PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

562 CASSERLY RD, WATSONVILLE, CA (831)722-6188

AGENDA & PUBLIC NOTICE (Amended)

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
on
Monday, November 9, 2026
Meeting to be held at the Pajaro Valley Fire Station
562 Casserly Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076 commencing at 5:00 p.m.

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

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call
Director Martone, Director Dellamonica, Director Moules, Director Erbe, Director White

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

3.0 Oral Communications

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

3.1 Public Oral Communication
3.2 Staff Oral Communication
3.3 Board Oral Communication

4.0 Consent Agenda

Matters listed under the Consent Agenda will be acted upon by one motion affirming the action recommended. There will be no separate discussion on items unless members of the Board or Staff request the removal of an item for separate action.
1) Board/Staff Member Explanation; 2) Board of Directors Questions; 3) Public Comment; 4) Board Member Deliberation; 5) Decision

4.1 **Minutes** – Approval of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on October 14, 2026.
4.2 **Claims Disbursement –** Expenditure report, Vendor & Deposit summary, American Express and Amazon Explanation Statement for October 2026

Motion: Motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda
Second:
All in favor:

5.0 Presentations

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

5.1 Pajaro Valley Chief's Report & Run Report for October 2026
5.2 Watsonville Run Report for October 2026

6.0 Committee Reports

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

6.1 Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica
6.2 Watsonville Fire/Pajaro Valley Fire Contract Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica.
6.3 BESS Ad Hoc Committee - Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica.

7.0 Continuing Business

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

8.0 New Business

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

8.1 **Resolution Declaring a Local Emergency Resulting from the Developing 2026-2027 El Nino Event**
The Board will receive a staff report about considering adoption of a resolution declaring a local emergency related to the anticipated impacts of the developing 2026-2027 El Niño weather event. The proposed declaration would authorize the Fire Chief to take necessary emergency preparedness and response actions.

Recommended Action: Discussion only

9.0 Correspondence

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

9.1 Email from Becky Steinbruner Email about Howard Jarvis Letter to the County
9.2 Email from Becky Steinbruner email about Fire Hazard Zones in County fire area next to PVFPD

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.
Second:
All in favor:
Time:

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

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Martone calls meeting to order 5:00 PM

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call

1.2.1 Present:

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

Excused Absence: Director Robert Erbe

2.0 Agenda Amendments

2.1 Additions to Agenda - None

3.0 Oral Communications

3.1 Public Oral Communication

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

3.2 Staff Oral Communication - None

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

4.0 Consent Agenda

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

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

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

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

5.0 Presentations

5.1 Pajaro Valley Fire District Service Plaque Presentations

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

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

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

5.3 Watsonville Run Report for September 2026

No Action

6.0 Committee Reports

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

Public Comment:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contract was signed with Jensen & Hughes

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

6.3.1 Public Comment

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

6.3.1 Public Comment (Continued)

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

7.0 Continuing Business

7.1 CAL FIRE Amended Contract Update and Staffing

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

Recommended Action: Discussion

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

8.0 New Business

8.1 Resolution 2026-10 Appropriations Limit FY 26/27

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

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

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

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

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

9.0 Correspondence

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

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

10.0 Adjournment

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

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

Attest:

November 9, 2026

Mike Urbani
Board Secretary

Dave Martone
Board Chair

Tab 4.2 October 2026 Expenditures

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

Fiscal Month [04] and Post On [@current-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [XP] and GL Key [683100]

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Revenues/Expenditures	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN							
Object: 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES							
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	61222	-368.38	TV-Phone-Tab()
2027	04	10/19/2026	Expenditures	683100	61222	-95.18	Phone ()
2027	04	10/19/2026	Expenditures	683100	61222	58.80	Phone ()
Total 61222 – TELECOM SERVICES						-522.36	
Object: 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES							
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	61425	-221.70	FS Misc ()
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	61425	-16.55	FS Misc ()
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	61425	-44.96	FS Misc Supp ()
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	61425	-110.70	FS Supplies ()
2027	04	10/13/2026	Expenditures	683100	61425	-24.23	FS Supplies ()
2027	04	10/19/2026	Expenditures	683100	61425	-15.34	Sta. Supplies ()
Total 61425 – OTHER HOUSEHOLD EXP-SERVICES						-433.48	
Object: 61720 – MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV							
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	61720	-292.80	E4511 - 90-Day
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	61720	-25.33	Cab Filter ()
2027	04	10/13/2026	Expenditures	683100	61720	-4,409.98	U4591-Code 3 Lighting Rpr.
2027	04	10/19/2026	Expenditures	683100	61720	-489.01	E4511-Wndw rpr ()
Total 61720 – MAINT-MOBILE EQUIPMENT-SERV						-5,217.12	
Object: 61848 – MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV							
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	61848	-350.79	Fire Alarm Service ()
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	61848	-234.59	Down Spouts()
Total 61848 – MAINT-STRUCT/GRDS-OTH-SRV						-585.38	
Object: 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES							
2027	04	10/13/2026	Expenditures	683100	61920	-155.07	EMS O2+Hydro Test ()
Total 61920 – MEDICAL, DENTAL & LAB SUPPLIES						-155.07	
Object: 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES							
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	62219	-50.40	Google WS()
Total 62219 – PC SOFTWARE PURCHASES						-50.40	

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Fiscal Month [04] and Post On [@current-fiscal-year] and Revenues/Expenditures [XP] and GL Key [683100]

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Month	Post On	Revenues/Expenditures	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN							
Object: 62301 – ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FEES							
2027	04	10/13/2026	Expenditures	683100	62301	-2,855.00	GASB68 Pension Svcs-Final
Total 62301 – ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FEES						-2,855.00	
Object: 62304 – ATTORNEY							
2027	04	10/19/2026	Expenditures	683100	62304	-3,810.00	Attorney/Counsel (9/1-9/30)
Total 62304 – ATTORNEY						-3,810.00	
Object: 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER							
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	62381	-516.50	Fire Plan Review 8/29-9/25/26
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	62381	-17.61	Board Mem ID()
Total 62381 – PROF & SPECIAL SERV-OTHER						-534.11	
Object: 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS							
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	62715	-412.39	B1716 Equip (#####)
2027	04	10/19/2026	Expenditures	683100	62715	-1,866.02	Small Tools-Bdgtd (B1716)
Total 62715 – SMALL TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS						-2,278.41	
Object: 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL							
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	62920	-237.35	DEF ()
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	62920	-1,150.69	Fuel ()
2027	04	10/19/2026	Expenditures	683100	62920	-926.25	Fuel ()
Total 62920 – GAS, OIL, FUEL						-2,314.29	
Object: 63074 – UTILITIES							
2027	04	10/05/2026	Expenditures	683100	63074		-1,261.49 Gas/Elect ()
2027	04	10/19/2026	Expenditures	683100	63074		-387.11 Trash/Rec.()
2027	04	10/19/2026	Expenditures	683100	63074		-1,080.60 Gas/Elect ()
Total 63074 – UTILITIES						-2,729.20	
Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN						-21,484.82	
						-21,484.82	

October 2026 Revenue

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

Fiscal Month [04] 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/Expenditures	GL Key	Object	Amount	Description	Vendor No	Warrant No
Fund Type: 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN									
Object: 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES									
2027	04	10/06/2026	Revenues	683100	41322	761.00	SPRINKLERS APN 050-011-36	C99999	
Total 41322 – PLAN CHECKING FEES						761.00			
Object: 42384 – OTHER REVENUE									
2027	04	10/14/2026	Revenues	683100	42384	14,000.00	CA FIRE FOUNDATION GRANT	C99999	
Total 42384 – OTHER REVENUE						14,000.00			
Total 76 – INVESTMT TRUST-LOCAL BOARDS IN						14,761.00			
						14,761.00			

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PAJARO VALLEY FIRE
MIKE URBANI
Closing Date 10/28/26 Next Closing Date 11/27/26

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

New Balance	**$3,064.61**
Minimum Payment Due	**$35.00**
Payment Due Date	**11/22/26**

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date of 11/22/26, 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	13 years	$7,310
$117	3 years	$4,221 *(Savings = $3,089)*

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See page 2 for important information about your account.

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

Reward Dollars
As of Sep 2026
674.78

For details, please see your Reward Dollars Summary.

Account Summary

Previous Balance	$1,219.40
Payments/Credits	-$1,219.40
New Charges	+$3,064.61
Fees	+$0.00
Interest Charged	+$0.00
New Balance	**$3,064.61**
Minimum Payment Due	**$35.00**
Credit Limit	$15,000.00
Available Credit	$11,935.39
Cash Advance Limit	$500.00
Available Cash	$500.00

Days in Billing Period: 31

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562 CASSERLY RD
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Payment Due Date
11/22/26
New Balance
$3,064.61
Minimum Payment Due
$35.00

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

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Amount Enclosed

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MIKE URBANI
Closing Date 10/28/26

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Cash Advance at ATMs Inquiries 1-800-CASH-NOW
Large Print & Braille Statements **1-800-521-6121**

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EL PASO, TX
79998-1535

Payments
PO BOX 60189
CITY OF INDUSTRY
CA
91716-0189

Payments and Credits

Summary

	Total
Payments	-$1,219.40
Credits	$0.00
Total Payments and Credits	**-$1,219.40**

Detail

*Indicates posting date

Payments			**Amount**
10/09/26*	MIKE URBANI	PAYMENT RECEIVED - THANK YOU	-$1,219.40

New Charges

Summary

	Total
MIKE URBANI	$959.16
PHILLIP MATTESON	$1,134.26
JACE SANDSTROM	$971.19
Total New Charges	**$3,064.61**

Detail

MIKE URBANI Card Ending

				Amount
10/01/26	GOOGLE*WORKSPACE PAJAROVALLEYFIRE.COM COMPUTER NETWORK/INFO	CC GOOGLE.COM		$52.24
10/05/26	TRI COUNTY TROPHY & ENGRAVING squareup.com/receipts	Watsonville	CA	$389.62
10/06/26	THE HOME DEPOT 1069 HOME SUPPLY WAREHOUSE	WATSONVILLE	CA	$218.40
10/13/26	THE HOME DEPOT 800-466-3337	WATSONVILLE	CA	$49.37
10/21/26	WAL-MART SUPERCENTER 2002 2002 DISCOUNT STORE	GILROY	CA	$249.53

PHILLIP MATTESON
Card Ending

				Amount
09/29/26	AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA MERCHANDISE	AMZN.COM/BILL	WA	$56.17
10/01/26	GOOGLE *YOUTUBETV DIGITAL GOODS: APPS	G.CO/HELPPAY#	CA	$82.99

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Detail Continued

				Amount
10/04/26	SP 911 ERP +18775729592	MELVILLE	NY	$613.99
10/10/26	VZWRLSS APOCC VISB BILL PAYMENT	800-922-0204	FL	$150.40
10/11/26	SP FIRSTRESPONDERDECAL +18006750501	BRICK TOWNSHIP	NJ	$50.57
10/11/26	SP IDENTIFIRE +18003435966	WEST PALM BEACH	FL	$29.10
10/14/26	IMS ALLIANCE 253-847-4085	LEWISTON	ID	$16.05
10/19/26	SPECTRUM	855-707-7328	MO	$134.99

JACE SANDSTROM
Card Ending

				Amount
10/01/26	CHEVROLET OF WATSONVIL 8317224122	WATSONVILLE	CA	$250.95
10/26/26	GREENWASTE RECOVERY INC 000000001 VDACPANO@GREENWASTE.COM40	SAN JOSE	CA	$720.24

Fees

	Amount
Total Fees for this Period	**$0.00**

Interest Charged

	Amount
Total Interest Charged for this Period	**$0.00**

About Trailing Interest

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

2026 Fees and Interest Totals Year-to-Date

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

Interest Charge Calculation

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

	Annual Percentage Rate	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Interest Charge
Purchases	21.99% (v)	$0.00	$0.00

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Interest Charge Calculation Continued

Your Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual interest rate on your account.
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	Annual Percentage Rate	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Interest Charge
Cash Advances	28.99% (v)	$0.00	$0.00
Total			**$0.00**

(v) Variable Rate

Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District
American Express Purchase Explanation

October 28th, 2026 Statement

To: Board of Directors

MIKE URBANI PURCHASES
10/01/26 GOOGLE*WORKSPACE PAJAROVALLEYFIRE.COM CC GOOGLE.COM
$52.24 **(PVFD Website)**
10/05/26 TRI COUNTY TROPHY & ENGRAVING WATSONVILLE CA
$389.62 **(Rosa Meyer/Appreciation Plaques)**
10/06/26 THE HOME DEPOT WATSONVILLE CA
$218.40 **(B1716-Pop up Tent)**
10/13/26 THE HOME DEPOT WATSONVILLE CA
$49.37 **(B1716-Pop up Tent Sandbags)**
10/21/26 WAL-MART SUPERCENTER GILROY CA
$249.53 **(Candy for Trunk-or-Treat Event)**

PHILLIP MATTESON PURCHASES
09/29/26 AMAZON MARKETPLACE NA PA AMZN.COM
$56.17 **(Car Wash Misc.)**
10/01/26 GOOGLE *YOUTUBETV G.CO/HELPPAY# CA
$82.99 **(TV Subscription)**
10/04/26 SP 911 ERP MELVILLE NY
$613.99 **(SCBA Identifiers for Apparatus Renumbering)**
10/10/26 VZWRLSS APOCC VISB 800-922-0204 FL
$150.40 **(Tablet/Phone Service)**
10/11/26 SP FIRSTRESPONDERDECAL BRICK TOWNSHIP NJ
$50.57 **(New Fire Apparatus Engineer PPE Decals)**
10/11/26 SP IDENTIFIRE WEST PALM BEACH FL
$29.10 **(New Fire Apparatus Engineer SCBA Mask Decals)**
10/14/26 IMS ALLIANCE LEWISTON ID
$16.05 **(New Fire Apparatus Engineer Accountability Tags)**
10/19/26 SPECTRUM 855-707-7328 MO
$134.99 **(Station Internet Service)**

JACE SANDSTROM PURCHASES
10/01/26 CHEVROLET OF WATSONVILLE CA
$250.95 **(B1716 Vehicles Annual Maintenance)**
10/26/26 GREENWASTE RECOVERY INC 000000001 SAN JOSE CA
$720.24 **(Vegetation Removal from Septic Install Area)**

From: Phil Matteson

Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

562 Casserly Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

Chief's Report

November 5th, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Mike Urbani, Battalion Chief

Subject: October Chief's Report

Emergency Incident Response:

- We had a structure fire on Roberta Drive. E4511 was first on scene with 3 person staffing. They were able to keep the fire contained to the room of origin.
- We have continued to get fires out on the Pajaro River levee.

Apparatus:

- WT4551 is out of service due to rear seals leaking. Should we have back in a week or two.

Training:

- Nothing to report

Facilities:

- Septic system repairs are complete just waiting on the final inspection.

Personnel:

- Still waiting to receive the signed CAL FIRE Contract amendment to make the two new FAE positions.

Fire Prevention/Community Outreach

- Nothing to report

Pajaro Valley Fire Response Times

Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

October 01, 2026 to October 31, 2026

November 01, 2026

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

Incident #	Date	Dispatch Time	On Scene	Elapse Time	Unit	Location	Incident Type	RA
6889	10/1/26	12:03:36	12:03:36	0:00	E4511	HAWTHORNE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
6890	10/1/26	12:05:29	12:10:05	4:36	E4511	PINTO LAKE MOBILE ESTATES @ 789 GREEN	PUBLIC ASSIST	PV4
6899	10/1/26	19:29:03	19:36:58	7:55	E4511	391 LAKEVIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV2A
6901	10/1/26	20:44:09	20:51:09	7:00	E1774	RAINBOW LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
6944	10/3/26	11:15:26	11:16:10	0:44	E4511	S45 (PAJARO VALLEY FS) @ CASSERLY	MEDICAL	K10A
6946	10/3/26	12:28:19	12:33:51	5:32	E4511	217 ROBERTA DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	RESIDENTIAL STRUC	PV4
6957	10/3/26	16:30:42	16:30:46	0:04	E1793	SCHOOL WY ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
6958	10/3/26	16:44:49	16:47:09	2:20	E4412	=L(36.939500,-121.770583)	VEGETATION FIRE	PV7A
6978	10/4/26	03:55:22	04:08:08	12:46	E4511	PECKHAM RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1A
6980	10/4/26	06:32:32	06:39:34	7:02	E4511	75 WHITING RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	COMMERCIAL ALARM	PV3
6989	10/4/26	11:22:26	11:31:18	8:52	E1774	776 AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	LIFT ASSIST	PV4A
6998	10/4/26	16:25:28	16:29:31	4:03	E4412	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
7006	10/4/26	19:42:21	19:49:40	7:19	E4511	321 LAKEVIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV2A
7012	10/5/26	07:09:05	07:18:40	9:35	E4412	VISTA DEL LAGO CIR	MEDICAL	PV7A
7027	10/5/26	15:29:32	15:40:05	10:33	E4511	LITCHFIELD LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	K10
7041	10/6/26	09:33:33	09:33:33	0:00	E4511	155 GRIMMER RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	ILLEGAL DEBRIS FIRE	PV5
7044	10/6/26	09:57:19	10:03:01	5:42	E4511	PECKHAM RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL STAGE REQ	PV1A
7047	10/6/26	13:08:04	13:14:22	6:18	E4511	CARLTON RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1A
7050	10/6/26	14:49:43	14:52:30	2:47	E4412	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
7052	10/6/26	15:12:32	15:21:35	9:03	E4411	CUTTER DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
7057	10/6/26	17:12:24	17:16:37	4:13	E4511	23 DELANEY AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	DEBRIS FIRE	PV3
7065	10/6/26	20:42:58	20:49:09	6:11	E1794	E RIANDA RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
7078	10/7/26	14:39:08	14:46:09	7:01	E4511	SCHOOL WY ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	K10
7096	10/7/26	22:38:17	22:46:24	8:07	E4511	PAULSEN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
7107	10/8/26	10:26:39	10:33:28	6:49	E4511	HASTINGS LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV5

Incident #	Date	Dispatch Time	On Scene	Elapse Time	Unit	Location	Incident Type	RA
7115	10/8/26	12:53:51	13:00:46	6:55	E1799	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
7122	10/8/26	15:57:55	16:05:33	7:38	B1714	965 RIVERSIDE RD / 959 CARLTON RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV1
7123	10/8/26	18:45:32	18:49:20	3:48	E4412	MANFRE RD / 601 BUENA VISTA DR	MEDICAL	PV7
7124	10/8/26	19:09:45	19:12:23	2:38	E4412	LUCERNE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
7140	10/9/26	16:00:27	16:09:08	8:41	E4511	CARLTON RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1A
7143	10/9/26	16:50:56	16:58:07	7:11	E4412	GREEN VALLEY RD	MEDICAL	PV5
7175	10/10/26	23:46:12	23:53:23	7:11	B1714	1 PIONEER RD / 973 GREEN VALLEY RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	K10
7201	10/12/26	09:13:26	09:25:33	12:07	E1799	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
7222	10/13/26	06:03:32	06:11:55	8:23	E4511	PINTO LAKE MOBILE ESTATES @ GREEN	MEDICAL	PV4
7229	10/13/26	11:41:24	11:49:30	8:06	E1774	MANN AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV7A
7230	10/13/26	11:49:05	11:55:54	6:49	E4511	157 COUNTRY VIEW LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	LIFT ASSIST	K10
7233	10/13/26	14:21:25	14:27:11	5:46	E1774	FREEDOM BL ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV7BZ
7234	10/13/26	14:34:03	14:41:42	7:39	E1774	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
7237	10/13/26	17:03:01	17:09:41	6:40	B1716	THOMPSON RD / 527 CARLTON RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV1A
7244	10/13/26	22:35:37	22:44:08	8:31	E4411	CAMBRIDGE DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
7257	10/14/26	11:05:53	11:13:55	8:02	E4412	MANFRE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
7258	10/14/26	11:11:44	11:18:46	7:02	E1774	PAULSEN RD #A ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
7267	10/14/26	17:08:46	17:14:40	5:54	E4511	PAULSEN RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
7268	10/14/26	17:09:56	17:18:23	8:27	E1774	399 WHEELOCK RD / 1201 GREEN VALLEY RD	SMOKE CHECK	K10
7269	10/14/26	20:42:56	20:50:41	7:45	E4511	1491 GREEN VALLEY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	K10
7279	10/15/26	08:06:47	08:14:39	7:52	E1793	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
7293	10/15/26	12:31:40	12:52:21	20:41	E4511	65 RIVERSIDE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	SMOKE CHECK	PV2A
7299	10/15/26	14:28:23	14:33:27	5:04	E1793	FREEDOM BL #3 ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV7BZ
7304	10/15/26	17:14:39	17:20:23	5:44	E4412	MILLER AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
7316	10/16/26	08:57:11	09:08:58	11:47	E4511	CARLTON RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1A
7324	10/16/26	13:10:19	13:15:12	4:53	E4414	COWLES RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
7326	10/16/26	14:30:18	14:35:06	4:48	E4511	101 GILCHRIST RD / 157 WHEELOCK RD	DEBRIS FIRE	PV4
7342	10/17/26	05:01:40	05:09:17	7:37	E4414	LAKEN DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
7351	10/17/26	10:03:21	10:12:09	8:48	E4511	LAKEN CT ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV5
7355	10/17/26	11:12:18	11:18:06	5:48	E4411	LAKEN DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV5
7362	10/17/26	13:04:23	13:09:09	4:46	E1774	VARNI RD / 905 AMESTI RD	MEDICAL	PV4A
7368	10/17/26	15:21:39	15:29:46	8:07	E4511	OLD SMITH RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	K10

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7395	10/18/26	11:46:37	11:51:41	5:04	E1774	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
7400	10/18/26	15:36:18	15:41:59	5:41	E4511	PINTO LAKE MOBILE ESTATES @ 789 GREEN	LIFT ASSIST	PV4
7408	10/18/26	17:20:31	17:25:03	4:32	E4511	101 TRINITY AV / 317 MARK AV	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV4
7414	10/18/26	19:48:28	19:52:16	3:48	E4511	PINTO LAKE COUNTY PARK @ 757 GREEN	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV4
7418	10/18/26	22:15:41	22:21:00	5:19	E4414	BRADFORD RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
7419	10/18/26	22:37:15	22:39:20	2:05	E4414	EMME LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
7425	10/19/26	03:25:31	03:36:24	10:53	E349	GREEN VALLEY RD #	MEDICAL	PV4
7436	10/19/26	13:38:48	13:45:17	6:29	E4511	LAKEVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL @ 2350 E LAKE	MEDICAL	PV3
7450	10/19/26	23:11:30	23:16:22	4:52	E4414	BOWKER RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
7455	10/20/26	07:57:03	08:05:21	8:18	E4511	59 AIRPORT BL / 125 PAJARO LN	SMOKE CHECK	PV7A
7463	10/20/26	11:52:10	11:54:30	2:20	E4511	908 CASSERLY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEGETATION FIRE	PV4
7466	10/20/26	13:46:34	13:46:34	0:00	P1722	=L(36.939963,-121.770333)	LE, AREA CHECK	PV7A
7472	10/20/26	16:53:56	16:57:21	3:25	E4414	220 PAJARO CIR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	HAZ - ODOR OF GAS	PV7A
7491	10/21/26	14:23:06	14:31:09	8:03	E4511	CARLTON RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV1A
7494	10/21/26	17:58:58	18:01:34	2:36	E1774	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
7511	10/22/26	12:47:17	12:51:00	3:43	E4511	115 CASSERLY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	COMMERCIAL ALARM	PV3
7525	10/22/26	21:45:04	21:50:24	5:20	E4511	WATSONVILLE CHARTER SCH OF ART @ 75	COMMERCIAL ALARM	PV3
7527	10/23/26	06:36:53	06:44:12	7:19	E4511	HATHAWAY AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
7529	10/23/26	08:07:04	08:14:37	7:33	E4511	LITTLEWAY LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
7540	10/23/26	17:05:25	17:05:34	0:09	B1714	FAIRGROUNDS SC CRZ MAIN ENT	MEDICAL	PV3
7552	10/24/26	07:06:11	07:13:12	7:01	E4414	HAWTHORNE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
7557	10/24/26	11:45:07	11:55:28	10:21	E4511	STEWART AV,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV7A
7560	10/24/26	12:41:19	12:50:34	9:15	E4511	SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL	MEDICAL	PV3
7566	10/24/26	14:49:50	14:58:09	8:19	E4511	1 HOLOHAN RD / 2301 E LAKE AV	DEBRIS FIRE	PV5
7580	10/24/26	19:10:04	19:18:58	8:54	E4511	155 CARLTON RD / 2999 E LAKE AV	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV3
7582	10/24/26	19:31:42	19:41:25	9:43	E1794	COLLEGE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV2A
7585	10/24/26	20:45:06	20:51:30	6:24	E4414	LONE PINE AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7
7589	10/25/26	02:40:02	02:50:17	10:15	E4414	AMESTI RD / 101 BENCICH LN	MEDICAL	PV7A
7596	10/25/26	11:30:47	11:38:15	7:28	B1714	PINTO LAKE COUNTY PARK @ 757 GREEN	DEBRIS FIRE	PV4
7598	10/25/26	11:53:48	12:00:04	6:16	E1774	FREEDOM BL #3 ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV7BZ
7603	10/25/26	14:40:02	14:45:06	5:04	E4411	1 LAKEVIEW RD / 215 RIVERSIDE RD	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV2A
7606	10/25/26	16:32:43	16:40:18	7:35	E1774	AMESTI RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4A
7609	10/25/26	18:30:56	18:33:32	2:36	E4414	CARLENE CT ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7

Incident #	Date	Dispatch Time	On Scene	Elapse Time	Unit	Location	Incident Type	RA
7615	10/26/26	02:23:48	02:31:21	7:33	E4511	ROBERTA DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
7629	10/26/26	16:18:19	16:27:36	9:17	E4511	265 COWARD RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	PV1A
7634	10/26/26	20:59:35	21:06:45	7:10	E1774	SOUTH DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	CODE 2 MEDICAL	PV7
7651	10/27/26	17:47:08	17:56:42	9:34	E4511	2199 GREEN VALLEY RD / 141 HAZEL DELL RD	VEGETATION FIRE	K10A
7675	10/28/26	19:27:49	19:37:20	9:31	E4411	102 RIVERSIDE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	VEGETATION FIRE	PV2A
7677	10/28/26	20:40:04	20:40:17	0:13	E4211	30 RIVERSIDE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	UNKNOWN TYPE FIRE	PV2A
7684	10/29/26	07:54:32	08:05:57	11:25	E4511	HECKER PASS RD / 7809 POLE LINE RD	MEDICAL	K12B
7686	10/29/26	11:07:54	11:11:20	3:26	E4511	CASSERLY RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV3
7702	10/29/26	19:41:43	19:48:39	6:56	E4511	LAKEVIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV1A
7717	10/30/26	08:41:42	08:48:55	7:13	E4511	MELODY LN ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
7730	10/30/26	19:43:51	19:51:28	7:37	B1714	270 ZURICH AV ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	RESIDENTIAL STRUC	PV7
7731	10/30/26	19:46:19	19:50:16	3:57	E4511	MESA VERDE DR ,PAJARO_VALLEY	MEDICAL	PV4
7746	10/31/26	10:55:57	11:04:19	8:22	E4511	COWLES RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	MEDICAL	PV7A
7758	10/31/26	20:08:42	20:17:08	8:26	E4511	180 LAKEVIEW RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	VEGETATION FIRE	PV2A

Average Elapsed Minutes: **6:34** Std. Deviation **5.14**

Pajaro Valley Fire Response Times

Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

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Incident #	Date	Dispatch Time	On Scene	Elapse Time	Unit	Location	Incident Type	RA
7293	10/15/26	12:31:40	12:52:21	20:41	E4511	65 RIVERSIDE RD ,PAJARO_VALLEY_WTS	SMOKE CHECK	PV2A

This call should be included. The fire had to be located along the Pajaro River Levee, which is accessed through the agricultural fields along Riverside Road. The fire ended up being in the North Monterey County Fire District response area.

Average Elapsed Minutes: **6:34** Std. Deviation **5.14**

Watsonville Fire Dept.
September 22-30, 2026 PV Fire D & E Medical Responses

Unit Dispatched	On Scene	In Service	Incident #	SCR911 Code Type	Call Type	Incident Location	Crew Disposition	Unit
9/23/2026 10:41	9/23/2026 10:46	9/23/2026 11:05	PAJ2600000906	31D04	Unconscious/Fainting/Near-Fainting	CALABASAS ROAD	Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew	WTS/E4414
9/24/2026 16:24	9/24/2026 16:29	9/24/2026 16:41	PAJ2600000908	19D04	Heart Problems/AICD	FREEDOM BOULEVARD	Incident Support Services Provided (Including Standby)	WTS/E4414
9/26/2026 11:07	9/26/2026 11:18	9/26/2026 11:35	PAJ2600000915	17D03	Unconscious/Fainting/Near-Fainting	HAWTHORNE AVENUE	Incident Support for Another EMS Crew	WTS/E4412
9/30/2026 12:15	9/30/2026 12:21	9/30/2026 12:32	PAJ2600000927	31D02	Unconscious/Fainting/Near-Fainting	COWLES ROAD	Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew	WTS/E4412
9/30/2026 19:56	9/30/2026 20:01	9/30/2026 20:23	PAJ2600000928	06D04	Breathing Problem	BOWKER ROAD	Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew	WTS/E4412

TOTAL INCIDENTS: 5

Watsonville Fire Dept.

October 2026 PV Fire D & E Medical Responses

Unit Dispatched	On Scene	In Service	Incident #	SCR911 Code Type	Incident Type Description	Incident Location
10/1/2026 12:00	10/1/2026 12:07	10/1/2026 12:40	PAJ2600000929	09E01	Cardiac Arrest/Death	HAWTHORNE Avenue
10/4/2026 16:24	10/4/2026 16:29	10/4/2026 16:48	PAJ2600000943	31D03	Unconscioous/Fainting	FREEDOM Boulevard
10/5/2026 7:05	10/5/2026 7:18	10/5/2026 7:29	PAJ2600000946	31D4	Chest Pain (Non-Traumatic)	VISTA DEL LAGO CIR
10/16/2026 13:08	10/16/2026 13:15	10/16/2026 13:34	PAJ2600000996	31D04	Unconscioous/Fainting	COWLES Road
10/18/2026 22:35	10/18/2026 22:39	10/18/2026 23:03	PAJ2600001008	17D04	Falls	EMME Lane
10/19/2026 23:09	10/19/2026 23:16	10/19/2026 23:27	PAJ2600001011	06D02	Breathing Problems	BOWKER Road
10/24/2026 7:05	10/24/2026 7:13	10/24/2026 7:42	PAJ2600001023	09E01	Cardiac Arrest/Death	HAWTHORNE Avenue
10/24/2026 20:44	10/24/2026 20:49	10/24/2026 20:59	PAJ2600001030	10D04	Chest Pain (Non-Traumatic)	LONE PINE Avenue
10/25/2026 18:28	10/25/2026 18:33	10/25/2026 18:46	PAJ2600001037	05D01	Back Pain (Non-Traumatic)	CARLENE Court

TOTAL INCIDENTS: **9**

Crew Disposition	Unit
Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew	WTS/E4412
Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew	WTS/E4412
Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew	WTS/E4412
Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew	WTS/E4414
Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew	WTS/E4414
Incident Support for Another EMS Crew	WTS/E4414
Non-Patient Incident (Not Otherwise Listed)	WTS/E4414
Back in Service, Care/Support Services Refused	WTS/E4414
Incident Support for Another EMS Crew	WTS/E4414

Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

November 5, 2026

To: Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors

From: Jed Wilson, Unit Chief

Subject: **Resolution Declaring a Local Emergency Resulting from the Developing 2026–2027 El Niño Event and Authorizing the Fire Chief to Negotiate and Execute Emergency Contracts Pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20168 and 22050**

Executive Summary

On September 21, 2026, Governor Newsom proclaimed a statewide state of emergency in response to the developing 2026–2027 El Niño season (the "Event"), which is forecast to strengthen and potentially become the strongest on record. The Governor's Proclamation calls for advance preparation before severe weather intensifies, including coordination with local governments, pre-positioning of resources, and expedited work to reduce flooding, erosion, and other storm-related risks. Staff recommends that the Board of Directors declare a local emergency resulting from the developing event to protect public health, safety, and welfare; enable Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District (the "District") to act quickly; and preserve the District's ability to seek State and federal assistance for damage to District facilities and other eligible storm-related costs.

Background and Discussion

On September 21, 2026, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a statewide state of emergency based on the ongoing development of a strong and potentially historic El Niño event in the Pacific Ocean. The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center identified a greater than 90 percent chance of a very strong El Niño during fall and winter 2026–2027 and a 69 percent chance that the Event would reach historic strength during October through December 2026, exceeding the strength of prior El Niño events in the historical record since 1950. The Governor's Proclamation directs the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to coordinate statewide preparedness activities and work with local governments on emergency planning, resource coordination, and requests for assistance related to potential severe weather, flooding, erosion, mud and debris flows, and associated impacts. A copy of the Governor's Proclamation is included as Attachment 1.

It is of great importance that the District remain fully operational during and immediately after storm events to serve the surrounding community and support recovery and cleanup efforts undertaken. It is also of upmost importance that the District's facilities remain in safe condition for those needing to access those facilities for services in times of emergency.

It is essential that the District remain fully operational during and immediately after storm events so it can serve the community and support response, recovery, and cleanup efforts.

It is equally important that District facilities remain safe and accessible to those seeking emergency services.

By declaring a local emergency now, the Board would allow staff to prepare for and respond to the event's anticipated impact. Among other things, the anticipated impacts may require staff to preposition personnel, equipment, and supplies (such as sandbags, rock materials, plastic sheeting, and pumps), and to procure equipment, supplies, services, or repairs on an expedited basis. The potential impacts are also expected to result in increased prices for construction products and contractor services, and the District may need to undertake work before severe weather arrives to protect infrastructure and essential public services.

Ordinarily, construction and repair contracts are awarded through competitive bidding in accordance with the Public Contract Code and the District's Purchasing Policies. Public Contract Code section 20168 requires a four-fifths vote of the Board to find that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health, or property because of an emergency. Public Contract Code sections 20168 and 22050 authorize the District to repair or replace a public facility, take directly related and immediate action required by the emergency, and procure necessary equipment, services, and supplies without providing notice for bids, subject to the requirements of those sections. The proposed Resolution would delegate emergency contracting authority to the the Fire Chief so the District may act without the delays associated with competitive bidding when such delays would imperil life, health, property, or essential public services.

The proposed Resolution designates the Fire Chief, or designee, as the authorized agent to coordinate requests for County, State, and federal assistance. It also directs the Fire Chief and the District's legal counsel to request technical expertise, resources, and financial assistance from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Written notice of the local emergency will be provided to the Santa Cruz County Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience and to Cal OES.

Pursuant to Government Code section 8630, the Board must review the need to continue the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the emergency is terminated and must proclaim its termination at the earliest date conditions warrant. To the extent the District undertakes emergency contracting pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22050, the Board must also review the emergency action at each regularly scheduled meeting until the action is terminated.

Fiscal Impact

Implementing the proposed Resolution may result in costs to the District. Some costs may have been previously budgeted; others are unknown and will depend on the Event's actual impacts. Declaring and maintaining the local emergency will preserve and facilitate the District's ability to request resources, financial support, and reimbursement from Cal OES and FEMA for eligible costs. To the extent practicable, the District will seek reimbursement for eligible expenditures.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that at the December Board meeting that the Board adopt the proposed Resolution and authorize the Fire Chief to take appropriate action in response to the emergency, subject to applicable law.

Attachments

1. Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, dated September 21, 2026

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS in the past several years, California has experienced increasingly severe and destructive storms, including atmospheric river events that have caused widespread flooding, mud and debris flows, landslides, high winds, power outages, road and highway closures, evacuation orders, damage to homes and critical infrastructure, and disruption of essential services; and

WHEREAS climate change is intensifying these weather and hydrologic extremes in California, contributing to increasingly severe swings between drought and flooding, and heightening the risks that extreme storms pose to communities, infrastructure, natural resources, and the economy; and

WHEREAS California is entering the 2026–2027 wet season amid the ongoing development of a strong and likely historic El Niño event in the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center, in its August 13, 2026, diagnostic report, found that the El Niño event is strengthening, with a greater than 90 percent chance of a very strong event during Northern Hemisphere fall and winter of 2026–2027; and

WHEREAS the Climate Prediction Center projected a 69 percent chance that the event will reach historic strength during the October through December 2026 season, defined as a three-month Relative Oceanic Niño Index, and exceeding the strength of all prior El Niño events in the historical record beginning in 1950; and

WHEREAS the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center has found that atmospheric conditions over the tropical Pacific are consistent with a strengthening El Niño, including changes in equatorial winds and an eastward shift in enhanced convection and rainfall toward the central and eastern Pacific, making it more likely that at least some parts of California will experience stronger storms in coming months; and

WHEREAS elevated baseline coastal water levels, combined with high tides, large waves, high surf, and coastal storms, can increase risks of coastal flooding, beach erosion, bluff erosion, transportation disruption, and damage to public and private infrastructure; and

WHEREAS California has already begun to experience effects attributed to this El Niño event, including unusual precipitation and significant coastal flooding; and

WHEREAS historical experience demonstrates that very strong El Niño events do not produce uniform statewide outcomes, but can be associated with exceptionally wet and destructive winter conditions in California; and

WHEREAS California's recent experience with atmospheric rivers, debris flows following wildfires, flash flooding, coastal erosion, inundation, and damage to transportation and flood-control infrastructure demonstrates the importance of procuring and positioning resources, clearing waterways, and taking additional actions to prepare before severe storms arrive; and

WHEREAS areas affected by recent wildfires are particularly susceptible to flash flooding, mud and debris flows, erosion, sediment transport, and road closures during high-intensity rainfall; and

WHEREAS in light of that experience, local governments, local water agencies, and local flood control authorities have requested action now to enable them to move quickly to begin preparations for preventing and responding to the impacts of potential flooding; and

WHEREAS low-income communities, farmworker families, rural residents, seniors, persons with disabilities, residents with limited transportation access, people experiencing homelessness, and communities in flood-prone, coastal, or post-fire areas may face disproportionate risks; and

WHEREAS the demonstrated potential for a very strong or historic-strength El Niño event to cause elevated coastal water levels and high-impact storms in California warrants early, coordinated, and targeted preparedness actions to protect Californians, critical infrastructure, agricultural lands, natural resources, and the State's economy; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the developing El Niño event; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the developing El Niño event is likely to cause conditions that, by reason of their magnitude, are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the extreme peril posed by the developing El Niño event; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the developing El Niño event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist statewide due to the developing 2026–2027 El Niño event.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government are to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall coordinate statewide preparedness activities for potential severe weather, flooding, coastal flooding, erosion, mud and debris flows, and related impacts associated with conditions resulting from the El Niño event, including atmospheric rivers and other severe storm systems. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall work with local and tribal governments to support emergency planning, resource coordination, and requests for state assistance. To protect their safety, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency.

2. As necessary to assist local governments and for the protection of public safety and the environment, state agencies shall enter into contracts to arrange for the procurement of materials, goods, and services necessary to quickly assist with the response to and recovery from the impacts of this emergency. Applicable provisions of the Government Code and the Public Contract Code, including but not limited to travel, advertising, and competitive bidding requirements, are suspended to the extent necessary to address the effects of this emergency.

3. The California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Natural Resources Agency, including boards, departments, and offices within those agencies, are directed to prioritize work to help local agencies prepare for anticipated impacts from the El Niño event. In particular, those state agencies are directed to prioritize permitting, consultation, and technical assistance to support local efforts to prevent or mitigate impacts from anticipated or potential flooding, landslides, and mud and debris flows, including local efforts to expedite levee and other flood management infrastructure repairs, vegetation management, debris removal, sediment management, bridge scour protection, and channel-capacity improvements. State agencies are directed to work with local agencies to issue any necessary permits or other approvals for such efforts as quickly as possible, including by identifying and invoking existing emergency authorities or other pathways for streamlined review. On or before October 16, 2026, the Secretary for Environmental Protection and the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency shall submit a joint recommendation to my office as to whether further action or emergency suspensions are necessary to support and expedite this work.

4. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall coordinate the State's preparation for and response to the developing El Niño event, including by working with the Department of Water Resources and other appropriate government agencies to prepare to pre-position personnel, equipment, supplies, commodities, and other resources based on forecast conditions, local needs, and identified risks. In particular, this work shall draw on the Department of Water Resources' guidance regarding flood-risk-reduction activities.

5. The Department of Water Resources shall take appropriate action to procure, maintain, stage, pre-position, distribute, and replenish flood-fight supplies, equipment (including, but not limited to, sandbags, riprap and other rock materials, plastic sheeting, and pumps), and other materials necessary to support statewide flood preparedness, response, and protective actions in connection with the El Niño event. The Department of Water Resources shall coordinate with appropriate government agencies to identify priority areas for flood-fight material staging and plans to make these materials available where they are needed, when they are needed.

6. The Department of Water Resources, through its Division of Safety of Dams, shall conduct outreach to owners of jurisdictional dams regarding potential severe conditions during the El Niño event and shall reiterate to dam owners their responsibilities to inspect, operate, maintain, repair, and safely manage their dams and appurtenant structures in accordance

with applicable law, permit conditions, emergency action plans, and directives of the Division of Safety of Dams.

7. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services, in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, shall conduct outreach to counties, cities, and relevant local agencies that are responsible for levees, flood-control facilities, and associated structures that may be vulnerable to impacts of the El Niño event to take appropriate actions to procure, maintain, stage, pre-position, distribute, and replenish flood-fight supplies, commodities, equipment, and materials necessary to support flood preparedness, response, and protective actions.

8. The Department of Water Resources, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, shall conduct outreach and education to advance groundwater recharge projects and to use flood flows to recharge groundwater aquifers under existing law with the goal of reducing flood impacts and strengthening local water supplies.

9. Consistent with Paragraph 3 of this Proclamation, the Coastal Commission is directed to expedite review and action on proposed development by coastal communities to prepare for the impacts of this El Niño event. Coastal communities are encouraged to submit permit applications, as appropriate, to facilitate timely Coastal Commission review, technical assistance, and other support for El Niño preparations. After an application is received, the Commission shall respond with notification of any incomplete items within five days. After an application is complete, it shall be scheduled for hearing at the next Commission meeting. For emergency permit requests, the Commission shall accept both written and oral requests to its district offices. When necessary to address an urgent need related to this emergency, the Commission shall take action on emergency permit requests as quickly as possible and within twenty-four hours of receipt.

10. The California Department of Transportation and California State Transportation Agency shall identify those state highways, bridges, culverts, drainage facilities, slopes, and other transportation infrastructure most at risk of flooding, erosion, debris flows, rockslides, mudslides, or other significant impacts from severe storms caused by the El Niño event, and transmit to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services a prioritized list of projects to address such risks within 30 days of this Proclamation.

11. The California Department of Transportation shall develop plans to pre-position personnel and materials (including directional signage, traffic-control devices, road-closure devices, warning signs, delineators, emergency communications equipment, and other resources) at or near locations that may be identified as at risk of severe impacts from the El Niño event. This shall include plans to prepare and pre-position snow-removal, snow-control, and ice-control equipment as appropriate, including snowplows, snow blowers, graders, loaders, chain-control equipment, salt, sand, and other materials necessary to maintain safe travel and restore access on state highways during the El Niño event.

12. The Adjutant General and the California Military Department shall, in coordination with the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency

Services, identify California National Guard personnel, equipment, and capabilities that may be available to support state and local emergency operations, if activated or tasked, in relation to this El Niño event. Such planning shall include readiness for high-water vehicle operations; aviation operations, including reconnaissance, search and rescue, transport, and heavy-lift support, as appropriate; engineering support; emergency communications; transportation and logistics; evacuation support; flood-fight activities; debris removal and route clearance; commodity distribution; shelter support; and other life-safety and emergency-support missions.

13. California Volunteers, in coordination with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and other appropriate agencies, shall prepare to mobilize volunteers and trained service members, consistent with their training, mission, safety requirements, and applicable law, to support state and local preparedness, response, and recovery activities in connection with the El Niño event.

14. The California Conservation Corps shall prepare to deploy Corpsmembers, consistent with its statutory mission, training, available resources, safety requirements, and applicable law, to support severe weather preparedness and response activities in connection with the El Niño event.

15. The California Energy Commission, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, and the State Water Resources Control Board and regional water quality control boards are directed, and the California Public Utilities Commission is requested, to coordinate, consistent with their respective authorities, with electrical, natural-gas, water, wastewater, telecommunications, transportation, and other critical-service providers to enhance readiness and support timely restoration of essential services following storm impacts.

16. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with relevant state agencies, shall expand accessible, multilingual public preparedness communications related to severe weather, flooding, emergency alerts, evacuation readiness, power outages, safe travel, disaster assistance, and household emergency planning.

17. Agencies under my direct authority shall cooperate in their response to this emergency. Other agencies are requested to assist in responding to this emergency, as appropriate.

18. The restrictions set forth in Penal Code section 396, which are automatically triggered upon proclamation of a state of emergency, are suspended, and no such restrictions are imposed, with respect to this El Niño event, at this time.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of September 2026.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY WEBER, PH. D
Secretary of State

Outlook

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association Letter to LAFCO re: PVFPD Reorganization

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Dear Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors,
Attached is a copy of the August 13, 2026 letter from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association to Santa Cruz County LAFCO with the subject title "Annexation of Pajaro Valley Fire District". Please include the full text of the letter in your Board's November 9, 2026 Board agenda packet as late correspondence and include it in the record for public transparency.

At your October 14, 2026 Board meeting, I spoke about the letter that the Santa Cruz County LAFCO had received from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association regarding the reorganization of your District and Santa Cruz County Fire Department (CSA 48) assessment fees.

The letter, dated August 13, 2026, was not made public until the October 7, 2026 LAFCO meeting. At that time, Mr. Serrano informed the Commission that there was no need to respond to the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. Therefore, the Commission took no action regarding the letter.

I was surprised that your Board's agenda packet of October 14, 2026 did not include a copy of the letter, and that is why I raised the issue during my Open Public Comment testimony.

Attached is a copy of the August 13, 2026 letter from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association to Santa Cruz County LAFCO with the subject title "Annexation of Pajaro Valley Fire District".

Please acknowledge receipt of this message. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner

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Re: Annexation of Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

To Whom it May Concern:

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association ("HJTA") has been reviewing the proposed dissolution of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District ("PVFPD") and annexation of its territory into County Service Area 48 ("CSA 48"). We have significant concerns about the proposed financing structure under article XIII D of the California Constitution.

In 2024, PVFPD sought approval of a Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment under Proposition 218. The assessment failed, with 54.42 percent of the weighted ballots cast in opposition. PVFPD later considered another Proposition 218 assessment but discontinued that effort in October 2025.

The proposed reorganization would now dissolve PVFPD, annex approximately 4,200 parcels into CSA 48, and subject those parcels to CSA 48's two existing benefit assessments. The PVFPD parcels were not within the CSA 48 assessment district when those assessments were established, and the current published reorganization process does not identify an article XIII D assessment-ballot proceeding before the assessments would become applicable to those parcels. That raises issues beyond simply applying an existing assessment formula to additional parcels.

I. The CSA 48 Assessments

HJTA has a threshold concern with the services being financed through the CSA 48 assessments. Article XIII D permits an assessment only for a "particular and distinct benefit over and above general benefits conferred on real property located in the district or to the public at large." (Cal. Const., art. XIII D, § 2, subd. (i).)

The official Legislative Analyst's analysis of Proposition 218 specifically identified fire assessments as a typical example of assessments providing general benefits. Voters were informed that assessments could recover only the portion of a service attributable to special benefit and that general revenues would have to fund the general-benefit portion. (Ballot Pamp., Gen. Elec. (Nov. 5, 1996) analysis of Prop. 218 by Legis. Analyst, pp. 73-74.)

The California Supreme Court subsequently confirmed that Proposition 218 narrowed the concept of special benefit and broadened general benefit to include benefits conferred generally on property within the assessment district. (*Silicon Valley Taxpayers' Assn., Inc. v. Santa Clara County Open Space Authority* (2008) 44 Cal.4th 431, 451-452.)

The 2020 CSA 48 Engineer's Report states that the assessment principally funds increased firefighter staffing and training and improved maintenance and replacement of fire apparatus and equipment. It identifies the resulting benefit as increased safety and protection of real property throughout the assessment district.

The Engineer's Report characterizes these assessment-funded services as enhancements above the fire protection otherwise supported by existing revenues and reasons that the additional staffing, equipment, and response capacity provide a direct benefit to assessed real property. HJTA recognizes that analysis. The unresolved question is whether an increment of districtwide fire staffing, equipment, and emergency-response capacity constitutes a "particular and distinct" benefit within the meaning of article XIII D, and whether the Report has fully identified and separated the general benefits produced by those same services.

Before either CSA 48 assessment is extended into the PVFPD territory, the County should explain why the special benefits identified in the existing Engineer's Report satisfy article XIII D as applied to the enlarged CSA 48 and identify the analysis supporting the allocation of general and special benefit.

II. Extending The Assessments Through Reorganization

There is a separate constitutional issue with imposing the existing CSA 48 assessments on the PVFPD parcels without an article XIII D ballot.

HJTA is aware of Government Code sections 56886, subdivision (t), and 57330, as well as 82 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 180 (1999). The Attorney General concluded that the voter and landowner approval requirements need not be separately satisfied when a LAFCO reorganization extends previously established charges into annexed territory. The opinion assumed, however, that the assessment methodology would not change, rates would not increase, and the collection period would not be extended.

HJTA does not believe the Attorney General's advisory opinion disposes of the constitutional issue presented here.

Article XIII D provides that, "[n]otwithstanding any other provision of law," its requirements apply to "all assessments," including assessments imposed pursuant to state statute. (Cal. Const., art. XIII D, § 1.) Section 4 requires an agency imposing an assessment to identify the parcels receiving special benefit, calculate the amount attributable to each parcel, provide notice to the affected property owners, and conduct a weighted property-owner ballot.

The California Supreme Court has called that vote a "bedrock requirement" of article XIII D. (*Ventura Group Ventures, Inc. v. Ventura Port Dist.* (2001) 24 Cal.4th 1089, 1107.) Even where a project provides a special benefit, the property owners retain the right to decide whether they wish to receive that benefit at the proposed cost. (*Id.* at pp. 1107-1108.)

A LAFCO protest proceeding is not the proceeding described in article XIII D. It asks whether a governmental reorganization should occur. It does not give each affected parcel owner a vote weighted according to the amount of the proposed assessment.

Nor does *Citizens Assn. of Sunset Beach v. Orange County Local Agency Formation Com.* (2012) 209 Cal.App.4th 1182 resolve the issue presented here. *Sunset Beach* broadly stated that Proposition 218 does not apply to annexations, but the case concerned preexisting taxes governed by article XIII C, not benefit assessments governed by article XIII D. It did not decide whether article XIII D's parcel-specific requirements concerning special benefit, separation of general benefit, proportionality, and supporting engineering remain applicable when a previously authorized assessment is extended for the first time to newly annexed parcels.

Here, the consequences are substantial. This is not a minor adjustment to CSA 48's boundary. An entire independent fire district would disappear, and thousands of parcels would become subject to two assessment regimes those property owners never participated in approving. If the County and LAFCO believe Government Code sections 56886 and 57330 permit that result notwithstanding article XIII D, please provide the legal analysis supporting that position.

III. Proportionality And The Enlarged CSA 48

Even assuming the CSA 48 assessments finance cognizable special benefits and may lawfully be extended without a new ballot, the County must still demonstrate that the amounts imposed on the PVFPD parcels satisfy article XIII D.

No assessment may exceed the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on the parcel, and the agency bears the burden of demonstrating compliance. (Cal. Const., art. XIII D, § 4, subds. (a), (f); *Silicon Valley*, *supra*, 44 Cal.4th at pp. 447-449.)

The existing engineering reports show why a fresh look is necessary.

CSA 48's 2020 report analyzed 9,812 parcels in an approximately 286-square-mile service area served by ten year-round staffed fire stations. Its methodology incorporates property

characteristics, fire-hazard classifications, and GIS-calculated station travel times. The report also attributed a substantial portion of the services to general benefit.

PVFPD is different. Its engineering analysis describes approximately 18,000 residents over 52 square miles, one PVFPD station, and different contractual, automatic-aid, and mutual-aid arrangements. The County may ultimately be able to use portions of the existing CSA 48 methodology. But the factual assumptions underlying special benefit, general benefit, and proportionality cannot simply be carried over from one territory to the other.

LAFCO's draft parcel schedule describes the proposed calculation as the "csa48 rate at 172.70, adjusted by Casserly Rd only." The public record does not explain precisely what that notation means. The existing CSA 48 methodology uses several parcel-specific factors, including fire hazard and GIS-calculated station travel time. Please explain which elements of that methodology were recalculated for the PVFPD parcels, how the applicable parcel and hazard factors were determined, and why the proximity component apparently references Casserly Road only.

The numbers also deserve an explanation.

LAFCO's draft parcel calculations produce approximately $1,784,346 in combined CSA 48 assessments for the PVFPD parcels. The FY 2026-27 financial projection assumes $1,855,720 in CSA 48 Fire Flow/Assessment revenue.

$1,784,346 × 1.04 = $1,855,719.84.

The near-exact mathematical relationship between the two figures suggests that the $1,855,720 projection may have been derived by increasing the draft parcel calculation by four percent. If so, please identify the basis for that adjustment and the current engineering analysis establishing that the resulting assessment amount reflects the reasonable cost of proportional special benefits to the affected parcels. If not, please explain how the $1,855,720 figure was derived.

In *Silicon Valley*, the Supreme Court quoted the criticism of an assessment methodology that "works backward by starting with an amount taxpayers are likely to pay and then determines an annual spending budget based thereon." (*Silicon Valley*, *supra*, 44 Cal.4th at p. 457.) That concern is implicated here. The lawful assessment amount must follow from the cost of the proportional special benefit. It cannot simply be the amount the existing assessment structure is capable of generating.

IV. Requested Materials

Before the reorganization is finalized, please provide or identify:

1. The legal analysis supporting application of the two CSA 48 assessments to the PVFPD parcels without an article XIII D assessment-ballot proceeding.

2. The analysis identifying the particular and distinct special benefits financed by each CSA 48 assessment and distinguishing those benefits from general governmental fire protection and emergency response.

3. The calculation underlying the proposed CSA 48 charges and the $1,855,720 FY 2026-27 revenue projection, including the applicable rates, escalation factors, and whether the rates used are the maximum rates currently authorized.

4. Any current engineer's report, technical memorandum, workpaper, spreadsheet, GIS analysis, or other work addressing special benefit, general benefit, service geography, response resources, costs, and proportionality for the enlarged CSA 48, including the basis for the notation "adjusted by Casserly Rd only," the station/travel-time assumptions applied to PVFPD parcels, and the underlying parcel-factor calculations.

5. The foundational engineer's report and authorizing documents for the 1997 Fire Flow Unit Assessment, including the original benefit determination, methodology, rate authority, and escalation provisions.

HJTA supports adequately funded fire protection. Our concern is with the financing mechanism.

PVFPD's 2024 proposed assessment was rejected in the article XIII D weighted-ballot proceeding. The proposed reorganization would now dissolve PVFPD and make thousands of those parcels subject to two different fire assessments without an article XIII D ballot. The present record also leaves unresolved whether the services financed by those assessments constitute particular and distinct special benefits and whether the amounts proposed for the PVFPD parcels satisfy article XIII D.

These questions should be addressed before LAFCO acts on the reorganization. If the County believes the existing assessments may lawfully be extended to the PVFPD territory on the present record, please provide the legal and engineering support for that position together with the materials identified above.

Best Regards,

/s/ Gregory A. Thyberg, Jr.
Gregory A. Thyberg, Jr.
Director of Legal Affairs

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Proposed State Rire Hazard Severity Zone Map Affect 347 Acres in Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

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Dear Pajaro Valley Fire Protection Board,
I want to make sure your Board is aware of the proposed changes to the State Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps that will affect a substantial area within your District.

SCR-005, adjacent and to the west of the Watsonville Airport, is one of the areas affected. It is a total of 347 Acres. CAL FIRE is holding public hearings on additions to FHSZ in the SRA. I request that your Board participate, and that the District notify affected property owners of the proposed changes and public comment period. The only comment time for Santa Cruz County is
11/19/26 1:00PM at the Ben Lomond Training Center (13575 Empire Grade Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060)
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Is any of this area included in the Watsonville City General Plan 2050 Update to annex areas of Buena Vista Drive neighborhoods?
https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6423c33848d24c1f94c7c6d717b8c94d/page/Draft-General-Plan-Document
See "Vision and Growth Strategies" pages 4 and
7: https://www.watsonville.gov/DocumentCenter/View/28952/Watsonville-General-Plan-2050-Chapter-03-Vision-and-Growth-Strategy?bidId=

- **To view the FHSZ online viewer and additions to FHSZ in SRA, please visit: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/b1a11874c83d4a93962823162e5b02e7**

Fire Hazard Severity Zones SRA Documents:

- **Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action (NOPA) - this doc has the schedule of hearings - Nov 17-19, 2026 in SC, SMC, SCz**
- **Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR)**
- **Proposed Text of Regulations (ET)**
- **Documents Relied Upon**
- **Documents Incorporated by Reference**

Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner