



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

AGENDA & PUBLIC NOTICE

With Amendments

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of the

PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

on

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Meeting to be held at the Pajaro Valley Fire Station

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

1.0 Call to Order

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

2.1 Additions to Agenda

3.0 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.

3.1 Nomination and Selection of Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2026 Calendar Year

Members of the Board of Directors volunteer or nominate and select Chair and Vice Chair for the 2026 Calendar Year.

Recommended Action: BC Urbani to give a brief staff report. Receive volunteers or nominations and elect Chair/Vice Chair (Nominations do not require a second and more than one person may be nominated. Once nominations are complete, members of Board may discuss and then vote).



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Motion: Motion to appoint _____ as Chair and _____ as Vice Chair of the board for 2026 calendar year.

Second:

Roll Call Vote:

3.2 Selection of Standing Committee Chairs and Committee Members for the 2026 Calendar Year

Board Chair to select members or volunteers to Standing Committee for 2026 Calendar Year.

Recommended Action: Board to discuss which standing committees to have for 2026. Volunteer and/or select a Chair and members of standing committees. Board Chair to select members to Standing Committees for 2026 Calendar Year.

Motion: Motion to appoint _____ as Chair and _____ as members of _____ committee for 2026 calendar year.

Second:

Roll Call Vote:

3.3 Selection of Ad HOC Committee Chairs and Committee Members for the 2026 Calendar Year

Board Chair to disband any Ad HOC Committees not in use, establish new Ad HOC Committees and announce any changes in appointments to LAFCO and BESS Ad HOC Committees for 2026 Calendar Year.

Recommended Action: Board Chair to announce disbanding any Ad HOC Committees no longer active and announce appointments of members to any new or continuing Ad HOC Committees.

Motion: Motion to appoint _____ and _____ as members of _____ Ad HOC committee for 2026 calendar year.

Second:

Roll Call Vote:

4.0 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 future meetings. The public should address the Board on items on the agenda during the Boards consideration of the item.

4.1 Public Oral Communication

4.2 Staff Oral Communication

4.3 Board Oral Communication

5.0 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.

5.1 Minutes – Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on December 18th, 2025.

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

Motion: Motion to approve items in the Consent Agenda as presented (if changes state with changes to which item)

Second:

All in favor:

6.0 Presentations

6.1 Pajaro Valley Chief's Report & Run Report for December

6.2 Watsonville Run Report for December



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7.0 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.

- 7.1 Strategic Planning Committee – None
- 7.2 Finance Committee – None
- 7.3 Audit Committee – None
- 7.4 LAFCO Ad HOC Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica
- 7.5 BESS Working Group – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

8.0 Continuing Business

8.1 Pajaro Valley FPD / Watsonville FD Contract Update

The Board will receive an update from Chief Wilson about the Pajaro Valley Fire/Watsonville City Fire Department Contract.

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

8.2 Pajaro Valley Fire Board Meeting Rules

Board to review, discuss and make any further changes to the updated Pajaro Valley Fire Board Meeting Rules

Recommended Action: Board to receive update from BC Urbani, have discussion, make changes, give directions to staff.

9.0 Correspondence

- 9.1 **Email from Nina Audino 01/09/2026** - Regarding LA County Firefighters Local 1014 Cease and Desist notice from January 2, 2026 regarding BESS facilities adjacent to Fire Station 43 or Residential Occupancies.

- 9.2 **Email from Becky Steinbruner 01/05/2026** – Regarding Late Correspondence to the Board

10.0 Agenda items for the next meeting

11.0 Adjournment

Time:

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

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

Americans with Disability Act



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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

January 14, 2026 - Staff Report

Chair, Vice Chair, Standing Committee and AD HOC Committee members selection for 2026

Recommendations: Staff recommends disbanding the Audit and Strategic Planning Committees. Members on the Finance Committee can be involved in the District's annual financial audit. The Audit Committee meets once a year with the auditors as part of the audit but this year it was done all through email. The Strategic Planning committee can be made an Ad HOC committee and members of the Board would be appointed every 5 years when the District updates its Strategic Plan. Last Strategic Plan was completed in 2019.

Below is the list of the 2025 Chair, Vice Chair, Standing Committees and Ad HOC Committee members to assist with nominations and selections for each position for the 2026 calendar year.

3.1 - Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

2025	2026
Chair- Martone	Chair-
Vice Chair – Moules	Vice Chair-

3.2 - Standing Committees

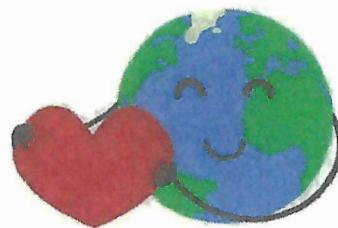
2025	2026
Finance Committee	
Dellamonica and Erbe	Chair - Member-
Audit Committee	
Sampson and Moules	Chair- Member-
Strategic Planning	
Martone and Sampson	Chair- Member-

3.3 - Ad HOC Committees

2025	2026
LAFCO	
Martone and Dellamonica	Members-
BESS	
Martone and Dellamonica	Members-

JOIN US FOR THE 2026 PAJARO VALLY COMMUNITY CLEANUPS!

Tab 4.3



Why it Matters?

Engaging in cleanups enhances our community's cleanliness and serves as a powerful initiative to combat climate change.

Next Clean Up Dates

January 29, 2026

July 23, 2026

February 26, 2026

August 27, 2026

March 26, 2026

September 24, 2026

April 23, 2026

October 22, 2026

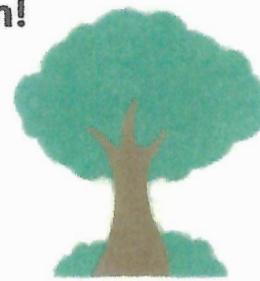
May 9, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.

*Stay tuned for the release of the location

*community Service hours are given!

County
wide





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Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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 On
 Thursday, December 18th, 2025
 held at the Pajaro Valley Fire Station
 562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076 commencing at 5:00 p.m.

1.0 Call to Order

Time: 5:00pm

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call

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

Not Present: None

2.0 Agenda Amendments

2.1 Additions to Agenda - (None)

3.0 Oral Communications

3.1 Public Oral Communication

Becky Steinbruner – County will review BESS report on 1/13/25. Asked about radio interoperability, due to CALFIRE contract versus Netcom. Becky also said Prop 172 funding is available to use for radio interoperability.

Frank Gray – Lives on Agate Drive near possible BESS facility, stated concern if catastrophic event where will water come from, and how vehicles will get into facility and nearby roads. Also concerned about cost or value of his home and surrounding ag fields, feels this is not the correct area for the possible BESS facility.

Margaret-Ann Schott – Concerned with how we will get emergency apparatus into probable BESS facility, says that area is not the right area for the facility, no ordinance and the process needs to be slowed down, also concern with Paulson Road flooding or access to emergency evac zone.

3.2 Staff Oral Communication - (None)

3.3 Board Oral Communication

Director Dellmonica - Gave update on Ben Evans about passing away, and January 17, 2025 service.

Chair Martone - Requested Urbani look into Engine at service

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes – Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on November 12th, 2025.



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

Chair Martone- Asked about Decked system for U4591 and cost on the American Express Statement. BC Urbani told him it was for U4591 and that was listed on the American Express Statement.

Motion: By Director Erbe made a motion to accept the items on the consent agenda

Second: Moules

All in favor: All

5.0 Presentations

5.1 Pajaro Valley Chief's Report & Run Report for November

5.2 Watsonville Run Report for November

BC Urbani- Read the Chiefs report for December. Structure Fire on Summit/puppies saved by Captain Matteson, Urbani C-300 course, Septic System board approval for payment,

French Drain. Distributed Xmas gifts through.

New FAE position 1/19/25. FAE Johnson promoted to Captain and leaving on the same date.

Director Dellamonica- Asked if insurance will cover septic repairs, Urbani is still looking into it.

He asked if CCC crew was disbanded permanently,

CH Wilson explained yes, the CCC Hand Crew will be disbanded due to the challenging model of staffing it.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Strategic Planning Committee – None

6.2 Finance Committee – None

6.3 Audit Committee – BC Urbani will give report during Tab 8.4

6.4 LAFCO Ad HOC Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

Directors Martone/Dellamonica- Waiting for will serve letter, which is going to Board of Supervisors for approval, 1/13/25.

At that point we will decide once we get that letter what the next steps are.

Becky Steinbruner – Spoke to people in the district about town hall meeting in regard to merger of CSA48 & PVFPD.

Asked about feasibility study from LAFCO in regard to Felton and Pajaro Valley FPD feasibility study with SCI.

Chair Martone responded – We hold meetings monthly and Pajaro Valley Fire is not doing a study with Felton Fire District.

6.5 BESS Working Group – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

Director Dellamonica- Met with Phil Coronco and 3-4 other independent groups, so we can get pro recommendations for a proposed ordinance so that PVFPD has a say in said ordinance. Dellamonica asked if Urbani had any contact, Urbani said reached out with no response.

Corelle Reeder- Lives in Corralitos, feels this will be passed before PVFPD has a chance to way in, gave board her recommendations on lane size, water quantity and run off, evacuation plans, mobility issues, elder evacuation issues, Developer operators should fund specialized equipment, updated MDS, full scale testing in crisis conditions, water source 1500gpm for 2-3 days. Hardened for security and theft purposes, quarterly fire inspections and signage for access.

Frank Gray – Asking if we're going to learn from past BESS incidents and where were at in the process, doesn't feel it's the appropriate place. President of HOA and contacted community stated they don't know this is even happening.



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Margaret Reiter - Stated we won't be able to turn on to the road to the proposed BESS facility, is there appropriate equipment, road is inaccessible to fire apparatus or is adequate apparatus allocated to your guys, very much question how a fire will be fought near proposed BESS facility, retention ponds do what.

Becky Steinbruner - Feels we demand a second fire station in the area of the proposed BESS facility, and does best to strengthen ordinances, explained how she feels these fires are extinguished, monthly testing and monitoring of all BESS systems and monthly training with staff. Danger of explosion is real and demands drone surveillance of BESS. Requests we adopt state ordinance and code for these facilities.

Chair Martone Response - Explained we don't have any input on land use, also explained all these ordinances are being talked about and are tabled for a later time, when necessary, citizens' safety is first and foremost.

7.0 Continuing Business

7.1 2026 Regular Board Meeting Schedule Discussion

Board reviewing the 2026 meeting schedule and making any necessary changes.

Director Moules -11/11/26 Veterans Day requesting change to another date. Martone responded with Monday the 9th of November 2026.

Recommended Action: Board to discuss, change and approve the 2026 Regular Board of Directors meeting schedule for 2026.

Motions

- *To approve the presented 2026 PVFPD Regular Board of Directors meeting schedule for 2026*

Motion: Director Sampson made motion to approve 2026 PVFPD Regular Board meeting schedule with the change to the November date.

Second: Erbe

All In Favor: All

Directors Moules: asked to request meetings every other month in 2027.

7.2 Pajaro Valley FPD / Watsonville FD Contract Update

The Board will receive an update if there has been a response from Watsonville City Fire Department representatives.

Chief Wilson: Stated WFD letter is agreeing to exiting the contract for services with PVFPD.

Also spoke Directors coming up with a date for CAD purposes.

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

Director Sampson: Requesting our mutual or automatic aid contract, Wilson stated we will put in report (Auto Aid)

Don Jarvis: Troubling, been in this area 30yrs with no plan B. Stated WFD cancelled a contract on Larkin Valley in past and that the situation is troubling.

Becky Steinbruner: Hopes we hold a town hall meeting in regards to WTS contract and all issues with District.

Frank Gray: Asked what the WFD contract is, CH Wilson responded that its for EMS calls.



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8.0 New Business

8.1 Board to recognize Deputy Fire Marshall/Fire Captain Chris Walters for his years of service to Pajaro Valley Fire District

Chair Martone Read: Board to thank Chris for his service to Pajaro Valley FPD and wish him the best with his retirement starting at the end of 2025.

Recommended Action: No action needed.

8.2 Deficit Spending and Add Additional Staffing

Board to discuss deficit spending and add additional staffing on the fire engine.

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

Director Dellamonica: Board Recommended we table it until we receive the will serve letter from LAFCO before spending.

Motion: N/A

Second: N/A

Roll Call Vote N/A

8.3 Pajaro Valley Fire Board Meeting Procedures

Board to discuss and make any necessary changes to the Pajaro Valley Fire Board Meeting Procedures

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

BC Urbani: Board meeting changes, when board packets are sent out and how agenda will be set up.

Director Dellamonica: Under section 9 actions for public speaking, name, where you live, topic. We started opening BESS which is redundant. Good with how it's written, didn't like font.

Don Jarvis: Method of handling written correspondence, couldn't make meeting, his correspondence made it to the wrong meeting, requesting written correspondence be on the board meeting

Becky Steinbruner: Explained that some board meetings she attends directors allow late correspondence.

Chair Martone: Asked what Chief Wilson's experience with late correspondence was in other board meetings he was associated with?

Director Sampson: Agencies he is affiliated with don't allow late correspondence

Director Moules: No Comment

Director Erbe: Asked for consistency.

Motion: N/A

Second: N/A

Roll Call Vote N/A

8.4 2024-2025 District Annual Audit Review

Board to review the district's 2024-2025 Annual Audit documents and report from BC Urbani.

BC Urbani- Stated completed mid-November, recommended we always look at audit notes which will explain the big points and noted issues. Read audit notes and findings to board of directors. 12/21/25 letter to auditor.

Becky Steinbruner - Stated, she read the audit report and confirmed we can't hire bookkeepers. Mr. Serano is very keen on financial sustainability and asked how much it would cost to hire a financial bookkeeper.

Recommended Action: No action needed.



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9.0 Correspondence

9.1 Don Jarvis email from November 11th, 2026, regarding the 2025 218 Benefit Assessment Engineers Report
Chair Martone- Received it

9.2 Becky Steinbruner email from December 15, 2025, regarding BESS facility water run-off.
Chair Martone- Received it

10.0 Agenda items for the next meeting

2026 Chair, Vice Chair, Committee appointments
Chair Martone- Doing in January's meeting

11.0 Adjournment

Chair Martone- Meeting Adjourned at 6:16p.m. on 12/18/2025

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 December 18, 2025

Attest:

January 14, 2026

Mike Urbani
Board Secretary

Dave Martone
Board Chair

December 2025 Expenditures

Transaction Type = Actual; Revenues/Expenditures = R,(E; Chart Fields = GLKey,FundType,Object
 Fiscal Month [06] and Post On [@current-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [XP] and GL Key [683100]

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN							
Object: 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES							
2026	06	12/03/2025	Expenditures	683100	61222	-281.64	Phone/Tablet(#371544236281000)
2026	06	12/10/2025	Expenditures	683100	61222	-101.38	Phone (BAN#9391004906)
2026	06	12/10/2025	Expenditures	683100	61222	-61.27	Phone (BAN#9391004910)
Total 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES						-444.29	
Object: 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES							
2026	06	12/03/2025	Expenditures	683100	61425	-328.18	FS Supply(#371544236281000)
Total 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES						-328.18	
Object: 61730 – MAINT-OTH EQUIP-SERVICES							
2026	06	12/31/2025	Expenditures	683100	61730	-293.00	Extinguishers-Annual Service
Total 61730 – MAINT-OTH EQUIP-SERVICES						-293.00	
Object: 61848 – MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV							
2026	06	12/03/2025	Expenditures	683100	61848	-566.12	FS Repairs (#371544236281000)
2026	06	12/10/2025	Expenditures	683100	61848	-825.00	Septic Repairs
2026	06	12/10/2025	Expenditures	683100	61848	-949.38	DEF Pump (Acct ID-3171)
2026	06	12/10/2025	Expenditures	683100	61848	-99.82	Drain/Rock (Cust ID: 10435)
2026	06	12/31/2025	Expenditures	683100	61848	-350.79	Fire Alarm Svc. (Cust#8393)
Total 61848 – MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV						-2,791.11	
Object: 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES							
2026	06	12/31/2025	Expenditures	683100	61920	-723.63	EMS Supplies (Cust#95076AFD)
Total 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES						-723.63	
Object: 62221 – POSTAGE							
2026	06	12/03/2025	Expenditures	683100	62221	-68.70	Dry Suits(#371544236281000)
Total 62221 – POSTAGE						-68.70	
Object: 62223 – SUPPLIES							
2026	06	12/03/2025	Expenditures	683100	62223	-78.83	Office Sup (#371544236281000)
Total 62223 – SUPPLIES						-78.83	
Object: 62304 – ATTORNEY							
2026	06	12/31/2025	Expenditures	683100	62304	-1,005.00	Attorney Svcs. (Oct & Nov 25)
Total 62304 – ATTORNEY						-1,005.00	
Object: 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER							
2026	06	12/03/2025	Expenditures	683100	62381	-112.74	TV/Dump(#371544236281000)
2026	06	12/19/2025	Expenditures	683100	62381	-545,467.64	CF Contract 1st QTR
2026	06	12/19/2025	Expenditures	683100	62381	-61.20	Board Minutes
2026	06	12/31/2025	Expenditures	683100	62381	-864.00	Fire Plan Review
Total 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER						-546,505.58	
Object: 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS							
2026	06	12/03/2025	Expenditures	683100	62715	-38.40	Tools (#371544236281000)
Total 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS						-38.40	
Object: 63074 – UTILITIES							
2026	06	12/19/2025	Expenditures	683100	63074	-368.37	Trash/Rec (Cust ID: 041466)
2026	06	12/31/2025	Expenditures	683100	63074	-1,498.63	Gas/Elect. (Acct#1013987580-0)
Total 63074 – UTILITIES						-1,867.00	

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

Fiscal Month [06] and Post On [@current-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [XP] and GL Key [683100]

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description
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Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN

Object: 86110 – BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS

2026	06	12/03/2025	Expenditures	683100	86110	-5.49	Fence/Gate (Cust#10435)
2026	06	12/03/2025	Expenditures	683100	86110	-598.36	Facilities(#371544236281000)
Total 86110 – BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS						-603.85	

Object: 86209 – MOBILE EQUIPMENT

2026	06	12/03/2025	Expenditures	683100	86209	-2,276.76	B1716/U4591(#371544236281000)
Total 86209 – MOBILE EQUIPMENT						-2,276.76	
Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN						-557,024.33	
						-557,024.33	

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MIKE URBANI

Closing Date 12/28/25

Next Closing Date 01/28/26

Account Ending

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

New Balance**\$5,126.11****Minimum Payment Due****\$51.00****Payment Due Date****01/22/26**

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date of 01/22/26, 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	16 years	\$11,128
\$182	3 years	\$6,564 (Savings = \$4,564)

If you would like information about credit counseling services, call 1-888-733-4139.

→ See page 2 for important information about your account.

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

Reward Dollars

As of Nov 2025

235.29

For details, please see your Reward Dollars Summary.

Account Summary

Previous Balance	\$4,349.73
Payments/Credits	-\$4,349.73
New Charges	+\$5,126.11
Fees	+\$0.00
Interest Charged	+\$0.00

New Balance	\$5,126.11
Minimum Payment Due	\$51.00

Credit Limit	\$15,000.00
Available Credit	\$9,873.89
Cash Advance Limit	\$500.00
Available Cash	\$500.00
Days in Billing Period:	31

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

**Payment Coupon**

Do not staple or use paper clips

**Pay by Computer**americanexpress.com/
business**Pay by Phone**

1-800-472-9297

Account Ending

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

MIKE URBANI
 PAJARO VALLEY FIRE
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Payment Due Date
01/22/26

New Balance
\$5,126.11

Minimum Payment Due
\$51.00

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



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 PO BOX 60189
 CITY OF INDUSTRY CA 91716-0189

\$ _____ • _____
Amount Enclosed



Classic Blue Cash® for Business Credit Card

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Closing Date 12/28/25

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Account Ending



Customer Care & Billing Inquiries
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Large Print & Braille Statements

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1-623-492-7719
1-800-CASH-NOW
1-800-521-6121

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Customer Care & Billing Inquiries
P.O. BOX 981535
EL PASO, TX
79998-1535

Payments
PO BOX 60189
CITY OF INDUSTRY
CA
91716-0189

Payments and Credits

Summary

Total

Payments	-\$4,349.73
Credits	\$0.00
Total Payments and Credits	-\$4,349.73

Detail

*Indicates posting date

Payments	Amount	
12/07/25* MIKE URBANI	PAYMENT RECEIVED - THANK YOU	-\$4,349.73

New Charges

Summary

Total

MIKE URBANI	\$2,657.81
PHILLIP MATTESON	\$1,603.86
STEPHON PARSON	\$864.44
Total New Charges	\$5,126.11

Detail

	MIKE URBANI Card		Amount
	Ending		
12/01/25	GOOGLE*GSUITE_PAJAROVALLEYFIRE.COM ADVERTISING SERVICE	MOUNTAIN VIEW CA	\$47.04
12/09/25	CHEVROLET OF WATSONVIL 8317224122	WATSONVILLE CA	\$410.77
12/16/25	LEISURE WEST CAMPER 831-443-3884	SALINAS CA	\$2,200.00

	PHILLIP MATTESON		Amount
	Card Ending		
12/01/25	GOOGLE *YOUTUBE TV VIDEO RENTAL STORE	G.CO/HELPAY# CA	\$82.99
12/08/25	AMAZON.COM MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL WA	\$55.29
12/08/25	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL WA	\$76.65
12/08/25	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL WA	\$32.24

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Detail Continued

				Amount
12/08/25	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$102.80
12/08/25	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$260.22
12/10/25	VZWRLSS APOCC VISB BILL PAYMENT	800-922-0204	FL	\$150.40
12/19/25	SPECTRUM CABLE SVC	855-707-7328	MO	\$131.24
12/19/25	RVS TECHNOLOGY GROUP RVS TECHNOLOGY	WATSONVILLE	CA	\$33.75
12/23/25	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$248.43
12/23/25	AMAZON.COM MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$254.69
12/24/25	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$95.25
12/27/25	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	\$79.91

 **STEPHON PARSON**
Card Ending 2-81133

				Amount
12/15/25	NORTHWEST RIVER SUPPLIES 208-883-0811	MOSCOW	ID	\$864.44

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 Cardmember Agreement for details.

2025 Fees and Interest Totals Year-to-Date

				Amount
Total Fees in 2025				\$0.00
Total Interest in 2025				\$0.00



Interest Charge Calculation

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

	Annual Percentage Rate	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Interest Charge
Purchases	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 12/28/25

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Account Ending

Reward Dollar Summary

Total Reward Dollars as of Nov 2025 Billing Period Charges \$235.29

Beginning Reward Dollar Balance	+141.65
Reward Dollars Accrued*	+93.64
Total Available Balance	+235.29

***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

Nov 2025 Billing Period Charges	Qualified Spend \$	Reward Dollars
Eligible Purchases	1,006.14 @1%	10.06
Eligible Purchases	3,343.59 @2.5%	83.58
Total	4,349.73	93.64

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

December 2026 Revenue

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

Fiscal Month [06] 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	Revenues/Expenditure:	GL Key	Fund Type	Object	Amount	Description
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Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN

Object: 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES

2026	06	12/11/2025	Revenues	683100	76	41322	1,195.00	APN:050-081-01
2026	06	12/11/2025	Revenues	683100	76	41322	1,195.00	APN: 049-261-32
2026	06	12/26/2025	Revenues	683100	76	41322	1,195.00	2714 FREEDOM BLVD
							3,585.00	
							3,585.00	
							3,585.00	

Total 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES

Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN

Year To Date Financial Report December 2025

As Of = @today; Years = 1; Chart Fields = GLKey,FundType,Division,Object; Balances = Adopted Budget,Adjusted Budget,Month-To-Date Actual,Year-To-Date Actual,Year-To-Date Variance; Revenues/Expenditures = R,E
 GL Key [683100, 683120] and Division [6831]

GL Key	Object	FY 2026		
		Adopted Budget	Year-To-Date Actual	Year-To-Date Variance
GL Key: 683100 – PAJARO VLY FIRE PROTCTN AGENCY				
683100	40100	2,315,152.00	1,180,100.56	1,135,051.44
683100	40110	49,056.00	42,285.88	6,770.12
683100	40130	2,300.00	2,869.07	-569.07
683100	40150	20,000.00	22,033.10	-2,033.10
683100	40151		1,450.28	-1,450.28
683100	40160	1,000.00	2,346.76	-1,346.76
683100	40161		1,340.29	-1,340.29
683100	40196	142,006.00	70,389.10	71,616.90
683100	40430	6,000.00	15,846.37	-9,846.37
683100	40830	10,294.00	5,182.00	5,112.00
683100	41322	25,000.00	10,248.82	14,751.18
683100	42030	500.00		500.00
683100	42384	10,000.00		10,000.00
683100	42450	0.00		0.00
683100	42462	0.00		0.00
683100	44142		273.93	-273.93
683100	44143		303.37	-303.37
683100	52010	150.00	257.04	-107.04
683100	52015	63,000.00	60,936.00	2,064.00
683100	54010	1,100.00	1,023.00	77.00
683100	61110	46,000.00	864.44	45,135.56
683100	61217	5,000.00		5,000.00
683100	61221		0.00	0.00
683100	61222	6,000.00	2,444.74	3,555.26
683100	61310	5,000.00		5,000.00
683100	61425	4,000.00	1,685.52	2,314.48
683100	61535	23,771.00	23,771.00	0.00
683100	61720	52,500.00	10,243.54	42,256.46
683100	61730	8,000.00	293.00	7,707.00
683100	61848	16,850.00	2,899.11	13,950.89
683100	61920	5,000.00	3,394.04	1,605.96
683100	62020	2,050.00	2,050.00	0.00
683100	62219	1,000.00	243.89	756.11
683100	62221	500.00	69.77	430.23
683100	62223	3,600.00	1,213.23	2,386.77
683100	62301	40,000.00	16,520.00	23,480.00
683100	62304	3,000.00	1,580.00	1,420.00
683100	62327	6,000.00	3,360.00	2,640.00
683100	62381	2,620,512.00	642,298.55	1,978,213.45
683100	62415	2,000.00		2,000.00
683100	62420	1,000.00	592.00	408.00
683100	62715	5,600.00	961.66	4,638.34
683100	62827	27,000.00		27,000.00
683100	62888	38,491.00	1,423.15	37,067.85
683100	62914	10,000.00		10,000.00
683100	62920	19,000.00	5,238.84	13,761.16
683100	62922	10,000.00		10,000.00
683100	63070		0.00	0.00
683100	63074	21,300.00	9,955.25	11,344.75

Year To Date Financial Report December 2025

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 GL Key [683100, 683120] and Division [6831]

FY 2026			
GL Key	Object	Adopted Budget	Year-To-Date Actual

GL Key: 683100 – PAJARO VLY FIRE PROTCTN AGENCY

683100	74500	300.00	300.00
683100	75231	3,000.00	2,805.46
683100	86110	157,200.00	17,188.29
683100	86209	29,000.00	4,476.76
683100	90000	100,000.00	100,000.00
683100	98700	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total 683100 – PAJARO VLY		-855,616.00	436,881.25
			-1,292,497.25

GL Key: 683120 – PAJARO VLY FIRE-CAPITAL OUTLAY

683120	40430	8,000.00	27,232.40	-19,232.40
683120	42462	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
683120	61110	30,000.00		30,000.00
683120	62715	105,000.00		105,000.00
683120	86110	200,000.00		200,000.00
683120	86209	1,053,907.00		1,053,907.00
683120	90000	0.00		0.00
Total 683120 – PAJARO VLY		-1,280,907.00	127,232.40	-1,408,139.40
		-2,136,523.00	564,113.65	-2,700,636.65



Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

562 Casserly Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

Chief's Report

January 10, 2026

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

General

- Reminder that you should be receiving an email soon about renewing your FORM 700 for 2026.

Emergency Incident Response:

- No significant calls within the District.

Apparatus:

- E-4511 driver's mirror was fixed by us. We are waiting for an invoice to be reimbursed for the cost of the mirror.
- WT-4551 is having a crank shaft seal replaced and should be back within a week.

Training:

- No significant training happened.

Facilities:

- Tom's Septic will be making the repairs to the septic take. A signed contract was sent to them with our payment terms, which they agreed to. We will have to wait till the area dries out to make the repairs to the leach field.
- New issue with the septic tank has started. We had a pump issue which was fixed. Our tanks were filling up in 10 days. Had the tanks pumped twice. We have a pipe that cracked just prior to the tank that is letting in ground water and was repaired last Friday.

Personnel:

- FAE Walters will be starting on January 19th replacing FAE Johnson who promoted.
- We are working on getting the fourth FAE positioned filled.

Fire Prevention/Community Outreach

- Fire Marshalls Office has told us that they have completed 100% of the State Mandate Inspections within the District in 2025. Resolution for State mandated inspection will be next meeting.

<u>Incident #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Dispatch Time</u>	<u>On Scene</u>	<u>Elapse Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>RA</u>
								

Pajaro Valley Fire
Protection District

Pajaro Valley Fire Response Times

December 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025

January 08, 2026

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

8160	12/1/25	12:09:11	12:14:30	5:19	E4412	FREEDOM BL, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
8162	12/1/25	12:37:08	12:43:29	6:21	E1784	CUTTER DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
8164	12/1/25	14:49:31	14:53:48	4:17	E1784	CASSERLY RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
8168	12/1/25	18:09:16	18:14:00	4:44	E4411	BEVERLY DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
8187	12/2/25	14:30:31	14:37:47	7:16	E4412	LAKEN CT, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
8198	12/2/25	21:05:57	21:14:46	8:49	E4411	CUTTER DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
8207	12/3/25	09:19:47	09:30:31	10:44	E4511	144 CUTTER DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	PA, LIFT ASSIST	PV2A
8214	12/3/25	12:50:47	12:55:16	4:29	E1784	FREEDOM BL #3, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV7BZ
8215	12/3/25	13:05:28	13:12:30	7:02	E1774	21 MILLER AV, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, SMOKE CHECK	PV7
8224	12/3/25	17:37:47	17:49:12	11:25	E4511	HOLOHAN RD / 2300 E LAKE AV	MED, TRAFFIC	PV5
8230	12/4/25	09:29:26	09:42:44	13:18	E4511	144 CUTTER DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	PA, LIFT ASSIST	PV2A
8240	12/4/25	17:28:14	17:38:27	10:13	E4511	140 ONYX DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	PA, PERSON	PV5
8242	12/4/25	18:02:24	18:17:36	15:12	E4511	144 CUTTER DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	PA, LIFT ASSIST	PV2A
8251	12/5/25	04:21:04	04:25:58	4:54	E4412	BUENA VISTA DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
8254	12/5/25	09:01:13	09:10:02	8:49	E4511	2 AIRPORT BL / 300 GREEN VALLEY RD	FIRE, SMOKE CHECK	PV7A
8256	12/5/25	14:22:41	14:32:26	9:45	E4511	DICK PHELPS RD, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MED, CODE 2	PV5
8262	12/5/25	16:11:04	16:16:38	5:34	E4511	60 AIRPORT BL / 130 PAJARO LN	FIRE, SMOKE CHECK	PV7A
8266	12/5/25	19:42:00	19:49:39	7:39	E1774	APPLE BLOSSOM CT, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
8267	12/5/25	19:47:21	19:53:42	6:21	E4511	ARROYO DR, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
8270	12/5/25	21:26:56	21:39:07	12:11	E4511	ELEVATE ADDICTION SERVICES @	MEDICAL	K10A
8271	12/5/25	22:06:46	22:17:05	10:19	E4511	PINTO LAKE MOBILE ESTATES GREEN	MEDICAL	PV4
8273	12/5/25	23:14:10	23:19:18	5:08	E1784	AMESTI RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
8276	12/6/25	00:26:21	00:34:53	8:32	E4511	PAULSEN RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
8300	12/7/25	09:14:16	09:19:52	5:36	E4412	LONE PINE AV #A, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
8311	12/7/25	17:20:44	17:28:19	7:35	E4412	BRIARWOOD DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7

<u>Incident #</u>	<u>Dispatch Date</u>	<u>On Scene Time</u>	<u>Elapse Time</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>RA</u>	
8324	12/8/25	11:36:14	11:41:40	5:26	E4511	DUTCHMAN RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
8329	12/8/25	17:24:03	17:28:02	3:59	E4511	2202 E LAKE AV, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, VEH PASSENGER	PV2A
8332	12/8/25	19:34:55	19:43:05	8:10	E4511	GREEN VALLEY RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	K10
8333	12/8/25	21:38:08	21:49:40	11:32	E4511	161 LOS ROBLES CT, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	PA, LIFT ASSIST	PV7A
8341	12/9/25	07:29:16	07:37:55	8:39	E4511	GERA CT, PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, CODE 2	PV4
8346	12/9/25	13:33:36	13:38:48	5:12	E1784	FREEDOM BL #3, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV7BZ
8348	12/9/25	13:49:12	13:54:47	5:35	E4511	MARK AV, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
8358	12/9/25	20:01:56	20:07:59	6:03	E4412	MANFRE RD, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
8380	12/11/25	06:42:26	06:46:07	3:41	E4412	61 BRADFORD RD, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, RESIDENTIAL	PV7
8384	12/11/25	10:12:27	10:21:07	8:40	E4411	CUTTER DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
8423	12/12/25	15:33:00	15:40:29	7:29	E4511	LITCHFIELD LN, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	K10
8432	12/12/25	21:56:11	22:00:21	4:10	E4511	2699 E LAKE AV, PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, TRAFFIC	PV3
8434	12/13/25	01:08:08	01:17:42	9:34	E4511	129 COLLEGE RD, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	HAZ, GAS	PV2A
8435	12/13/25	04:12:45	04:25:09	12:24	E4411	E LAKE AV, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
8438	12/13/25	07:33:15	07:39:21	6:06	E4412	CALABASAS RD, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
8447	12/13/25	13:25:50	13:30:10	4:20	E4511	2601 E LAKE AV, PAJARO_VALLEY	FIRE, DEBRIS	PV3
8451	12/13/25	16:47:11	16:53:32	6:21	E4412	GREEN VALLEY RD / 498 HOLOHAN RD	MEDICAL	PV7A
8456	12/13/25	18:06:07	18:10:48	4:41	E4411	BEVERLY DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
8468	12/14/25	05:07:09	05:19:27	12:18	E4412	MANN AV, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
8470	12/14/25	07:19:46	07:27:49	8:03	E4412	E LAKE AV, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
8489	12/14/25	15:27:28	15:33:57	6:29	E4511	AMESTI RD / 400 GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV7A
8491	12/14/25	16:19:50	16:24:28	4:38	E4412	GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV7A
8493	12/14/25	17:10:24	17:21:27	11:03	E4511	ELEVATE ADDICTION SERVICES MEDICAL	K10A	
8495	12/14/25	17:35:26	17:47:53	12:27	E4511	GREEN VALLEY RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
8522	12/15/25	17:51:59	17:57:29	5:30	E4511	GREEN VALLEY RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
8533	12/16/25	08:36:02	08:40:37	4:35	E4412	HAWTHORNE AV, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
8540	12/16/25	14:03:40	14:09:58	6:18	E4111	VALLECITO LN, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
8545	12/16/25	19:12:17	19:16:14	3:57	E4412	116 FAIRHAVEN CT, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, DEBRIS	PV5
8546	12/16/25	20:08:35	20:18:34	9:59	E4511	1322 RIVERSIDE RD / 2 MURPHY'S CROSSING	MED, TRAFFIC	PV1
8550	12/17/25	02:46:20	02:55:58	9:38	E4511	LITTLEWAY LN, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
8579	12/18/25	06:54:00	07:08:34	14:34	E4511	SANS RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	K10
8580	12/18/25	08:00:43	08:11:03	10:20	E4511	MADONNA VIEW, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
8583	12/18/25	10:27:22	10:36:00	8:38	E4412	NORTH DR / 200 BOWKER RD	MED, TRAFFIC	PV7

<u>Incident</u>	<u>Dispatch</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>Elapse</u>		<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>RA</u>
<u>#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Scene</u>	<u>Time</u>				
8584	12/18/25	10:31:52	10:38:47	6:55	E4511	SCHOOL WY, PAJARO_VALLEY (MONTE	MEDICAL	PV4
8595	12/18/25	22:32:42	22:37:10	4:28	E4411	66 COLLEGE RD, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, RESIDENTIAL	PV2A
8599	12/19/25	03:33:51	03:38:36	4:45	E4412	GREEN VALLEY RD	MED, TRAFFIC	PV5
8622	12/19/25	18:53:13	18:58:03	4:50	E4511	115 CASSERLY RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	FIRE, COMMERCIAL	PV3
8624	12/19/25	19:24:49	19:31:50	7:01	E4511	GREEN VALLEY RD	MED, VIOLENCE STAGE	PV5
8626	12/19/25	20:27:43	20:34:33	6:50	E4412	NANCY CT, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
8630	12/20/25	08:35:23	08:48:07	12:44	E4511	HWY 152 / POLE LINE RD	MED, ASSIST T/C	K12B
8634	12/20/25	10:25:07	10:30:53	5:46	E4412	NORTH DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
8636	12/20/25	10:45:37	10:59:09	13:32	E4511	1966 GREEN VALLEY RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	HAZ, CARBON MONO	K10
8681	12/21/25	20:15:59	20:22:49	6:50	E4511	LAKEVIEW RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1A
8694	12/22/25	13:04:18	13:12:15	7:57	E4511	2303 E LAKE AV, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS (QUIK	FIRE, DEBRIS	PV5
8706	12/23/25	01:37:17	01:45:33	8:16	E4511	E LAKE AV, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS (QUIK	MEDICAL	PV5
8727	12/23/25	20:19:17	20:28:39	9:22	E4511	E LAKE AV, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
8734	12/23/25	22:05:41	22:13:43	8:02	E4511	JOLON DR, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
8753	12/24/25	02:11:27	02:24:00	12:33	E4511	25 AMESTI RD, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	HAZ, ELECTRICAL	PV7A
8788	12/24/25	09:09:22	09:16:14	6:52	E4412	2327 FREEDOM BL, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	HAZ, ELECTRICAL	PV7
8793	12/24/25	10:44:52	10:52:34	7:42	E4511	THOMPSON RD / CARLTON RD	MED, TRAFFIC	PV1A
8827	12/24/25	23:18:22	23:22:26	4:04	E4412	BUENA VISTA DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
8831	12/25/25	00:24:08	00:34:54	10:46	E4511	2350 E LAKE AV, PAJARO_VALLEY (LAKEVIEW	FIRE, COMMERCIAL	PV3
8840	12/25/25	03:10:42	03:21:01	10:19	E4511	PINTO LAKE MOBILE ESTATES GREEN	MEDICAL	PV4
8904	12/25/25	19:37:34	19:46:14	8:40	E4111	CALABASAS RD / 108 BRADFORD RD	MED, TRAFFIC	PV7
8913	12/26/25	02:12:05	02:20:43	8:38	E4511	839 GREEN VALLEY RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	FIRE, COMMERCIAL	PV4
8948	12/27/25	01:56:41	02:11:18	14:37	E4511	MURPHY CROSSING LABOR CAMP	FIRE, COMMERCIAL	PV1
8960	12/27/25	16:01:09	16:03:29	2:20	E4511	AMADOR, PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
8976	12/28/25	15:52:37	16:01:13	8:36	E4511	RIVERSIDE RD / 2 MURPHYS CROSSING	MED, TRAFFIC	PV1
8978	12/28/25	16:13:38	16:24:11	10:33	E4111	1371 MEADOWRIDGE RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	PA, LIFT ASSIST	K10
8979	12/28/25	16:37:59	16:42:20	4:21	E4511	WHEELOCK RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	MED, TRAFFIC	PV4
8986	12/28/25	22:31:07	22:35:29	4:22	E4412	56 CUTTER DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	FIRE, RESIDENTIAL	PV2A
9005	12/29/25	18:14:38	18:18:42	4:04	T4471	RIVERSIDE RD / 2 LAKEVIEW RD	MEDICAL	PV2A
9007	12/29/25	21:32:55	21:38:01	5:06	E4511	317 CASSERLY RD, PAJARO_VALLEY	HAZ, CARBON MONO	PV3
9012	12/30/25	05:07:06	05:13:04	5:58	E4412	GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV5
9018	12/30/25	11:37:09	11:43:48	6:39	E4412	BUENA VISTA DR, PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7

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INCIDENT DATE	INCIDENT #	ADDRESS	INCIDENT TYPE	ALARM TIME	DISPATCH TIME	BACK IN SERVICE
ZONE: PV Contract Area- Station 1						
12/08/2025	2025-05417	2202 E LAKE AVE	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/8/2025 17:22:16	12/8/2025 17:23:01	12/8/2025 17:32:01
12/13/2025	2025-05488	129 COLLEGE RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/13/2025 01:05:40	12/13/2025 01:09:27	12/13/2025 01:12:58
12/13/2025	2025-05498	W RIVERSIDE DR	551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	12/13/2025 12:44:38	12/13/2025 12:49:15	12/13/2025 13:17:24
12/13/2025	2025-05505	BEVERLY DR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/13/2025 18:02:14	12/13/2025 18:05:19	12/13/2025 18:29:41
12/16/2025	2025-05551	HAWTHORNE AVE	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/16/2025 08:32:34	12/16/2025 08:33:16	12/16/2025 08:53:51
12/16/2025	2025-05563	RIVERSIDE RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/16/2025 20:05:28	12/16/2025 20:12:13	12/16/2025 20:27:51
12/28/2025	2025-05749	56 CUTTER DR	114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	12/28/2025 22:27:03	12/28/2025 22:27:39	12/28/2025 22:50:37
ZONE: PV Contract Area- Station 2						
12/02/2025	2025-05318	AIRPORT BLVD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/2/2025 08:20:41	12/2/2025 08:22:46	12/2/2025 08:24:08
12/02/2025	2025-05324	LAKEN CT	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/2/2025 14:27:53	12/2/2025 14:29:17	12/2/2025 15:04:08
12/03/2025	2025-05342	31 MILLER AVE	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/3/2025 13:01:38	12/3/2025 13:02:40	12/3/2025 13:05:40
12/03/2025	2025-05345	HOLOHAN RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/3/2025 17:35:11	12/3/2025 17:40:29	12/3/2025 17:48:38
12/04/2025	2025-05354	30 BRADFORD RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/4/2025 08:09:48	12/4/2025 08:10:24	12/4/2025 08:12:43
12/04/2025	2025-05357	140 ONYX DR	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/4/2025 17:24:11	12/4/2025 17:24:59	12/4/2025 17:28:09
12/05/2025	2025-05365	BUENA VISTA DR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/5/2025 04:16:08	12/5/2025 04:19:16	12/5/2025 04:44:36
12/05/2025	2025-05367	AIRPORT BLVD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/5/2025 08:58:21	12/5/2025 08:59:51	12/5/2025 09:01:07
12/07/2025	2025-05403	BRIARWOOD DR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/7/2025 17:17:38	12/7/2025 17:19:49	12/7/2025 17:48:35
12/09/2025	2025-05434	154 MANFRE RD	553 - Public service	12/9/2025 19:59:16	12/9/2025 20:00:57	12/9/2025 20:12:43
12/11/2025	2025-05454	61 BRADFORD RD	111 - Building fire	12/11/2025 06:37:17	12/11/2025 06:38:03	12/11/2025 07:01:10
12/11/2025	2025-05458	BUENA VISTA DR	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	12/11/2025 10:42:42	12/11/2025 10:48:15	12/11/2025 11:02:29
12/12/2025	2025-05482	87 AMESTI RD	622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	12/12/2025 19:32:22	12/12/2025 19:34:13	12/12/2025 19:41:50
12/13/2025	2025-05493	CALABASAS RD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/13/2025 07:31:52	12/13/2025 07:32:03	12/13/2025 07:47:48
12/14/2025	2025-05515	MANN AVE	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/14/2025 05:03:02	12/14/2025 05:05:50	12/14/2025 05:33:50
12/16/2025	2025-05560	116 FAIRHAVEN CT	163 - Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion	12/16/2025 19:06:30	12/16/2025 19:08:13	12/16/2025 19:26:15
12/18/2025	2025-05583	NORTH DR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/18/2025 10:23:01	12/18/2025 10:25:05	12/18/2025 10:51:28
12/19/2025	2025-05600	536 GREEN VALLEY RD	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	12/19/2025 03:30:49	12/19/2025 03:31:26	12/19/2025 03:56:57
12/19/2025	2025-05614	553 GREEN VALLEY RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/19/2025 19:23:17	12/19/2025 19:23:41	12/19/2025 19:27:00

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12/19/2025	2025-05617	NANCY CT	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/19/2025 20:24:56	12/19/2025 20:26:58	12/19/2025 20:36:43
12/20/2025	2025-05620	323 GREEN VALLEY RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/20/2025 00:57:44	12/20/2025 01:02:28	12/20/2025 01:08:47
12/20/2025	2025-05625	NORTH DR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/20/2025 10:22:18	12/20/2025 10:23:35	12/20/2025 10:32:50
12/24/2025	2025-05679	25 AMESTI RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/24/2025 02:08:53	12/24/2025 02:09:58	12/24/2025 02:11:36
12/24/2025	2025-05684	2327 FREEDOM BLVD	444 - Power line down	12/24/2025 09:06:22	12/24/2025 09:08:31	12/24/2025 09:22:47
12/24/2025	2025-05696	BUENA VISTA DR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/24/2025 23:16:05	12/24/2025 23:16:51	12/24/2025 23:32:07
12/25/2025	2025-05705	CALABASAS RD	611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	12/25/2025 19:33:09	12/25/2025 19:36:18	12/25/2025 19:46:52
12/30/2025	2025-05768	GREEN VALLEY RD	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/30/2025 05:04:45	12/30/2025 05:05:38	12/30/2025 05:22:23
12/30/2025	2025-05774	BUENA VISTA DR	321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	12/30/2025 11:34:32	12/30/2025 11:35:40	12/30/2025 12:09:49

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November 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
 701 Ocean Street, Room 500
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060
 BoardOfSupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov

Subject: November 18, 2025, Board of Supervisor's Meeting, Agenda Item No. 11, Consider the principal components of the Draft Energy Storage Combining District Ordinance, direct the Community Development and Infrastructure Department to proceed with environmental review, public hearings, and commission recommendations on the Draft Ordinance, and take related actions

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

This firm represents Stop Lithium BESS in Santa Cruz County (“Stop Lithium BESS”). Stop Lithium BESS is a grass roots, community-based organization led by and composed of local residents advocating for responsible energy storage development solutions in Santa Cruz County. Stop Lithium BESS supports California’s goals to develop a carbon-free electrical grid and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. However, “clean” energy projects cannot come at the expense of public safety. Lithium is not a safe battery technology, and the County should not permit their use in BESS. There are other technologies that can accomplish the State’s objectives without placing people and property at risk.

In addition to the safety concerns, Stop Lithium BESS is concerned about the lack of transparency and public engagement in this process. The County plans a major action that is not clearly detailed in the agenda or staff report, and without holding a public hearing. The agenda informs the public that the Board will “consider” and staff report asks the Board to “approve” the principal components of the Ordinance. These documents mislead the public about the true scope of the action the Board is contemplating. In actuality, the County is considering adopting amendments to the General Plan including a new policy and a new overlay district for specific properties, and a complete ordinance including the creation of a new zoning district, standards for BESS projects, changes to the zoning map, an application process, and rezoning of properties. Further, the 90 Minto Road Project should not be driving or influencing the development of the ordinance. It is concerning that the County is holding an incomplete and un-approvable application

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for a use not currently permitted by the Municipal Code in anticipation of enacting an ordinance that will lead to the eventual permitting of the project.

The approval of the principal components of the draft BESS ordinance and amendments to the General Plan before seeking public input and conducting an environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) signals the draft is a fait accompli. Top-down decision-making with a perfunctory public and CEQA process is both unlawful and poor public policy. The Board’s decision should be informed by public input, solid technical analysis, and a robust environmental analysis including a full evaluation of the alternatives in an Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”). Holding just one town hall meeting or a few scattered poorly noticed “public workshops” conducted by the Commission on the Environment do not amount to a genuine public process. The County needs to hold a series of well-publicized meetings and roundtables that facilitate the meaningful exchange of ideas and information, create a citizen advisory committee, and hold stakeholder interviews *before* approving an ordinance even in concept. There have been challenges with the County’s website and accessing information that need to be resolved and simplified.

Stop Lithium BESS urges the Board to not approve the General Plan amendments and ordinance even in concept. The Board can direct the staff to initiate the ordinance development process without approving the General Plan amendments and ordinance. The ordinance as currently drafted is not responsive to public safety or the community’s unique siting needs and conditions. The County does not need to embrace lithium as the battery technology to achieve clean energy goals. BESS are not required to be located next to substations. The siting criteria will not prevent thermal runaway or make it easier to extinguish a lithium fire. The attachment further explains why the Board should not approve the General Plan amendments and ordinance components.

Stop Lithium BESS appreciates the Board’s consideration of its concerns and comments. Members and I are available to meet with you and County staff to discuss these matters further in detail.

Sincerely,



Alene Taber

Attorneys for Stop Lithium BESS

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

1. The County Cannot Adopt an Ordinance in Principal or Amendments to the General Plan without Complying with the Government Code

California law does not recognize the concept of an “in principle” ordinance adoption as the County is attempting to do here. The County is required to comply with Government Code sections 25120-25125, 65854-65857, which include formalities requiring the publication of the draft ordinance, planning commission public hearings, public notice requirements, etc. Likewise, the County is required to comply with Government Code, sections 65350-65359 when adopting amendments to the General Plan.

These requirements must be adhered to. (*Williams v. City of San Bruno* (1963) 217 Cal.App.2d 480, 491.) The County has not complied with any of these requirements. The Courts have soundly rejected similar attempts in other jurisdictions. In *Sounhein v. City of San Dimas*, the Court of Appeal concluded that “the failure of the city to provide the requisite notice and hearing procedures cannot be deemed harmless or nonprejudicial. The failure to provide notice and public hearings was not a mere minor technical defect, but rather the process was fundamentally flawed by the complete omission of any public notice or hearings when adopting the zoning ordinance.” (*Sounhein v. City of San Dimas* (1992) 11 Cal.App.4th 1255, 1259 [internal citations omitted].) An ordinance passed in violation of Government Code is void. (See e.g., *City of Colton v. City of Rialto* (1964) 230 Cal.App.2d 174, 181.) This entire proceeding would be subject to invalidation. (*Hein v. Daly City* (1958) 165 Cal.App.2d 401, 406.)

2. The County is Required to Comply with CEQA Before Approving any Ordinance Components or General Plan Amendments

CEQA review cannot be postponed simply because an action is characterized as an “approval in concept.” Public Resources Code, section 21151(a) provides that a local agency must prepare and certify an EIR “on any project that they intend to carry out or approve which may have a significant effect on the environment.” CEQA Guidelines, section 15352 defines an “approval” as “the decision by a public agency which commits the agency to a definite course of action in regard to a project intended to be carried out by any person.” EIRs “should be prepared as early as feasible in the planning process to enable environmental considerations to influence project program and design and yet late enough to provide meaningful information for environmental assessment.” (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15004, subd. (b).) In *Save Tara v. City of West Hollywood* (2008) 45 Cal.4th 116, 138, the California Supreme Court adopted “the general principle that before conducting CEQA review, agencies must not ‘take any action’ that significantly furthers a project ‘in a manner that forecloses alternatives or mitigation measures that would ordinarily be part of CEQA review of that public project.’”

The Board is asked to *approve* the General Plan amendments and ordinance components that will commit the County to a definite course of action in regard to a specific General Plan policy to be adopted, a specific overlay zone, specific project approval standards, etc. that effectively precludes any alternatives or mitigation measures that CEQA would otherwise require

to be considered, including the alternative of not going forward with the project. If the Board approves the General Plan amendment and ordinance, it will have already made the decision that the County will permit BESS through the creation of a new combining district or zoning overlay and that the overlay would approve to all property across all zoning designations within a certain proximity to existing electricity transmission substations. By making these decisions the County is foreclosing, for example, an alternative to not permit lithium BESS and to take into account environmental justice aspects of locating these facilities near electricity transmission substations. There should be no question that these actions constitute an approval under CEQA Guidelines, section 15352. Thus, an EIR is required before the Board can approve the General Plan amendments and ordinance.

3. The County is Required to Prepare a Stand-Alone EIR.

The staff report states that the County has already made the decision without preparing an initial study (required by Pub. Res. Code, § 221094(c)) that it will prepare a supplemental EIR that tiers from the Sustainability Update EIR. A supplemental EIR would be legally insufficient. A lead agency may tier from a supplemental EIR in only very limited circumstances that are not present in this situation, such as when minor additions or changes would be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the project. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15163(a)(2).)

An agency's decision to tier its environmental review onto a prior EIR is subject to the fair argument test. (*IBC Business Owners for Sensible Development v. City of Irvine* (2023) 88 Cal.App.5th 100, 121.) The project analyzed in the Sustainability Update EIR is materially different than the ordinance. The BESS were not even contemplated as part of the project analyzed in the Sustainability Update EIR. The alternatives set forth in the Sustainability Update EIR, which focused on development growth, are insufficient to analyze alternatives to the BESS ordinance. There are significant impacts associated with BESS that are not examined in the existing analysis in the Sustainability Update EIR. In fact, the Sustainability Update EIR does not analyze BESS at all. The County acknowledges in its staff report that there is new information about BESS fire safety learned from Vistra BESS fire at Moss Landing that was not known when the Sustainability Update EIR was certified. There is no discussion of mitigating the impacts of BESS development. The fair argument test can be met here. The County needs to conduct a stand-alone EIR.

4. Ordinance Components are Insufficient to Protect Public Safety and Eliminate Environmental Impacts.

The ordinance should not permit the use of lithium batteries in BESS. The failure of one lithium cell can cascade to include hundreds of individual cells releasing hot flammable toxic gases (like hydrofluoric acid) that can result in explosions. The fires are difficult to extinguish. Traditional fire methods are ineffective and the fires can reignite even days later. Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. ("EPRI") has tracked over 100 Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") incidents world-wide demonstrating that these problems are not isolated incidents.¹ None of the

¹ https://storagewiki.epri.com/index.php/BESS_Failure_Incident_Database

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proposed ordinance components address the fundamental dangers associated with lithium batteries.

The rezoning/overlay of the properties adjacent to the existing electricity transmission substations could be considered illegal spot zoning. This is because the establishment of the overlay on these properties does not serve a legitimate public interest, does not bear a rational relationship to public welfare, and is inconsistent with comprehensive planning principles. BESS do not have to be located near existing electricity transmission substations. Such a location is a mere convenience to avoid the cost of constructing a transmission line that may have to be underground. Establishing overlays on these properties contradicts community safety, environmental justice, and compatibility objectives and concerns. The areas around these properties will be subject to the impacts without receiving any direct benefits. The ordinance needs to contemplate overlays in other areas that will not impact or place people and property at risk.

In addition to the project application process, the EIR for the ordinance should evaluate noise, electromagnetic field exposure, geological hazards, smoke drift/plume studies (including a community risk assessment showing flammable and toxic extents for worst-case release scenarios), reduction in and conversion of agricultural resources and land, reduction in available open space and park land, impacts to sensitive environmental areas, interference with emergency evacuation routes and centers, and surface and groundwater impacts to determine whether the proposed locations are appropriate. Once the zoning and overlays are established it is too late to meaningfully consider the suitability of the project location.

The site development standards (section 13.10.408) requiring minimum parcel sizes, setbacks, or power pole heights will not prevent nor protect the public from lithium BESS fires. The County should not rely on SB 283 or the National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”) Standard 855. SB 283 does not impose substantive requirements. The NFPA does not impose requirements to prevent thermal run-away. Lithium is inherently unstable.

Lithium BESS have a carbon footprint and cause other environmental impacts such as water consumption that need to be considered. There are environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emissions associated with raw material resource extraction (mining), manufacturing, transporting, and end of life recycling and disposal.

The County should not be processing the 90 Minto Road Project application at the same time as the ordinance development. The Board needs to adopt the ordinance first and establish the criteria without the undue influence of this 90 Minto Road Project. The 90 Minto Road Project should not inform the ordinance. Rather, the ordinance informs the 90 Minto Road Project. As it is our understanding that BESS are not currently permitted by the County Municipal Code, the 90 Minto Road Project application should have been rejected.



January 12, 2026

To the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

From Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice
450 Geary Street, STE M101, San Francisco, CA 94102

**SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CONCERNS ON THE
PROPOSED BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM ORDINANCE**

Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice writes to support and uplift community concerns on the deficiencies in the Santa Cruz County proposed Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Ordinance and the growing concern about the Lithium Battery Energy Storage System proposed on 90 Minto Road in Watsonville near socially vulnerable communities.

We call on the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors to create an ordinance that protects the health and safety of all community members and the environment, without the influence of developers or proposed facilities. New Leaf Energy's proposed BESS project on 90 Minto Road in Watsonville, adjacent to the Schapiro Knolls Affordable Housing and the Diamond Estates and Amador working-class subdivisions, would have a harmful and discriminatory impact on environmentally and socially vulnerable populations in Santa Cruz County. Necessary efforts to decarbonize and move toward clean energy should not rely on solutions that continue to put marginalized communities at risk. It is critical the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors produce and adopt an ordinance that protects and prioritizes the community and environment, now and in the future.

The Ordinance must include robust safety requirements that protect neighboring communities and the environment as well as include incentives for non-lithium battery use. The current updated Ordinance draft's safety requirements are not strong enough to protect Santa Cruz County from flammable and explosive lithium-ion battery energy storage systems. Development standards in the Ordinance must protect all people, especially socially vulnerable populations. The Ordinance must further address the *cumulative impacts* faced by communities in Santa Cruz County by including all socially vulnerable populations including, but not limited to, low income communities and communities with existing environmental burdens such as pesticide exposure.

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors must also ensure meaningful public participation is available and accessible. We uplift the request to hold a continued discussion of the BESS Ordinance at the February 10, 2026 Board meeting that is scheduled to be held at the 500 Westridge Drive South



County Government Center in order to provide better access and involvement of Watsonville residents and the City of Watsonville. Holding the January 13th meeting in Scotts Valley does not allow for accessible in person participation for residents living near the proposed lithium BESS facility as these residents would be the most impacted by an inadequate ordinance that does not thoroughly protect their health and environment.

In solidarity with the Watsonville and Santa Cruz County communities,

Skylar Sacoolas
Environmental Justice Organizer
Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice



Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

Board Meeting Rules

1. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS

The Pajaro Valley Fire Board, shall hold regular meetings on the second Wednesday of every month at the hour of 5:00 o'clock P. M. in the Board room, at Pajaro Valley Fire Station, at 562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, California.

At the December Board meeting of every year the Board shall approve the next years Board meeting dates.

2. AGENDA

The agenda shall be available for the Directors by the Saturday evening, five days preceding the meeting.

The Chairperson or his/her designee shall arrange the order of the agenda or may delegate the same to the staff.

All reports, communications, resolutions, or other matters to be submitted to the Board shall be submitted to the Chairperson no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday, five days preceding a regular Board meeting.

Items not on the agenda should not be considered at the scheduled meeting, but should be set for the next meeting, unless the Board grants its consent for urgent matters consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950.5 et seq.).

The agenda shall be organized in the following manner:

1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Amendments
3. Oral Communications – Public, Staff, Board
4. Consent Agenda – Minutes and Claim Disbursements
5. Presentations
6. Committee Reports
7. Continuing Business
8. New Business
9. Correspondences
10. Agenda items for next meeting
11. Adjournment

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The Board shall, at its first regular meeting in January of each year, choose one of its members to serve as Chairperson and one of its members to serve as Vice-Chairperson, to serve the balance of the calendar year or until the election of their successors.

Should the office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson become vacant during the calendar year, the Board shall, at the next scheduled meeting, choose a successor to



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fill the vacancy for the balance of that calendar year, or until the election of a successor.

4. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Board Chairperson, at its first regular meeting in January of year, shall appointment a Chairperson and at least one other member of the Board to all Standing Committees established by the Board.

5. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Board may appoint special committees at any time for any lawful purpose of the Board. Unless otherwise directed by the Board, all special committees shall be appointed by the Chairperson, have at least two members of the Board and subject to approval of the Board. The Board Chairperson shall also disband any Special Committee not in use.

6. CHAIRPERSON TO PRESIDE

The Chairperson shall preside at the meetings of the Board. If the Chairperson is absent or unable to act, the Vice-Chairperson shall serve until the Chairperson returns or is able to act. The Vice-Chairperson has all the powers and duties of the Chairperson while acting as Chairperson.

7. QUORUM

A majority of the regular members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. When there is no quorum the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall adjourn the meeting.

8. MAJORITY VOTE

An affirmative vote of at least three members of the Board shall be considered a quorum determination. Any motion which fails to obtain the required votes shall be automatically continued to the next meeting.

9. READING OF MINUTES

Unless a Board member requests a reading of the minutes the Board may approve minutes without reading, if the Executive Officer has previously furnished each member with a draft of the minutes.

10. RULES OF DEBATE

A. Sturgis Rules of Order shall be followed by the Board to the fullest extent possible. In addition, the Chairperson may second motions and enter into debate regarding all Board items.

B. Every member desiring to speak shall address the Chairperson, and, upon recognition by the Chairperson, shall speak to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language.



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11. MANNER OF ADDRESSING THE BOARD - TIME LIMIT

All persons addressing the Board shall give their name, geographical area of residence, and interest in the area under consideration in an audible tone for the records, and unless further time is granted by the Board, shall limit their address to three minutes. The Chairperson, subject to a motion and direction from the Board, may set a different time limit due to time constraints or the pertinence of the topic. No person, other than the Chairperson and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the Board, without permission of the Chairperson. No question shall be asked of a Board member except through the Chairperson.

12. METHOD OF VOTING

The Board shall vote by voice vote, unless one Board member requests a roll call vote.

Roll call voting shall be random with the Chairperson voting last.

Unless a member of the Board states that they are not voting, the silence shall be recorded as an affirmative vote.

13. ABSTAINING FROM VOTING

No Boarder shall abstain from voting without first securing the permission of the Chairperson to abstain from the vote. The Board member wishing permission to abstain from the vote shall state the reason for abstaining, and the Chairperson shall grant permission to abstain from a vote when the stated reason is conflict of interest. The Chairperson shall not grant permission to abstain from the vote unless there is a compelling reason for such abstention.

14. DISQUALIFICATION FROM VOTING

Whenever any Board member is disqualified from voting, that Board member shall step from the room and may then participate to the extent permitted by the Conflict of Interest Code.

15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Board will hear presentations not to exceed three minutes on subjects within the Board's jurisdiction and not on the agenda that day. No action will be taken by the Board on any matter presented at that time. The Chairperson, subject to a motion and direction from the Board, may set a different time limit due to time constraints or the pertinence of the topic. All persons should address the Board on items on the agenda during the Board's consideration of the item.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondences such as emails or letters that are directed to the Board shall be handled in the following manner:

If correspondence is received prior to the agenda being posted 72 hours before the meeting date and time the correspondence will be placed on the Board agenda and placed into the Board meeting packet.



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If correspondence is received after the agenda and Board packet has been posted, the Board members shall be provided with a copy of the correspondence to all Board members at the meeting. When practical the correspondence will be added to the agenda and placed in the Board packet for that meeting.

If correspondence is received at a Board meeting during an item on the agenda a note will be made on the minutes that a correspondence was received, who it was received from and a brief description of the correspondence. The correspondence shall be passed on to each Board member or make copies for each Board member. The correspondence shall be placed in the Board meeting packet when practical.

17. SUMMARY ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson is empowered to summarily, and without motion, second, or voting, declare a meeting of the Board adjourned if the Chairperson is unable to enforce the proper decorum of a meeting.

18. PROTESTS AND DISSENTS BY BOARDERS

Any Board member shall have the right to have the reasons for dissent from, or protest against, any action of the Board, entered in the minutes.

19. OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD

Posting of official notices of the Board, notices of public hearings, and any other official papers of the Board where posting is required by law, shall be posted on the Official Bulletin Board of the Pajaro Valley Fire District at the Pajaro Valley Fire Station, in Watsonville, California and on the Districts website.

Should the Board hold a public hearing at any other location than its regular place of meeting, then, in addition to the posting of notice on the Official Bulletin Board above listed, posting shall be made upon or near the door to the stated place of meeting.

20. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Should any Board member be absent for two consecutive regular meetings, without valid excuse.

- A. The Chairperson or staff shall contact the County Election Office of such unexcused absences, and request a new Board member be appointed.

The following guidelines shall be used when a Board member is unable to attend a meeting:

- A. Early communication with staff or the Chairperson in advance of the meeting shall be made and as soon as the information becomes available that prevents attendance.
- B. The Chairperson shall, notify the Board of such absentees.
- C. Post meeting communication is acceptable with a reasonable explanation.



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Approved by the Board of Directors on (Date)

Attest:

Chair of the Board of Directors
(Name)

Secretary of the Board of Directors
(Name)



LA County Fire Fighters Local 1014 Cease and Desist Notice January 2, 2026 for Consideration or Approval of BESS Facilities Near Fire Stations or Residences

From Nina Audino <grogeninahome@hotmail.com>

Date Fri 1/9/2026 5:29 PM

To Wilson, Jed@CALFIRE <Jed.Wilson@fire.ca.gov>; Walters, Chris@CALFIRE <Chris.Walters@fire.ca.gov>; Paquin, Joe@CALFIRE <Joe.Paquin@fire.ca.gov>; Urbani, Mike@CALFIRE <Mike.Urbani@fire.ca.gov>

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Dear Fire Marshal Wilson, Deputy Fire Marshals Walters and Paquin and Fire Chief Urbani,

We are sharing a letter dated January 2, 2026 from LA County Fire Fighters Local 1014 regarding their position on siting BESS facilities near fire stations and residences.

Thank you for your dedication and service to our community.

Nina and Greg Audino

STOP Lithium BESS in Santa Cruz County
831.234.7992 (Nina's mobile)

"Courage starts with showing up and letting ourselves be seen."

"Daring leaders say the unsaid, unsurface what's been pushed down, and bring to light the stuff that's in the shadows and in the corners."

– Brené Brown



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January 2, 2026

Anthony Marrone, Fire Chief
Los Angeles County Fire Fighters Local 1014
1320 N. Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063

CEASE AND DESIST NOTICE: Consideration or Approval of Energy Storage System (ESS) Facilities Adjacent to Fire Station 43 or Residential Occupancies

Dear Chief Marrone:

This correspondence serves as a formal **CEASE AND DESIST NOTICE** on behalf of the Los Angeles County Firefighters, IAFF Local 1014.

IAFF Local 1014 hereby demands that the Los Angeles County Fire District, Fire Prevention Bureau, Fire Marshal's Office, and any subordinate authority immediately cease and desist from any consideration, review, approval, conditional approval, or facilitation of an Energy Storage System (ESS) facility proposed to be located adjacent to Los Angeles County Fire Station 43, or in proximity to residential occupancies within Los Angeles County.

NOTICE OF UNACCEPTABLE AND FORESEEABLE DANGER

The siting of an ESS facility next to an occupied fire station—where firefighters work and reside twenty-four (24) hours per day—constitutes an unacceptable, unsafe, and indefensible action that directly contradicts established fire protection engineering principles, firefighter safety standards, and the intent of applicable codes. ESS facilities are recognized as high-hazard industrial installations that present uniquely severe risks, including but not limited to:

- Thermal runaway and cascading battery failure
- Deflagration and explosive overpressure events
- Release of highly toxic gases, including hydrogen fluoride (HF)
- Delayed ignition and re-ignition without warning

Fire stations are mixed-use facilities containing residential occupancies under the California Building Code, California Fire Code, and Los Angeles County amendments. Firefighters live, eat, and sleep within these facilities. Placing an ESS facility adjacent to such an occupancy would never be permitted for traditional residential housing and is equally impermissible here.

KNOWN AND DOCUMENTED FIRE SERVICE INJURY HISTORY

Lithium-ion battery incidents, using the same technology deployed in ESS facilities, have already caused serious firefighter injuries and long-term health consequences.

In April 2025, four Sacramento Fire Department firefighters were hospitalized following exposure to toxic off-gassing during a Tesla electric vehicle battery thermal runaway event. No explosion occurred, yet all four suffered significant inhalation injuries from hydrogen fluoride and related byproducts, with reports indicating potential permanent disability and inability to return to duty.

This incident directly prompted the advancement of **SB 283 (Laird)** and **AB 841 (Patel)**, which formally recognizes the serious occupational hazards posed by lithium-ion battery fires and the need for enhanced firefighter protections against toxic exposure, cancer risk, respiratory disease, and neurological harm.

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Large-scale ESS incidents—including the Moss Landing BESS fire (2025), Gateway Energy Storage fire (San Diego County), and the McMicken ESS explosion—further confirm that these facilities can catastrophically fail without warning and require strictly defensive firefighting tactics, exclusion zones, and evacuation to prevent injury or loss of life.

These realities alone establish that ESS facilities do not belong near occupied fire stations or residential communities.

RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY SAFETY

IAFF Local 1014's opposition is not limited to fire stations. ESS facilities pose an existential threat to public health and safety when located near residential homes, schools, or neighborhoods. Civilians—including children, seniors, and medically vulnerable populations—have no ability to mitigate or respond to ESS failures involving toxic gas release, explosion, or long-duration fire events.

Local 1014 does not oppose energy storage technology in principle. However, such facilities must be sited only in remote, non-residential areas of Los Angeles County, where failure does not endanger the public or emergency responders.

DEMAND TO CEASE AND DESIST

Accordingly, IAFF Local 1014 hereby demands that you:

1. Immediately cease and desist from any further consideration, review, or approval of an ESS facility adjacent to Fire Station 43.
2. Cease and desist from approving ESS facilities in proximity to residential occupancies within Los Angeles County.
3. Confirm that no permits, conditional approvals, variances, or discretionary actions will be granted for such siting.

NOTICE OF ESCALATION AND LIABILITY

Should Local 1014 become aware that Fire Prevention personnel or the Fire Marshal's Office has approved or intends to approve ESS facilities near fire stations or residential communities, this matter will be immediately escalated to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. California Professional Firefighters (CPF), the state union representing over 30,000 firefighters, is fully aware of this issue and stands in full support of Local 1014.

Any future injury, long-term health impact, or loss of life resulting from an ESS incident approved despite this notice will rest solely with:

- The Los Angeles County Fire District
- The Fire Marshal and Fire Prevention Division
- The County of Los Angeles and all approving authorities

The dangers are known, foreseeable, and preventable.

You are hereby directed to provide a **formal written response within five (5) business days** confirming that this proposal has been rejected and removed from further departmental or County consideration. Failure to do so will be interpreted as a refusal to comply with this notice and will result in immediate escalation.

Vice President Tony Carcioppolo will be handling this issue for Local 1014, please contact him with any questions you may have and with your response.

Respectfully,



DAVID GILLOTTE
President
Los Angeles County Firefighters
IAFF Local 1014



CORRESPONDENCE: Late Correspondence Can Be Included in Board Correspondence.

From Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

Date Mon 1/5/2026 4:57 PM

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

Cc Don Jarvis <firereorgconsulting@gmail.com>; Becky Steinbruner <ki6tkb@yahoo.com>

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Dear Pajaro Valley Fire District Board of Directors,

At your December 16, 2025 meeting, Mr. Don Jarvis, a member of the public, expressed his frustration with current correspondence deadlines relative to the release of the Board agenda. I explained that other jurisdictions make correspondence available to their decision-makers and the public by including it as "Late Correspondence".

Here are some examples of local agencies that do this:

1) Santa Cruz County Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission

See Item #8

251129 Late Mail

<https://www2.santacruzcountyca.gov/planning/plnmeetings/ASP/Display/ASPX/DisplayAgenda.aspx?MeetingDate=10/16/2025&MeetingType=3>

2) Santa Cruz County Planning Commission

<https://www2.santacruzcountyca.gov/planning/plnmeetings/PLNSupMaterial/PC/agendas/2025/20250611/008c.pdf>

3) MidCounty Groundwater

Agency <https://www.midcountygroundwater.org/sites/default/files/uploads/Disability%20Access.pdf>

Deadlines for Submittal:

- Written communications received by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday of the week prior to a regularly scheduled (Thursday) Board meeting will be distributed to the Board and made available on the MGA's website at the time the Agenda is posted.
- Written communications received after the 4:00 p.m. deadline will be posted on the MGA website and Board members informed of the communications at the earliest opportunity. Please note, communications received after 9:00 a.m. the day before the Board Meeting may not have time to reach Board members, nor be read by them prior to consideration of an item.
- Written communications received at a Board meeting will be distributed to Board members and posted on the MGA website at the earliest opportunity.

4) Santa Cruz County LAFCO

<https://santacruzlafco.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Late-Correspondence-Virginia-Kiraly-10-2-24.pdf>

I have also written the First Amendment Coalition about the matter.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner