



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

Minutes

MINTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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

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Mike Urbani
Board Secretary

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Dave Martone
Board Chair