



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

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
on
Wednesday, September 9, 2026

1.0 Call to Order 5:00p.m.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call

Present: Director Erbe, Director Moules, Director Dellamonica, Director Martone
BC Urbani gave explanation of recording device and its purpose, additionally that all agenda items will have a motion voiced for the recorder.

2.0 Agenda Amendments

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

NONE

3.0 Oral Communications

3.1 Public Oral Communication - NONE

3.2 Staff Oral Communication - NONE

3.3 Board Oral Communication

Director Dellamonica spoke about the First Responder Night Event at Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club and all who would attend, to include: Pajaro Valley Fire, CAL FIRE, Santa Cruz County staff on September 14th @ 6pm

4.0 Consent Agenda

BC Urbani spoke regarding the removal of Director Sampson from roll call.

4.1 Minutes – Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on August 12, 2026.

BC Urbani spoke regarding the removal of Director Sampson from roll call.

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

Director Dellamonica requested more transparency on the American Express charges, specifically charges from Amazon which show up as such on the financial statement. BC Urbani replied; we will come up with a process that shows these purchases.

Motion: Motion to approve the items on the consent agenda with the change to remove Director Sampson from roll call made by Director Erbe



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Second: Director Dellamonica

Roll Call Vote in Favor: Director Dellamonica, Moules, Erbe, Martone

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 August 2026

BC Urbani spoke about no significant incidents, septic repairs still ongoing, looking into water rescue training for staff.

5.2 Watsonville Run Report for August 2026

NONE

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica
(Committee will give report in section 7.1 Continuing Business)

6.2 Watsonville Fire/Pajaro Valley Fire Contract Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica.
(Committee will give report in section 7.2 Continuing Business)

6.3 BESS Ad Hoc Committee - Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica.

Director Martone explained that Invenergy is the newest contractor for the BESS facility.

BC Urbani said that the project manager from Invenergy contacted him at the fire station after it was announced they were the new contractor

Director Dellamonica met with a group of residents and answered questions regarding the BESS facility.

No Public Comment

7.0 Continuing Business

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

7.1 Reorganization Committee Report Update

The Board will receive an update from the Reorganization Committee regarding the reorganization with the County of Santa Cruz and Santa Cruz County Fire CSA 48

Director Martone stated that he attended the recent LAFCO meeting and expressed the need to continue the re-organization process with Santa Cruz County FD.

7.2 Pajaro Valley FPD / Watsonville FD Fire Service Agreement Update

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

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

Director Dellamonica said the Ad hoc committee met with Watsonville FD, the City Manager and the city Chief Financial officer; they were going to draft a new agreement and get it to us by this meeting. The contract needs corrections and we are waiting to have it looked at by our attorneys.



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8.0 New Business

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 Appointment of Director to Vacant PVFPD Board Position

Board to review applications and appointment a person to the vacant Director position.

- *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 who to appoint.*

Chief Urbani spoke on the vacant board of directors' position and the process so far. BC Urbani included that resident Kendell White was the only resident to apply before the deadline, and recommended the board proceed with the approval process.

Director Martone stated that resident Kendell White told him he wanted to attend, however was unable to due to his mother being ill.

No Public Comment

Recommended Action: Adopt by motion to fill the vacant Board of Director position at PVFPD.

Motion: Director Dellamonica Motioned to appoint Kendell White to the vacant PVFPD Board of Directors position.

Second: Director Erbe

Roll Call Vote in Favor: Director Dellamonica, Moules, Erbe, Martone

8.2 Resolution 2026-09 Amended CAL FIRE Contract 2026-2027

The Board will review Resolution 2026-09 Amended CAL FIRE Contract 2026-2027 and the Amended CAL FIRE Contract LG1 Renewal for FY 2026/2027

Recommended Action: Board to make a motion to approve the resolution.

Chief Urbani explained the contract increase and the one-year CAL FIRE 2026-2027 contract changes, along with explaining the approval process and potential timeline.

Director Martone asked when we would see the third member on the fire engine, Chief Urbani responded with; potentially October 2026.

Motion: Director Erbe Motion to approve Resolution 2026-06 Amended CAL FIRE Contract 2026/2027

Second: Director Moules

Roll Call Vote in Favor: Director Dellamonica, Moules, Erbe, Martone

8.3 California Fire Foundation Grant Acceptance

The Board will review the staff report about the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District being awarded a grant by the California Fire Foundation

Recommended Action: Board to discuss and make a motion to approve the acceptance of the California Fire Foundation Grant.



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Chief Urbani explained that PVFPD recently applied for the "California Fire Foundation" Grant with the request totaling \$22,708.57. PVFPD total award for said grant is \$14,000.00. He explained the process including timeline for utilizing the grant funds, in addition to adding it to the upcoming budget for FY26-27.

Director Dellamonica asked about a written typo on the deposited check, Chief Urbani responded that it was simply an input error on his part.

Motion: Director Erbe Motion to approve acceptance of the 2026 California Fire Foundation Grant

Second: Director Dellamonica

Roll Call Vote in Favor: Director Dellamonica, Moules, Erbe, Martone

8.4 Resolution 2026-08 Final Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Board to review the final budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

- *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*

Recommended Action: Adopt by motion Resolution 2026-08 Final Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

Chief Urbani explained the "Notice of Public Hearing" process for budgetary review. Chief Urbani explained PVFPD current cash balance and increase in unexpected revenue, example was CAL FIRE contract amount coming in below what it was written at, contingencies and other VFA purchases for turnouts, the septic repair not done, election expenses, and increase in property tax revenues as the source. Chief Urbani also stated that Capital outlay money was moved in the amount of \$212,124.00 - three-person staffing, CalPERS unfunded liabilities went down, water rescue and wildland gear, roof repair and cleaning, septic repair, training and unforeseen re-organization costs.

Director Dellamonica asked a question regarding buying out remaining PERS costs.

Stacey Barros – Resident – Asked what the BESS finance consultant was

Director Martone responded by explaining that it was a committee to go about obtaining funding from said project, and that he would meet after the meeting to go into more detail if she would like
Public hearing Closed.

Motion: Director Dellamonica made motion to approve Resolution 2026-08 Final Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Second: Moules

Roll Call Vote in Favor: Director Dellamonica, Moules, Erbe, Martone

8.5 Pajaro Valley FPD Resolution 2026-10 Updating the District's Conflict of Interest Code

The Board will receive an update from staff and review Resolution 2026-10 Updating of Conflict-of-Interest Code

Recommended Action: Adopt by motion Resolution 2026-10 Updating the District's Conflict of Interest Code.

Chief Urbani explained update to the District Conflict of Interest Code, requested motion NOT to update Conflict of Interest Code and will explain it later. He stated that the code and compliance of State law, last update was 2010-06 for July 15th of 2010. Chief Urbani explained disclosure categories and the attorneys' recommendations to NOT approve said resolution, in addition the Attorney recommended some changes and requested we postpone. Chief Urbani finished by explaining the Code of Conduct review process timeline of every two years.



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Director Dellamonica asked how is the Code of Conduct form you are referring to different from the form 700?

Chief Urbani responded by stating it's the districts version of form 700, and it is per the Political Practices Commission.

Director Moules asked with 2, 3, 4, what extra would we need?

Chief Urbani Responded it would be extra.

Director Moules asked when it would take effect?

Chief Urbani responded with if it needs change then the Board of Directors can approve it, send to the Board of Supervisors, and County Elections Office for approval.

9.0 Correspondence

9.1 Becky Steinbruner 9-1-26 email regarding Fire Station Land Lease Agreement

9.2 Becky Steinbruner 9-5-26 email regarding in 90 Minto Rd BESS owner

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: Director Dellamonica Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Second: Director Moules

All in favor: All

Time: 5:49p.m.

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 9, 2026

Attest:

October 14, 2026

A blue ink signature of Mike Urbani, consisting of a stylized, flowing line.

Mike Urbani
Board Secretary

A blue ink signature of Dave Martone, featuring a large, bold 'D' followed by a series of loops.

Dave Martone
Board Chair