



PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Correction to agenda - None

1.2 Call Meeting to Order -5:07 PM Roll Call

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

Members Excused: Director Sampson due to illness

2.0 Agenda Amendments

2.1 Additions to Agenda- NONE

3.0 Oral Communications

3.1 Public Oral Communication

Beck Steinbruner, Santa Cruz mountains resident- reported on her attendance at LAFCO meeting.

3.2 Staff Oral Communication

None

3.3 Board Oral Communication

None

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes – Approval of the minutes the Regular Board meeting on January 14, 2026.

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

Motion: Motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda by Director Erbe

Second: Director Moules

All in favor: All

5.0 Presentations

5.1 Pajaro Valley Chief's Report & Run Report for January 2026

BC Urbani reported on the following:

- Form 700 needs to be completed. Due April 1
- 2 structure fires on Taylor and on Hwy 129 – no injuries.
- No issues with apparatus
- No training
- No facility issues
- 4th FAE filled by Engineer Juan Bravo
- Attended Ben Evans Memorial. Apparatus, equipment and photos on display. Many in attendance. BC Urbani noted that there was an Instagram post on the fires on the CalFire CZU social media.

5.2 Watsonville Run Report for January 2026

No questions from the Board. BC Urbani reported that the report was split due to Watsonville Fire's switch to a new system. Chief Wilson stated that all agencies had to switch to a new NERIS system.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Finance Committee – None

6.2 LAFCO Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

Chief Wilson reported that he and Mr. Serrano co-presented on the PV Fire District history; LAFCO also discussed the Master Service Review and agency reorganizations. The Board discussed the town hall meetings, announcements to the public, and dates for the working group meetings. The town hall meetings will be held at Casserly Hall. The first town hall meeting will be held at 6pm on March 31st. The April date is to be determined. A member of the public asked if information will be available on the website. BC Urbani stated that all information available will be shared with the public. Chair Martone stated that all information on parcels was available on LAFCO website already.

Don Jarvis-lives in District: expressed concerns about the LAFCO report's statement on the District reorganization.

6.3 BESS Working Group – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica

Director Dellamonica reported that they met with representatives from North Monterey County and discussed the fire code, ordinances, response and impact to their agency. Director Dellamonica stated that there is a potential to turn on one of the Moss Landing batteries in July.

Sina Kuhzarani- Member of the public- shared his experience during the Moss Landing battery fire and asked the District to not approve the project. He expressed his concern about the impacts.

Diane Benton-Watsonville resident- expressed concern that the full dangers are not being expressed and asked the Board to consider the worst-case scenario.

Director Dellamonica stated that District did not ask for a BESS facility. The District is dealing with it and doing what is possible to prepare for it.

Chair Martone stated that the District does not decide the outcome. The Board is working to be as prepared as possible.

Sara Wringler- member of the community- shared experience during Moss Landing Battery Fire, expressed concerns and asked the Board to place requirements on the facility.

Nina Audino- Varni & Pioneer- expressed concern that ordinance was changed. Read NFPA document regarding testing. Asked the Board to help bring back the language in the ordinance.

Becky Steinbruner- mountains of Aptos: spoke on items that District should ask for when writing their ordinance. Director Dellamonica and Chair Martone discussed the consultants being considered for support with fees and the ordinance. The working group will discuss and determine who to move forward with.

6.4 Watsonville Fire/Pajaro Valley Fire Contract Ad Hoc Committee – Chair Martone & Director Dellamonica.

***Members will give a report during Item 7.1 Pajaro Valley FPD / Watsonville Fire Service Agreement Update**

7.0 Continuing Business

7.1 Pajaro Valley FPD / Watsonville FD Fire Service Agreement Update

The Board will receive an update and staff report from Chief Wilson about the Pajaro Valley Fire/Watsonville City Fire Department Fire Service Agreement.

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

Chief Wilson reviewed the background history of the PV/Watsonville contract and the costs from its inception to current. With a new chief, Staff recommends a meeting with Watsonville Fire to discuss an agreement.

Becky Steinbruner- resident: asked if BESS response is being considered as part of the contract. Chief Wilson stated that it is not part of the contract and falls under mutual aid.

Director Dellamonica directed Chief Wilson to schedule a meeting with Chief Schaefer and include the AdHoc Committee.

Motion: No motion

Second:

Vote:

7.2 **Pajaro Valley Fire Board Meeting Rules**

Board to receive an update from BC Urbani, review, discuss and make any further changes to the updated Pajaro Valley Fire Board meeting Rules.

Recommended Action: Discuss, make changes, give directions to staff or make a motion.

BC Urbani reviewed the meeting rules, changes and discussions with the attorneys on changes being presented. The Board discussed the changes and decided to move to Sturgis rules of order.

Member of the public asked when the Ad-Hoc committee information is available to the public. Director Dellamonica explained that the meeting is not a standing meeting and gives monthly reports at the Board meeting. Becky Steinbruner- asked when something becomes a part of public record.

The members of the public discussed public records and presentations from the Ad Hoc committees.

The Board discussed the term of the chair and vice chair with directors serving a two-year term. The Board agreed to nominate and vote on chair and vice chair who will serve for one year consecutively.

Motion: No motion. BC Urbani will finalize the meeting rules and present it for Board approval

Second:

Vote:

8.0 **New Business**

8.1 **Review Ordinance 2022-01 Compensation for Board Members of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District**

Board to review and discuss possible changes to Ordinance 2022-01 Compensation for Board Members of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District.

Recommended Action: Discuss, make changes, give directions to staff.

Director Dellamonica discussed the possibility of increasing the \$60 stipend due to the increase in meetings. The Board discussed the meetings and need for compensation due to the increase in meetings and impact to personal time while considering the impact to the budget. The Board requested staff to present a financial impact report with maximum of 6 meetings with no increase to the amount of the stipend.

Becky Steinbruner- asked the Board to consider the optics.

8.2 **Resolution 2026-01 2025 Annual Mandatory Inspections**

Board review Annual Inspections Staff Report from Deputy Fire Marshal Joe Paquin and Resolution 2026-01 2025 Annual Mandatory Inspections.

Recommended Action: Board makes a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 2025 Annual Mandatory Inspections. BC Urbani presented the yearly report from the Fire Marshal on the mandated inspections. 100% of educational (9) and residential facilities (13) have been inspected.

Becky Steinbruner- Asked how to obtain a copy of the report and was directed to submit a public records request.

Motion: Director Dellamonica- Motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 2025 Annual Mandatory Inspections

Second- Director Erbe

Vote: all

8.3 Resolution 2026-02 Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Appropriation Limitation
Board review calculations and letter from Santa Cruz County Auditor and Resolution 2026-02 that shows corrected amount for FY 2025/2026 Appropriation Limitation. This resolution corrects and replaces the amount on Resolution 2025-11.

Recommended Action: Board makes a motion approving Resolution 2026-02 correcting the amount allocated. BC Urbani reviewed the appropriation limitations and noticed that the amount in resolution 2025-11 was incorrect. This resolution will correct the amount.

Motion: Director Erbe- Motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Appropriation Limitation.

Second: Director Moules

Vote: All

8.4 Discuss Request for Proposal for Fire Protection Services

Board discussion to direct staff to submit a Request for Proposal to Watsonville Fire Department and Central Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County for fire protection services.

Recommended Action: Board to have discussion and give directions to staff.

Director Dellamonica discussed the status and options for fire protection services. Staff will be directed to send an RFP to Central Fire and Watsonville Fire to determine the cost of contracted services.

Becky Steinbruner- asked if the information will be available by March 31

Don Jarvis -asked if the request is for reorganization and contracted services. Chief Wilson stated it will only be for contracted services.

9.0 Correspondence

None

10.0 Agenda items for the next meeting

Becky Steinbruner-asked the Board for a more stringent fire code as it relates to BESS

Don Jarvis-requested that the reorganization be placed on the agenda

11.0 Adjournment

Motion: Director Erbe

Second: Director Dellamonica

All in favor: All

Time: 6:29

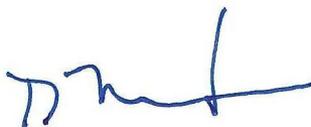
This is to certify that for foregoing is a true copy of the discussions during the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District Regular Board of Directors meeting, held on February 11, 2025

Attest:

March 11, 2026



**Mike Urbani
Board Secretary**



**Dave Martone
Board Chair**

