

Resolution No. 2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO DISSOLVE THE DISTRICT AND REORGANIZE INTO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District ("PVFPD") has provided fire protection services to the residents of the Pajaro Valley for many years; and

WHEREAS, the needs of the community and the fire protection services required to address those needs have evolved over time; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of PVFPD has carefully considered various options to enhance service delivery and improve operational efficiency, and has determined that reorganization of the district into the Santa Cruz County Fire Department ("SCCFD") would improve public safety, streamline fire protection services, and provide a more efficient use of resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed and evaluated the benefits and impacts of dissolving the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District and transitioning its operations into the Santa Cruz County Fire Department, and has found that such reorganization would benefit both the residents of the district and the larger Santa Cruz County area; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has agreed to absorb the operations, personnel, and assets of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District into the Santa Cruz County Fire Department, ensuring that the transition is seamless and services will continue without disruption to the residents of the Pajaro Valley; and

WHEREAS, the dissolution of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District and the reorganization into the Santa Cruz County Fire Department is consistent with applicable law and regulations governing the dissolution and reorganization of special districts, including the California Government Code and the Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the transition of services from the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District to the Santa Cruz County Fire Department will be subject to the approval and oversight of the Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") and any other applicable regulatory agencies, as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District does hereby:

1. **Approve the dissolution** of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District and the reorganization of fire protection services into the Santa Cruz County Fire Department, effective upon the completion of all necessary approvals and regulatory processes.

2. **Direct staff** to work in coordination with the Santa Cruz County Fire Department, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, and the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to facilitate a smooth transition, including the transfer of all assets, liabilities, personnel, and operational responsibilities from the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District to the Santa Cruz County Fire Department.
3. **Commit to maintaining the high standard** of fire protection services to the residents of the Pajaro Valley throughout the reorganization process and ensure there is no disruption in services.
4. **Request that LAFCO** review and approve the dissolution and reorganization plan and assist with all necessary procedural and legal steps to complete the process.
5. **Thank the members of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District**, the community, and all personnel for their dedication and service in ensuring the safety of the Pajaro Valley area.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County, this 24th day of April 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Martone, Dellamonica, Moules, Erbe

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sampson

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

BY 
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Mike Urbani, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:


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Dave Martone, Chairperson of the Board