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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Pajaro Valley Fire Station
562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Martone calls meeting to order 5:00 PM

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call

1.2.1 Present:

Board: Chair David Martone, Vice Chair Jake Dellamonica, Director Ashley Moules, Director Kendel White
Staff: BC Mike Urbani, UC Jed Wilson
Minutes: Jeremy Cernansky

Excused Absence: Director Robert Erbe

2.0 Agenda Amendments

2.1 Additions to Agenda - None

3.0 Oral Communications

3.1 Public Oral Communication

Becky Steinbruner – Notes that Santa Cruz County LAFCO PV Property Tax Report is not present in Agenda, Becky urges the board to provide a summary for public benefit of the Special Meeting. Recommends the board to take protective action against flammable battery technology in their area of jurisdiction.

3.2 Staff Oral Communication - None

3.3 Board Oral Communication – Director Dellamonica leads meeting in moment of silence for the passing of retired Santa Cruz County Fire Captain Rocco Crisalli.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes – Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on September 9, 2026, and the minutes from the Special Board Meeting on October 7, 2026.

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

Motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda
Motion: Director Ashley Moules
Second: Director Jake Dellamonica
All in favor: All in Favor

Aye – Dir. David Martone, Dir. Jake Dellamonica, Dir. Ashley Moules, Dir. Kendel White
Nay –
Absences – Dir. Robert Erbe
Abstain –
Motion approved

5.0 Presentations

5.1 Pajaro Valley Fire District Service Plaque Presentations

Dir. David Martone presents plaques to John Sampson, BC Sean Murray, Rosa Meyer

5.2 Pajaro Valley Chief's Report & Run Report for September 2026

BC Mike Urbani - No significant calls in September and no issues with the apparatus. Septic facility repairs began in October. Pending confirmation on the contract which is on the agenda.

5.3 Watsonville Run Report for September 2026

No Action

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee – Dir. David Martone & Dir. Jake Dellamonica

Public Comment:

Becky Steinbruner – LAFCO cancelled the September 30th meeting, urges the PV Board to continues these meetings.

Dir. David Martone – Prepared to have another meeting and hire a consultant to do further review on the referenced LAFCO report.

6.2 Watsonville Fire/Pajaro Valley Fire Contract Ad Hoc Committee – Dir. David Martone & Dir. Jake Dellamonica

Dir. Jake Dellamonica– A special meeting occurred last week for the swearing in of Dir. Kendel White and the Watsonville contract proposal was approved by the board and was sent to the City of Watsonville for review. It has been set for the agenda for the next Watsonville City Council meeting.

Dir. David Martone- Advises the board that UC Jed Wilson will be a primary contact for any continued negotiations over contract. A summary of how the contract affects PVFPD is given to the meeting.

6.3 BESS Ad Hoc Committee – Dir. David Martone & Dir. Jake Dellamonica.

Contract was signed with Jensen & Hughes

Dir. Jake Dellamonica – The board packet has the approved contract with Jensen & Hughes and refers it to public attendees. Concerned with BESS Developers' presentation regarding the batteries and thermal runaway. He asked for a copy of the presentation given, and there has been no response so far regarding the specifics of the batteries. Chair Martone will reach out again to check in on the presentation given.

6.3.1 Public Comment

- Nina Adino, Amesti
  - Voices opposition for the creation of BESS in the PJVFD service area.
- Sarah Ringler
  - Refers to historical issues with the battery plant at Moss Landing and Lithium-Ion Batteries.
  - Encourages adequate BESS/Lithium-Ion training for emergency personnel out of concern for potential hazards during emergency response.
- Chris Gerrard – Concerns around testing and evacuation plans, would like to ensure that responders are well trained.
- Robert Esposito
  - Orange County & LA County issued cease and desist orders for BESS development in residential areas. Urges board to take advantage of existing laws to further expand the review process.

6.3.1 Public Comment (Continued)

- Becky Steinbruner
  - Refers to the recent Moss Landing fire in September 2026, asks what involvement PVFPD had in the incident. Was Jensen Hughes present during meeting with developers. Refers to changes in state rules around developers and required review before application.

7.0 Continuing Business

7.1 CAL FIRE Amended Contract Update and Staffing

The board will receive update from Chief Wilson about the Amended CAL FIRE Contract and staffing update.

Recommended Action: Discussion

- New engineer has been hired and is starting Oct. 26th with PVFPD
- The amended contract includes additional personnel for PVFPD, allowing for a 3-0 staffing model.
  - Unit Chief Jed Wilson asks the board if overtime / forces can be used to ensure the staffing model can be met.
  - Dir. Jake Dellamonica feels it is in the best interest of the PVFPD constituents to have consistent and reliable staffing.
    - Board agrees unanimously

8.0 New Business

8.1 Resolution 2026-10 Appropriations Limit FY 26/27

The Board will review the FY 26/27 Appropriations letter, Resolution 2026-10 Appropriations Limit FY 26/27 and the Prop 4 calculations sheet.

Recommended Action: Board make a motion to approve Resolution 2026-10

BC Mike Urbani- Every year the limit is set for spending during the FY. Calculated based off cost of living in the unincorporated area in the district, this amount was provided by County of Santa Cruz.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-10 Appropriations Limit FY 26/27
Motion: Dir. Jake Dellamonica
Second: Dir. Ashley Moules
Vote: All in Favor

Aye – Dir. David Martone, Dir. Jake Dellamonica, Dir. Ashley Moules, Dir. Kendel White
Nay –
Absences – Dir. Robert Erbe
Abstain –
Motion approved

9.0 Correspondence

The board refers to the following correspondence, a brief summary is given on the changes to service area and refers the public to posted board packet.

9.1 September 9, 2026 -LAFCO Letter Affected-Interested Agencies 871 Green Valley Rd
9.2 September 22, 2026 - LAFCO Atkison-Brewington Annexation

10.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn
Motion: Dir. Jake Dellamonica
Second: Dir. Kendel White
All in favor: All in favor
Time: 5:40
Aye – Dir. David Martone, Dir. Jake Dellamonica, Dir. Ashley Moules, Dir. Kendel White
Nay –
Absences – Dir. Robert Erbe
Abstain –
Motion approved

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This is to certify that for foregoing is a true copy of the discussions during the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Regular Board of Directors meeting, held on October 14, 2026

Attest:

November 9, 2026

Mike Urbani
Board Secretary

Dave Martone
Board Chair