA, PERSON	PV4
1535	3/5/26	10:15:07	10:21:55	6:48	E4511	CUNNINGHAM WY ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
1541	3/5/26	12:36:06	12:41:42	5:36	E4414	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
1546	3/5/26	16:42:46	16:48:13	5:27	E4414	65 MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, RESIDENTIAL	PV7
1553	3/5/26	22:41:39	22:49:28	7:49	E4511	26 MINTO RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, SMOKE CHECK	PV5
1568	3/6/26	16:43:15	16:45:36	2:21	E4511	JOLON DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
1572	3/6/26	19:50:56	19:57:24	6:28	B39	78 CUTTER DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MED, TRAFFIC	PV2A
1584	3/7/26	08:06:47	08:14:48	8:01	E4414	116 CALABASAS RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, RESIDENTIAL	PV7
1585	3/7/26	08:27:02	08:35:36	8:34	E4511	221 PECKHAM RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	FIRE, SMOKE CHECK	PV1A
1609	3/8/26	09:27:48	09:35:33	7:45	E4511	180 DI CICCOTER ,PAJARO_VALLEY	FIRE, RESIDENTIAL	PV3
1650	3/10/26	15:41:37	15:50:33	8:56	E4411	CONDIT LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
1669	3/11/26	17:31:29	17:36:40	5:11	E349	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
1678	3/11/26	20:20:36	20:25:59	5:23	E4414	137 CALABASAS RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	HAZ, GAS	PV7
1682	3/12/26	08:03:54	08:07:52	3:58	E4414	AIRPORT BL / 130 PAJARO LN	MEDICAL	PV7A
1683	3/12/26	08:43:16	08:50:30	7:14	E4413	E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
1693	3/12/26	16:28:10	16:33:31	5:21	E349	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
1697	3/12/26	17:05:25	17:19:16	13:51	E4510	CUTTER DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	PA, LIFT ASSIST	PV2A

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1699	3/12/26	18:36:28	18:43:16	6:48	E4414	COWLES RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
1707	3/12/26	23:36:39	23:46:22	9:43	E4510	PINTO LAKE MOBILE ESTATES @ 789 GREEN	MEDICAL	PV4
1710	3/13/26	08:02:41	08:11:42	9:01	E4510	SCHOOL WY ,PAJARO_VALLEY (MONTE	MEDICAL	PV4
1712	3/13/26	08:40:44	08:44:41	3:57	E349	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
1715	3/13/26	10:27:51	10:32:14	4:23	E4414	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
1719	3/13/26	13:01:15	13:10:26	9:11	E4510	DETOX CABIN @ GAFFEY RD	MEDICAL	K10A
1723	3/13/26	14:56:10	15:09:07	12:57	E4510	CUTTER DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
1725	3/13/26	16:31:38	16:39:01	7:23	E4510	GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV5
1729	3/13/26	21:36:55	21:43:38	6:43	E4414	HASTINGS LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
1733	3/14/26	02:25:48	02:30:08	4:20	E4414	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
1739	3/14/26	13:11:50	13:22:04	10:14	E4510	216 RIVERSIDE RD / 2 LAKEVIEW RD	FIRE, SMOKE CHECK	PV2A
1743	3/14/26	15:35:39	15:42:42	7:03	E4510	GREEN VALLEY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
1751	3/14/26	19:17:16	19:22:51	5:35	E349	899 AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, TRAFFIC	PV4A
1756	3/14/26	22:43:56	22:53:10	9:14	E4510	2 HOLOHAN RD / 2300 E LAKE AV	HAZ, ELECTRICAL	PV5
1776	3/15/26	19:40:15	19:46:02	5:47	E4510	1000 GREEN VALLEY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	FIRE, RESIDENTIAL	K10
1790	3/16/26	11:41:55	11:47:35	5:40	E349	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	PA, LIFT ASSIST	PV4A
1796	3/16/26	18:40:29	18:46:40	6:11	E4510	E LAKE AV / 2 HOLOHAN RD	MEDICAL	PV5
1803	3/17/26	01:07:25	01:14:06	6:41	E4414	MINTO RD / 518 GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV5
1813	3/17/26	11:55:34	12:06:08	10:34	E4510	COLLEGE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
1815	3/17/26	13:35:35	13:36:46	1:11	E4510	30 TREMBLEY LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	FIRE, AIRCRAFT	PV4
1820	3/17/26	15:34:16	15:46:21	12:05	E4414	HI GRADE LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
1841	3/18/26	02:38:39	02:47:24	8:45	E4411	E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
1852	3/18/26	12:17:40	12:24:23	6:43	E49	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MED, CODE 2	PV7
1854	3/18/26	14:30:08	14:30:08	0:00	E4510	288 AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, COMMERCIAL	PV7A
1857	3/18/26	15:58:33	16:01:45	3:12	E4414	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
1861	3/18/26	20:28:16	20:38:38	10:22	E4411	CONDIT LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
1869	3/19/26	05:45:37	05:55:14	9:37	E4510	2200 GREEN VALLEY RD / 140 HAZEL DELL RD	HAZ, ELECTRICAL	K6A
1885	3/19/26	15:02:24	15:15:13	12:49	E4510	VISTA DEL LAGO CIR	MED, CODE 2	PV7A
1891	3/19/26	21:05:44	21:10:02	4:18	B4403	8 CUTTER DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, RESIDENTIAL	PV2A
1893	3/19/26	21:26:06	21:30:33	4:27	R49	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
1909	3/20/26	10:42:39	11:00:05	17:26	E4411	AIRPORT BL / 130 PAJARO LN	MEDICAL	PV7A
1917	3/20/26	13:42:21	13:53:38	11:17	E49	LUCERNE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7

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1924	3/20/26	17:17:19	17:24:11	6:52	E49	MOUNTAIN VIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
1925	3/20/26	18:01:10	18:07:33	6:23	E4510	E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
1932	3/20/26	22:05:01	22:11:11	6:10	E4510	7 HUGHES RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, TRAFFIC	PV3
1938	3/21/26	07:57:30	08:02:53	5:23	E4414	122 CALABASAS RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, COMMERCIAL	PV7
1945	3/21/26	12:37:35	12:46:10	8:35	E4510	60 AIRPORT BL / 130 PAJARO LN	FIRE, DEBRIS	PV7A
1949	3/21/26	15:06:34	15:17:08	10:34	E4411	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
1963	3/22/26	08:29:34	08:37:40	8:06	E49	BOWKER RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
1966	3/22/26	09:49:01	09:57:24	8:23	E4510	PINTO LAKE MOBILE ESTATES @ GREEN	MED, CODE 2	PV4
1978	3/22/26	19:36:01	19:42:15	6:14	E4510	HATHAWAY AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
1991	3/23/26	11:13:01	11:18:03	5:02	E4510	CASSERLY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
1992	3/23/26	11:45:19	11:50:53	5:34	E4510	WHITING RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
1995	3/23/26	12:42:21	12:42:40	0:19	E4510	820 CASSERLY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, TRAFFIC	PV4
2001	3/23/26	15:15:40	15:25:32	9:52	E4510	250 MOUNT MADONNA RD / 2 GAFFEY RD	MED, TRAFFIC	K10A
2013	3/24/26	04:17:04	04:22:33	5:29	E4414	CALABASAS RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MED, VIOLENCE STAGE	PV7
2016	3/24/26	07:03:51	07:12:43	8:52	E4510	TREMBLEY LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, VIOLENCE STAGE	PV4
2021	3/24/26	11:30:15	11:32:39	2:24	E4413	108 BOWKER RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, RESIDENTIAL	PV7
2034	3/25/26	00:50:06	00:57:25	7:19	E4510	CASSERLY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	K10A
2038	3/25/26	10:25:21	10:33:40	8:19	B1716	36 PECKHAM RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	FIRE, WILDLAND	PV1A
2049	3/25/26	18:31:21	18:31:21	0:00	B1716	416 AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, SMOKE CHECK	PV7A
2050	3/25/26	17:50:18	18:05:36	15:18	E4510	DETOX CABIN @ GAFFEY RD	MEDICAL	K10A
2057	3/26/26	01:19:23	01:28:05	8:42	E4510	WHEELOCK RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
2061	3/26/26	08:06:58	08:15:17	8:19	E1784	2644 FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY	PA, OTHER	PV7BZ
2070	3/26/26	14:17:10	14:26:03	8:53	E4510	SEQUOIA SCHOOLS @ GREEN VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV7A
2085	3/27/26	09:01:24	09:07:51	6:27	E4510	TRINITY AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
2099	3/27/26	18:14:07	18:19:50	5:43	E4510	211 AMADOR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	FIRE, WILDLAND	PV4
2100	3/27/26	18:35:00	18:37:09	2:09	B39	100 CUNNINGHAM WY ,PAJARO_VALLEY	FIRE, WILDLAND	PV4
2115	3/28/26	06:16:14	06:25:03	8:49	E4510	PINTO LAKE COUNTY PARK @ GREEN	MEDICAL	PV4
2136	3/28/26	17:47:47	17:53:59	6:12	E4510	MARK AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
2141	3/28/26	21:22:33	21:32:17	9:44	E4510	MADONNA VIEW ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
2150	3/29/26	10:16:37	10:23:52	7:15	E4510	QUINTA ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, CODE 2	PV4
2154	3/29/26	12:04:27	12:09:12	4:45	E4510	E LAKE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
2174	3/30/26	02:45:27	02:53:32	8:05	E4510	126 HECKER PASS RD / 2 FALLOWFIELD LN	MED, TRAFFIC	PV3A
2176	3/30/26	06:38:41	06:49:27	10:46	E4510	CARLTON RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1A

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2187	3/30/26	13:58:29	14:00:03	1:34	E4510	AIRPORT BL / 130 PAJARO LN	MED, VIOLENCE STAGE	PV7A
2188	3/30/26	15:41:48	15:52:43	10:55	E4510	GREEN VALLEY RD / 22 LITCHFIELD LN	MED, CODE 2	K10
2190	3/30/26	16:40:57	16:46:39	5:42	E4510	60 AIRPORT BL / 130 PAJARO LN	FIRE, DEBRIS	PV7A
2191	3/30/26	16:53:14	17:04:57	11:43	E4510	1966 GREEN VALLEY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	HAZ, CARBON MONO	K10
2194	3/30/26	17:18:15	17:27:12	8:57	E4510	DUTCHMAN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4

Average Elapsed Minutes: **7:14** Std. Deviation **3.83**

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Pajaro Valley Fire
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1909	3/20/26	10:42:39	11:00:05	17:26	E4411	AIRPORT BL / 130 PAJARO LN	MEDICAL	PV7A
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This call should be included. E4412 was unavailable for unknown reasons, E4510 should have been dispatched due to closer response but was not. E4411 was dispatched from Watsonville FS#1 in place of E4412.

2050	3/25/26	17:50:18	18:05:36	15:18	E4510	DETOX CABIN @ GAFFEY RD	MEDICAL	K10A
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This call should be included. E4510 was responding to a Vehicle Accident on Freedom Blvd and was diverted to this call, causing an extended response of approximately 4 mins.

Average Elapsed Minutes:	7:14	Std. Deviation	3.83
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WATSONVILLE FIRE DEPT



Incident Reports 03/01/2026 to 03/31/2026

Dispatch Call Create Date Time	Dispatch Alarm Date Time	Dispatch Unit In Service Date Time	Incident #	Address	Incident Type
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SETTING
COMPENSATION FOR BOARD MEMBERS OF THE PAJARO VALLEY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD, BY INCREASING THE
COMPENSATION FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD.

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 13857 authorizes each member of the Board of Directors to receive compensation for attending Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of May, 2022, and after a public hearing during its regular meeting, the Board of Directors of this District adopted Ordinance 2022-01, setting the compensation paid to each Board member for their meeting attendance at \$60 and compensation fixed for no more than a total of three (3) meetings per calendar month; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has not received a compensation adjustment since Ordinance 2022-01; and

WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities of the Board and each of its Directors requires and will continue to require an increase in the amount of time spent by each Director in carrying out the business of the District; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 13857 also authorizes the Board of Directors to adopt an ordinance, pursuant to Water Code sections 20200 et seq., increasing the compensation paid to each Board member for their meeting attendance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of this District now wishes to increase the compensation of its Directors pursuant to Sections 20200 through 20207 of the Water Code of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 20203 and Government Code section 6066, the District published Notices of a Public Hearing relating to Ordinance 2026-01 on March 27th, 2026 and April 3rd, 2026 in The Pajaronian, a newspaper of general circulation in the District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Proof of Publication of said Notices in the Pajaronian newspaper on the on March 27th, 2026 and April 3rd, 2026, has been filled with the records of the regular meeting held on April 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors reviewed this ordinance at a duly noticed public hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance 2026-01 was held on April 8, 2026, as required by Water Code section 20203.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District as follows:

1. Effective 60 days from adopting this ordinance, the compensation of each of the Directors of the Governing Board shall be the sum of \$60 per meeting for each special,

PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

regular and committee meetings.

2. The compensation fixed by this ordinance shall be for no more than a total of six (6) meetings per calendar month.

3. This ordinance shall be published one time within fifteen days following its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District this 8th of April, 2026 by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Board Clerk
Mike Urbani

Chairperson of the Board
Dave Martone

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

RESOLUTION REQUESTING TRANSFER OR REVISION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, the Pajaro Valley Fire District budgeted \$10,000 for Object 62922 Lodging.

WHEREAS, the Pajaro Valley Fire District needs to increase available funds in Object 62304 Attorney.

NOW THEREFORE LET IS BE RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Santa Cruz County Auditor Controller transfers the amount of \$8,000.00 from GL Key account 683100, Object Lodging 62922 to GL Key Account 683100, Object Attorney 62304.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, the 8th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

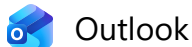
ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Dave Martone, Board Chair

Attested:

Mike Urbani, Board Secretary



CORRESPONDENCE : Please Adopt 2026 State Fire Code Now, and Additional Protective BESS Fire Safety Codes

From Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

Date Sun 4/5/2026 12:12 PM

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

Cc Sujeski, Crystal@CALFIRE <Crystal.Sujeski@fire.ca.gov>; Chief Corey Schaefer <corey.schaefer@watsonville.gov>; Nigel.Miller@CFSC <Nigel.Miller@centralfiresc.org>; Erin Collins <erin.collins@centralfiresc.org>; Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

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Dear Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Board and Chief Wilson,
At your January 14, 2026 Board meeting, I requested that your Board place on the agenda for February meeting an item to begin the process of adopting the 2026 California Fire Code BESS Fire Safety components. The issue was not on the February 11, or March 11 agenda.

I hereby make that request to you again. Now that New Leaf Energy / Sequoia Energy LLC has filed a pre-application for the Seahawk BESS Project at 90 Minto Road that is within your District jurisdiction, it is especially important that Pajaro Fire District publicly discuss and approve a more protective fire code relating to BESS safety requirements.

Here are the important reasons why Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District must be proactive in adopting more protective battery energy storage system (BESS) fire safety codes now rather than waiting for the Codes to become effective January 1, 2027.

On January 13, 2025, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors approved moving the Draft BESS Ordinance forward for environmental review. The timeline includes a report back to the Board as a consent agenda item in August, 2026, with a goal of adoption in November, 2026.

The Draft Ordinance references NFPA 855 requirements, which, if the Ordinance is adopted in November, would reference the 2023 version of NFPA 855.

https://cdi.santacruzcountyca.gov/Portals/35/CDI/UnifiedPermitCenter/BESS%20Ordinance%20Page/Files/BOS%20Approved%20Draft%20ESCD%20GP-Code%20Amendments%201-16-26.pdf?ver=xtvnQpWl_rF1YCE6eLwMtQ%3d%3d

This directly impacts the public health and safety of Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District responders and the public you serve because the proposed Seahawk Energy Storage Project at 90 Minto Road in Watsonville will be permitted under the less-protective Fire Codes than what will be implemented on January 1, 2027.

Therefore, your Board must take action now to begin publicly reviewing a more protective fire code for BESS safety and concurrently adopt the more protective 2026 California Fire Codes, especially the BESS Fire Safety elements.

1) The Draft BESS Ordinance, as approved by the Board, prohibits Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt (NMC) battery technology in BESS facility applications, however allows Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) battery technology, also with known fire, explosion and health risks that cannot effectively be mitigated for firefighter and public health and safety protection.

Your Board has the legal authority to adopt more protective Fire Codes than the County of Santa Cruz and other fire jurisdictions adopt.

Your Board can and should demonstrate solidarity with January 2, 2026 Los Angeles County Firefighter Local 1410 Cease and Desist Letter to Chief Anthony Marrone regarding prohibition of grid-scale lithium BESS facilities and siting near residential areas, hospitals, schools.

A copy of that Letter was sent to you by Stop Lithium BESS in Santa Cruz County leader, Ms. Nina Audino, on January 9, 2026 and was included in your Board's January 14, 2026 Board agenda packet (page 41-43): <https://www.pajarovalleyfire.com/wp-content/uploads/PVFPD-Amended-Board-Packet-1-24-26.pdf>

I also provided hard copies of the January 2, 2026 Los Angeles County Firefighters Local 1410 Cease and Desist Letter to your Board at the February 11, 2026 meeting. (Minutes page 9 of: <https://www.pajarovalleyfire.com/wp-content/uploads/PVFPD-Board-Packet-2-11-26.pdf>

At that meeting, I also requested that Chief Urbani provide a copy to the District's CalFire Firefighter Local Union, to which he agreed to do and later confirmed that he did accomplish delivery.

Please review the Los Angeles County Firefighter Local 1410 actions taken to stand up and protect the health and safety of firefighters, and the public regarding siting of grid-scale lithium BESS: facilities
<https://signalscv.com/2026/01/firefighters-echo-residents-battery-storage-concerns/>

Please review the solidarity shown by the Community to support Local 1410 Firefighter health and safety in siting grid-scale lithium BESS facilities:

a) <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/211905.pdf#:~:text=Local%201014%20represents%20Los%20Angeles%20County%20firefighters%2C,because%20the%20Union%20recognized%20that%20Lithium%20BESS>

b) <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/211905.pdf>

Please adopt a more protective Fire Code for grid-scale BESS Fire Safety that PROHIBITS lithium battery technology. Please place this issue on your next Board agenda for public discussion.

2) The Draft BESS Ordinance, as approved by the Board, does NOT include large-scale fire testing requirements. The 2026 State Fire Code include updates in NFPA 855 in paragraph 15.11 and A.15.11 to require large-scale fire testing. Support of this element in the new Standards was reinforced on September 4, 2025 in NFPA Standards Council Decision #D-25-11. (attached)

- 3) The Draft BESS Ordinance, as approved by the Board, does not require the applicant to meet with District fire officials to test and verify proper operation of all fire alarms, sensing and monitoring systems, and SCADA communication / notification operations effectiveness prior to the project coming online.
- 4) The Draft BESS Ordinance, as approved by the Board, fails to require testing performed by local fire authorities of all sensors, monitoring and alarm infrastructure and SCADA emergency communication / notification systems at the BESS facility, following initial inspection. This is critical because
Early Lifecycle Failures: Nearly half (51%) of incidents reported the age of the system, with almost half of those incidents occurring within the first six months of operation, highlighting potential challenges during the commissioning and initial operational phases of BESS units.
https://cleanpower.org/wp-content/uploads/gateway/2025/03/Assessment-of-Potential-Impacts-of-Fires-at-BESS-Facilities_FINAL_Sep-2025.pdf
- 5) The Draft BESS Ordinance, as approved by the Board, fails to require an all-weather surface perimeter road *exterior* of the project boundary walls / fencing to provide safe access by fire personnel for monitoring and fire suppression response. (only an interior road is currently required that would place responders at risk of explosion projectiles and toxic off-gassing in thermal runaway or potential thermal runaway events).
- 6) The Draft BESS Ordinance, as approved by the Board, does not require verification of sustained water supply availability (1400-1600 gpm for multiple days in a worst-case scenario for cooling BESS modules adjacent to module in thermal runaway) for potential thermal runaway events *without* supply interruption to neighboring residential areas for domestic use and additional fire suppression.
- 7) The Draft BESS Ordinance, as approved by the Board, would allow stacking of BESS containers, measuring up to 25' high, thereby allowing inadequate spacing between BESS containers, thereby contributing to increased risk of thermal runaway.
- 8) The Draft BESS Ordinance, as approved by the Board, fails to include any language to prohibit grid-scale BESS facilities in known seismic and high-fire hazard areas. The College Lake area near Minto Road is a known active seismic area due to the proximity of the Zayante-Vergelis Fault.
- 9) The Draft BESS Ordinance, as approved by the Board, does not define "worst case scenario" and therefore would allow applicants to set their own definition. In the Seahawk BESS Risk Analysis and Plan, New Leaf Energy claims "worst case scenario" is only 1.5 batteries (not modules) burning, which supports their further claim that no fire plume would leave the facility perimeter.
- 10) The Draft BESS Ordinance, as approved by the Board, *fails to include any requirement* for chronic or acute exposure levels to be assessed at the most severe impact level to inform setbacks and plume models. Acute Exposure Level Guidelines (AEGs) are used by emergency planners and responders worldwide as guidance in dealing with accidental releases of chemicals into the air. AEGs are expressed as specific concentrations of airborne chemicals at which health effects may occur. They are designed to protect the elderly and children, and other individuals who may be susceptible.

Please place the issue of your District's review and approval of more protective fire codes for BESS fire safety on your April 8, 2026 and / or May 13, 2026 Board meeting agendas for public discussion.

Please respond. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becky Steinbruner



Dawn Michele Bellis
Secretary, Standards Council

4 September 2025*

To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	D#25-11
Standards Council Agenda Item:	SC#25-8-8-d
Date of Decision:	20 August 2025
NFPA 855, <i>Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems</i> , 2026 Edition	

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of August 18-20, 2025, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter. The Council's Final decision is now available and is attached herewith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Michele Bellis".

Dawn Michele Bellis
Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

cc: S. Gallagher, D. McGonagle, C. Duffy, C. Coache
Members, TC on Energy Storage Systems (ESS-AAA)
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary

*NOTE: Participants in NFPA's standards development process should know that limited review of this decision may be sought from the NFPA Board of Directors. For the rules describing the available review and the method for petitioning the Board for review, please consult section 1-7 of the Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards and the NFPA Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council (see www.nfpa.org/regs). Notice of the intent to file such a petition must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Directors within 15 calendar days of the publication date of this Decision.



Standards Council Decision (Final):	D#25-11
Standards Council Agenda Item:	SC#25-8-8-d
Date of Decision:	20 August 2025
NFPA 855, <i>Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems</i> , 2026 Edition	

SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision): The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal seeking to Reject Second Revision No. 157 and any Related First Revisions and First Correlating Revisions.

DECISION:

At its meeting of August 18-20, 2025, the Standards Council considered an appeal from William Koffel, Koffel Associates, Inc., representing Tesla. The appeal requests that the Standards Council Reject Second Revision No. 157 and any Related First Revisions and First Correlating Revisions for the 2026 Edition of NFPA 855, *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems*. Specifically, the appeal requests to revise the text yielded by the standards development process for paragraphs 15.11 and A.15.11.

As background, the Technical Committee on Energy Storage Systems (“TC”) created Second Revision No. 157 to Section 15.11 which included requirements addressing when an electric vehicle is used to power a dwelling or feed power back to the grid, the vehicle must use listed power conversion equipment. This revision achieved the necessary 2/3 support of the TC to pass ballot.

On appeal, the Council accords great respect and deference to the NFPA standards development process. In conducting its review, the Council will overturn the results of that process only where a clear and substantial basis for doing so is demonstrated.

The Council has reviewed the entire record concerning this matter and has considered all the arguments put forth in this appeal. In the view of the Council, this appeal does not present any clear and substantial basis upon which to overturn the results yielded by the NFPA standards development process. Accordingly, the Council has voted to deny the appeal. The effect of this action is that NFPA 855, *Standard for the Installation of Energy Storage Systems*, will not include revisions sought in this appeal to paragraphs 15.11 and A.15.11 in the 2026 edition.

The Council notes that the appellant did not pursue the action being sought through the filing of a NITMAM (which was certifiable in accordance with Table 1 of the *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*). The appeal now seeks the Standards Council’s intervention without the NFPA membership having the opportunity to debate and vote on the text sought in the instant case. The Council declines to do so and alternatively reminds and encourages the Appellant, and all stakeholders, to participate fully in all stages of the NFPA standards development process.

Council Member Raymond Grill was not in attendance during the deliberations and vote on this appeal.



CORRESPONDENCE TO BOARD OF PVFD: Additional Letter Opposing Lithium BESS in Residential Areas From firefighter Local 3631

From Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

Date Mon 4/6/2026 1:42 AM

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

Cc Chief Corey Schaefer <corey.schaefer@watsonville.gov>; Nigel.Miller@CFSC <Nigel.Miller@centralfiresc.org>; Erin Collins <erin.collins@centralfiresc.org>; Sujeski, Crystal@CALFIRE <Crystal.Sujeski@fire.ca.gov>; Kristal Salcido <kristal.salcido@watsonville.gov>; Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

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Dear Pajaro Valley Fire District Board of Directors, Chief Wilson and Chief Urbani,
Please review the letter below to the California Energy Commission (CEC) from Orange County Firefighter Local 3631, opposing grid-scale lithium BESS facilities (text of letter below):
<https://www.safeenergystorage.org/download/oc-firefighters-opposition-sjc.pdf>

It is critical for the safety of your firefighters and the public that you adopt BESS Fire Safety Fire Codes that are more protective than current County-adopted fire codes and that would prohibit lithium technology in grid-scale BESS facilities in your District. Please discuss this as an agenda item at your April 8, 2026 and May13, 2026 Board meeting.

Please respond. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becky Steinbruner

November 6, 2024

*California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814*

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Battery Storage Facility in San Juan Capistrano

*Members of the California Energy Commission,
On behalf of the Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, I am writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed battery storage facility in San Juan Capistrano. As first responders tasked with protecting the safety and well-being of our community, we are concerned about the significant risks posed by such facilities, particularly the threat of fires caused by unstable electric batteries.*

In recent years, there have been numerous reports of battery storage facilities catching fire, creating highly dangerous and unpredictable situations for firefighters and nearby residents. These fires are difficult to extinguish, produce toxic fumes, and can rapidly escalate beyond containment. Our firefighters are placed in harm's way as they work to suppress these fires and protect surrounding homes and businesses.

*Unfortunately, the threat is not hypothetical. We have seen firsthand the devastating impact of battery-related fires. **One of our brave young firefighters was forced to retire early due to severe injuries sustained while responding to a single incident involving electric batteries.***

The potential for large-scale battery fires in a densely populated area like San Juan Capistrano is alarming. This community, known for its residential neighborhoods and historic significance, would be particularly vulnerable to the risks posed by such a facility. Any fire that breaks out in a battery storage site would not only jeopardize the safety of residents but also expose our firefighters to increased risks.

We respectfully request that you prioritize the safety of both the public and our first responders in your decision-making process and oppose the location of this facility in San Juan Capistrano.

*Sincerely,
Chris Hamm, President
Orange County Professional Firefighters Association*



(BESS) facility for Minto Road in the news

From Su Kuhz <sukuhz@gmail.com>

Date Wed 4/8/2026 2:23 PM

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

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Dear Chief Urbani, Chief Wilson, and Chair Martone,

New Leaf Energy has submitted a pre-application to the California Energy Commission seeking approval for a proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) facility on Minto Road in Watsonville.

Please review the following article from The Pajaronian for further details:

<https://pajaronian.com/new-leaf-energy-may-seek-state-approval-for-minto-road-bess-facility/>

We are looking to your leadership to protect our environment and the well-being of future generations.

Best regards,

Sina Kuhzarani

New Leaf Energy may seek state approval for Minto Road BESS facility

BY TODD GUILD - April 2, 2026



This Pacific Gas and Electric substation at the end of Minto Road in Watsonville is a proposed site for a new Battery Energy Storage System. (Tarmo Hannula/The Pajaronian)

New Leaf Energy, the company proposing a battery energy storage system (BESS) facility for Minto Road in Watsonville, has submitted a pre-application to the California Energy Commission seeking approval for the project.

The move was a possibility county officials have long feared since the project was proposed in January 2025: that the company would appeal to a higher regulatory authority if Santa Cruz County officials took too long to decide on a framework of regulations for new BESS systems.

Such facilities have been a vexing concern in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties since 2025, when a fire at a Vistra-owned BESS facility in Moss Landing burned for days and spewed toxic black smoke throughout the region.

Later testing found heavy metals in the soil thought to have come from the fire.

New Leaf has proposed a new facility – named Seahawk – at 90 Minto Road, a rural area near several homes and Pinto Lake City Park.



State officials are looking into the logistics of placing a Battery Energy Storage System at the end on Minto Road in Watsonville. (Tarmo Hannula/The Pajaronian)

The chemistry the Minto plant will utilize does not use the heavy metals found from the Vistra fire, a company representative said.

Project developer Max Christian has said the proposed facility will use next-generation technology, and is far more evolved than that of the Vistra site.

He told The Pajaronian the company is exploring a possible “state permit route” under a 2022 law that allows larger-scale energy projects to bypass local land-use restrictions, with the CEC serving as the lead agency for environmental review.

The pre-application process, he said, allows New Leaf Energy to work with the CEC to better understand how the state permitting process would function.

“The goal is to secure a permit for the project on a timeline that meets the deadlines imposed by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO),” he said.

The County Board of Supervisors in January approved a draft ordinance to regulate new large-scale battery energy storage systems in unincorporated areas, while maintaining local oversight.

Christian said [amendments added Jan. 13](#) by the Board of Supervisors make the Seahawk project “nonviable.”

“Particularly, the requirement of an additional approval by the Board of Supervisors for the transfer of ownership for the project would create a significant hurdle to project financing and is also unprecedented in the energy sector,” Christian said.

If the company proceeds under state oversight, Christian said New Leaf does not anticipate changes to the project’s safety plan or design, as it already meets current national and state codes and requirements, including those in the county’s draft ordinance.

But the permitting agency could impose additional requirements based on agency review or community feedback, he said.

If New Leaf pursues the state permitting process, it will likely further strain the company's already tenuous relationship with the community, which has raised concerns about the project since it was [proposed in 2025](#).

Christian said the company "remains committed to a safe and beneficial project for the community that will reduce energy costs, increase energy reliability and provide jobs and tax revenue for the county."

"New Leaf Energy will continue to engage the community and seek input to improve the project," he added. "Our expectation is that taking the state route with the CEC will maintain the nation-leading approach to safe operation of the facility represented in the county's pre-amendment draft ordinance from Jan. 13."

Santa Cruz County Supervisor Felipe Hernandez, whose district includes much of Watsonville, called the move "disappointing."

"We worked so hard on our ordinance to keep our community safe and maintain local control," he said in a text message. "It's the strongest BESS ordinance in the United States. We ensured it includes best practices and strong safeguards for our residents. Despite New Leaf considering to opt out, I'm hoping we can come to an agreement with several of the key safety items on the ordinance."

County spokesman Jason Hoppin said officials have long recognized the possibility of a state review.

"We are hopeful that the CEC and New Leaf will incorporate elements of our proposed ordinance as the project moves forward," he said in an email. "As originally conceived, the Board's framework included some of the strongest fire, emergency response and environmental protections of any local ordinance, while helping facilitate a necessary transition to a carbon-free future."

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Opt-In Certification

FAQs

What is the California Energy Commission (CEC) required to do?

The CEC is required to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and make its decision at a public meeting on the application within 270 days of receiving a complete application. The law identifies certain factors that could impact the CEC's ability to render a decision within 270 days, including the identification of new significant effects after publication of the Draft EIR that requires additional public comment.

The CEC is required to coordinate its review of opt-in applications with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the

State Water Resources Control Board, and applicable Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Water Boards), and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). CEC must consult with CDFW to ensure necessary information is submitted during the CEC certification process to grant any authorizations under the Fish and Game Code (e.g., authorized take of a listed species) in lieu of CDFW, and for the agencies that retain their permitting authority to issue their respective permits. The CEC is required to consult with all responsible and trustee agencies on the scope and content of the EIR under CEQA. The CEC must also certify the administrative record within 5 days of certifying the EIR and granting a certificate to a project.

What are other agencies required to do?

Agencies that retain their permitting authority are required to issue permits within 90 days of a CEC decision to certify a project. Per memorandums of understanding, CDFW, Water Boards, and DTSC may also participate in pre-filing meetings and CEQA review of proposed projects.

Will CEC consult with California Native American tribes?

Yes. Within five days of an application being deemed complete, the CEC is required to send requests for consultation letters to tribes that are culturally and traditionally associated with the geographic area of a proposed project. During the consultation process, the CEC is required to solicit the traditional ecological knowledge of affiliated tribes and incorporate this knowledge where feasible in the EIR. The CEC is required to take all feasible measures to avoid or minimize adverse effects to tribal cultural resources.

Will this process allow the public an opportunity to comment on a proposed project?

Yes. There are multiple opportunities for the public to provide comments. The CEC will announce the receipt of an opt-in application through its email subscription service, and by advertising in a newspaper of general circulation in the project area. Within 30 days of an application being deemed complete and prior to publication of the Draft EIR, the CEC is required to hold a public information and scoping meeting as close as practicable to the proposed project site. There will be a comment period on the Draft EIR, and the CEC will hold at least one public workshop in the project area to take public comment. All public meetings will be announced at least 10 days in advance.

Can the CEC approve a project that was denied by a local government, or does not conform to local ordinances?

Yes. If a project is approved, CEC's certificate is in lieu of any local permit or local law or ordinance. However, to grant a certificate to a project, the CEC must make findings that the project will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards, or make findings that despite the non-conformance, the project is required for public convenience and necessity, and that there are not more prudent and feasible means of achieving public convenience and necessity. The CEC is required to invite the local government to attend a mandatory pre-filing meeting with an applicant.

What findings must the CEC make to approve a project?

To approve an opt-in project, the CEC must find that the project will provide an overall net positive economic benefit to the local government, that the applicant has entered into a community benefits agreement, and that the applicant has certified payment of prevailing wage, or equivalent, for all construction, and the use of a skilled and trained workforce, or equivalent, for all construction.

The CEC must also find that the project will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (LORS). If a project will not comply with any applicable LORS, the CEC must find that the project is required for public convenience and necessity, and that there are not more prudent and feasible means of achieving public convenience and necessity. In making the determination, the CEC must consider the entire record of the proceeding, including, but not limited to, the impacts of the facility on the environment, consumer benefits, and electric system reliability.

The CEC must make findings under CEQA for any project that would have a significant effect on the environment. For each significant effect, the CEC must find that project changes have been required to avoid or substantially lessen the significant effect, or that mitigation or alternatives to avoid or substantially lessen the significant effect are infeasible. To approve a project that is found to have a significant and unavoidable impact on the environment, the CEC will need to adopt a statement of overriding considerations that identifies how the project's benefits will outweigh any unavoidable impact.

Is CEC's certificate in lieu of all permits an applicant will need to build and operate an eligible facility?

The CEC's certificate is in lieu of any permit that would normally be required by the local land use authority and most but not all state permits. The CEC's permit will not supersede the permitting requirements of the California Coastal Commission or San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission for projects in these agencies' jurisdiction. Nor will the CEC's permit supersede the permits of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board, and in the case of manufacturing facilities, the permits required by the applicable local air district and Department of Toxic Substances Control.



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Opt-In Certification Program

FACT SHEET

Eligible Projects



Solar photovoltaic or terrestrial wind electrical generating power plants 50 megawatts (MW) or greater



Energy storage systems capable of storing 200 megawatt-hours (MWh) or more



A stationary power plant using any source of thermal energy, excluding fossil or nuclear fuels, 50 MW or greater



Certain transmission lines associated with these generating and storage facilities



Specified facilities that manufacture or assemble clean energy or storage technologies or related components



Hydrogen production facility (not derived from fossil fuel feedstock) and associated onsite storage and processing facilities

Background

Senate Bill 100 (2018) requires all electricity in California to come from renewable and zero-carbon resources by 2045. To achieve this target, new power supplies in the state must be built at a record-setting rate, which will likely require developing land and ocean space in many parts of the state.

Assembly Bill 205 (2022) gives the CEC authority to permit certain clean and renewable energy facilities in a timely and efficient manner.

The Opt-In Certification Program, as it's known, is an optional permitting process through which developers can submit project applications. The CEC permit is in lieu of any permit that would normally be required by the local land use authority and most, but not all, state permits.

More info:

- Statutory and regulatory provisions governing the Opt-In Certification Program can be found at Chapter 6.2 of Division 15 of the Public Resources Code and California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1875 through 1882
- The 2021 SB 100 Agency Report is available at energy.ca.gov/sb100

Quick Facts

Opt-In Certification is a process that allows certain clean energy development projects to choose a consolidated state permitting option.

Only specified non-fossil-fuel power plants, energy storage projects, and related manufacturing and assembly facilities can apply for Opt-In Certification.

The CEC will be the lead agency and hold public meetings at or near the proposed project location to allow for local input into the project and process.

With certain exceptions, environmental review must be completed no later than 270 days after an application is deemed complete.

CEC certification of a project application requires: *

- An applicant has entered into one or more legally binding and enforceable agreements with, or that benefit, a coalition of one or more community-based organizations.
- An applicant will use a skilled and trained workforce and pay construction workers at least prevailing wages, subject to statutory enforcement, or a project labor agreement.
- The construction or operation of the facility will have an overall net positive economic benefit to the local government that would have had permitting authority over the site and related facility.
- The project will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (LORS), or CEC must find that despite a nonconformance with state, regional, or local LORS, the project is required for public convenience and necessity, and there are not more prudent and feasible means of achieving public convenience and necessity. In making the determination, the CEC considers the impacts of the facility on the environment, consumer benefits and electric system reliability, among other factors.
- Any significant effects of the project must be avoided or substantially lessened, or the CEC must adopt a statement of overriding considerations for significant effects found infeasible to avoid or mitigate.

***This list is not exhaustive; other requirements may apply based on each project.**

Process and Deadlines **

Day 0: File the Determination of Complete Application

Day 3: File and circulate the Notice of Preparation of an EIR

Day 5: Send invitation to request tribal consultations.

Day 30: Hold public informational and scoping meeting as close as practicable to the project site.

Day 150: File and circulate the draft EIR and Notice of Availability and public comment period begins.

Day 180 – 210: Hold a public meeting on the draft EIR at a location as close as possible to the proposed project site.

Day 210: Close the public comment period on draft EIR (60 days from publication date).

Day 240: File final EIR

Day 240: File the CEC's executive director's recommendation.

Day 270: Present final EIR and staff recommendation at a publicly noticed CEC Business Meeting. The CEC Commissioners can approve or disapprove project, or require additional information or analysis.

Day 360: State agencies retaining permit authority make permit decisions on application approved by the CEC.

The CEC is mandated to:

1. Be the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and prepare an environmental impact report (EIR).
2. Meet with applicants prior to filing.
3. Hold public meetings about each project as close as practicable to the proposed project site.
4. Invite California Native American tribes that are culturally and traditionally associated with the proposed site area to consultation.
5. Take final action on the application within 270 days of determining the application is complete, with some exceptions.

For more information:

Find more details on the program and to sign up to receive information about a project on the CEC's website at

www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/power-plants/opt-certification-program.

****These deadlines are subject to any substantial changes made to the project or certain other events occurring after an application is deemed complete.**



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ALARMING TRUTHS: HAZARDS of Lithium-based BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems)

COMMON FAILURES

International research shows that fires & explosions at Lithium-Based BESS facilities keep happening, in spite of current protective systems. Many, often common, factors lead to thermal runaway (catching fire), including battery aging; battery manufacturing defects; over-charging or over-discharging; mechanical abuses that may happen in packaging the batteries, assembling them into modules, and installing them; maintaining the batteries on racks; thermal abuse (overheating, overcooling); and even external events that may happen in proximity to the BESS.

*Journal of Energy Chemistry. Volume 92, May 2024

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095495624000482?ref=pdf_download&fr=RR-2&rr=941bcbe95b7fdbcc

Other research shows that a high percentage—50%—of risks for thermal runaway are due to BESS system defects such as coolant leakage due to deformed flange plates; defective valves; loose pipe connections; malfunctioning temperature, smoke, & gas sensors; audible & visual alarms due to internal misfiring; structural deformation; poor wiring & cabling; grounding mechanism defects; water ingress; etc.

*Clean Energy Associates. Most Common Battery Energy Storage System Manufacturing Defects. 2024

<https://www.cea3.com/cea-blog/most-common-bess-manufacturing-defects-of-2024>

MISLEADING CLAIMS OF SAFETY

BESS industry sources claim that LFP (Lithium Iron Phosphate) batteries (the kind planned for the BESS at 90 Minto Road, Watsonville, CA) are safer than NMC (Nickel Manganese Cobalt) batteries (the kind that burned at Moss Landing). But that is “an oversimplified view,” according to a 2024 review of flammability & toxicity hazards of different battery chemistries. LFP batteries are a greater flammability hazard and show greater toxicity than NMC, depending on relative state of charge (SOC). LFP is more toxic at lower SOC (State of Charge) respective to themselves; and LFP off-gas has a greater flammability hazard.

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https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352152X24008739?ref=pdf_download&fr=RR-2&rr=912a086e6fdd67f0

MEDICAL RESEARCHER URGES: STOP Lithium-Ion BESS!

Based on his March 19, 2025 literature review* of the National Library of Medicine, examining over 200 citations of Lithium-Ion Battery thermal runaway & 65 citations of Lithium Battery fires, researcher Dr. David Gelmont of the University of Southern CA Keck School of Medicine recommends: “*pause all construction of BESS based on Lithium-Ion NMC (Nickel Manganese Cobalt) and LFP (Lithium Iron Phosphate) until further information regarding potential short and long-term health effects are investigated,*” and “*build (BESS) which are non-Lithium-Ion or LFP based which are proven to be non-fire/toxic prone and are away from populated areas.*”

*Potential Medical Consequences of Lithium Ion Electric Battery Fire. March 19, 2025

https://www.stoplithiumbessinsantacruz.org/files/ugd/4cc561_f229aa4a97074344ab16635894ccb29c.pdf

WE AREN'T EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH LITHIUM BATTERY FIRES

Survey of research* in peer-reviewed scientific journals (2015-2025), shows that LFP Lithium-Ion batteries are highly dangerous, when on fire cannot be extinguished with water or flame retardants, spontaneously reignite, and that “first responders are entirely unequipped to deal with these catastrophic events.”

*LFP Batteries Are Dangerous, Say Research Scientists. Calvin Luther Martin PhD Feb. 24, 2025

Synopsis of five research articles from peer-reviewed science journals

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DEADLY “FOREVER CHEMICALS” in Lithium-Ion Batteries

PFAS* (polyfluoroalkyl substances), internationally recognized, dangerous toxins that are now prohibited & highly regulated worldwide, are released during manufacturing, use, & disposal of Lithium-Ion batteries.*The Dirty Side of Green Energy: Lithium-Ion Batteries as a Source of PFAS in the Environment / Research Square, July 2023 <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/372839627> The dirty side of clean energy Lithium ion batteries as a source of PFAS in the environment