

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
PACHECO STORM WATER DISTRICT**

Armando Alfaro Trustee	Michele Schroeder Trustee	Paula Azcona Trustee
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481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023

**PACHECO STORM WATER DISTRICT - REGULAR MEETING-
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
6:00 PM**

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1 CALL TO ORDER

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

4 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1. [Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2023 Meeting](#)

[2023_09_25_Pacheco Storm Water District_Minutes_Meeting--VMT202307181146.pdf](#)

4.2. [Acknowledgement of Certificate of Posting](#)

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5 REGULAR AGENDA

5.1. [Update regarding FEMA Application for Emergency Public Assistance to Repair Pacheco Creek Levee Breaks](#)

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5.3. [Report on September 5 Town Hall Meeting](#)

5.4. [Authorize President of Board of Trustees to submit application for directors' liability insurance](#)

5.5. [Approval of new Advisory Board members](#)

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5.6. [Discussion of how to publicize PSWD webpage an other outreach activities](#)

5.7. [Discussion of Future Agenda Item](#)

6 ADJOURNMENT

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
Board Member Board Member Board Member

Item Number: 4.1

MEETING DATE: **09/25/2023**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2023 Meeting

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS:

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Alfaro	Schroeder	Azcona
Trustee	Trustee	Trustee

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Michele Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Michele Schroeder let the meeting into the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment in Chambers:

Elia Salinas expressed concern over the board's lack of progress in merging with the San Benito County Water District, citing their inexperience and financial limitations compared to San Diego County Water District. They also called for transparency regarding the funds collected by the district and urged the board to seek guidance from experienced entities like San Diego County Water District and leverage available resources.

No Public Comment via Zoom

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Paula Azcona, Trustee motioned to adopt the consent agenda.

Armando Alfaro, Trustee seconded this motion.

Moved by Paula Azcona, Trustee seconded Armando Alfaro Trustee, motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion Passed: 3 - 0

Voting For: Armando Alfaro, Michele Schroeder, Paula Azcona

Voting Against: None

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.A Update regarding FEMA Application for Emergency Public Assistance to

Repair Pacheco Creek Levee Breaks

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works stated Trustee Schrader had approved damage inventories for event 46, 83, signifying an agreement between FEMA, the Pacheco storm Water District, and their organization regarding reasonable damages for reimbursement. FEMA is considering the levy breaches under the 46, 99 event due to increased damage during the second storm, potentially leading to quicker reimbursement for debris removal, contingent on photographic evidence and site visits.

Michele Schroeder, Trustee, had a question regarding the agenda item.

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works addressed the Trustees question.

Public comment in Chambers:

George Mancino, who has lived on Lovers Lane for 30 years, expressed frustration over recurrent flooding issues due to the creek bed's inadequate depth. They emphasized the urgent need to dig down the creek bed to allow water to flow and clear debris before the upcoming rainy season.

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works addressed the public comment.

Josephine Alfaro, a resident of Lovers Lane, expressed her frustration and concern about the slow response to the disaster they experienced. She emphasized the importance of prioritizing lives and homes over bureaucratic protocols and wildlife concerns, given the significant financial and personal losses incurred during the disaster. Josephine expressed her uncertainty about the support they might receive from FEMA, the county, or others, and her hope to avoid experiencing another flood.

No Public comment via Zoom

Madison Mitchell from San Benito County OES announced the distribution of a mailer to 400 residences, mainly those affected by winter storms, to promote an upcoming Town Hall event. She mentioned that weather radios pre-programmed with emergency weather alerts from the National Weather Service would be available at the Town Hall, and a preparedness fair on September sixteenth in the Kmart Parking lot would provide additional resources and information on emergency preparedness.

5.B Update on Debris Removal

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works mentioned that they are coordinating with Granite Construction and another contractor to obtain three quotes for levee breach repair and debris pile removal. They plan to map out the situation with FEMA in the coming days and hope to secure funding for the necessary work, acknowledging the urgency of the situation due to the approaching storms and expressing agreement with the sentiment that action is needed promptly.

Public comment in Chambers:

Elia Salinas suggested that the board should consider fining property owners who had

unpermitted RVs on their properties and were charging rent for them. They proposed using the fines collected from these property owners to fund debris removal, emphasizing the importance of pursuing such actions to address the debris issue.

No Public comment via Zoom

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works addressed public comments.

Arielle Goodspeed, Principal Planner addressed public comments.

5.C Update on Request for Board to have the County provide the Pacheco Storm Water District with a loan to Fund Debris Removal within the Creek Area

Michele Schroeder, Trustee provided an update on the request for a loan from the Board of Supervisors to fund debris removal and levy repairs. The Trustee mentioned that a meeting with two supervisors had taken place, and the proposal to have the county fund the repairs, to be reimbursed later by FEMA funds, was considered feasible and is now on the Board of Supervisors' agenda for the next day's meeting. The trustee encouraged attendance at the meeting for those interested in this development.

Public comment in Chambers:

Elias Salinas urged the district to come prepared with a clear plan if they intend to request money, referencing a recent request by Hazel Hawkins Hospital for an advance from property taxes without a clear plan. They emphasized the importance of having a solid plan to present to the Board of Supervisors and urged the district to communicate this plan effectively to secure funding.

No Public comment via zoom

5.D Update on Quote for Directors' Liability Insurance

Michele Schroeder, Trustee, mentioned that there isn't much of an update at the moment. They plan to meet with Sean and possibly Steve to discuss various policy options and hope to provide an update in the future.

No Public Comment via Zoom

No Public comment in Chambers

5.E Update on Pacheco Storm Water District Webpage

Victor Tafoya, Assistant Planner, provided updates on the district's website, including the addition of a historical description of the Pacheco Storm Water District's creation in 1946. He mentioned the removal of a trustee's address from the board member application and noted the availability of an email for those interested in serving on a subcommittee. Additionally, he mentioned archiving agenda packets and meeting minutes on the website.

No Public Comment in Chambers

No Public comment via zoom

5.F Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Michele Schroeder, Trustee, clarified that they hadn't forgotten about the issue of the Pacheco stormwater district potentially joining the San Benito County Water district. The trustee discussed it with Sean and determined that there wasn't enough information to include it on the agenda. The Trustee also mentioned that their understanding was that their district spans two different counties and sought confirmation of this fact.

Public Comment in the chambers:

Bill Florek expressed agreement with previous discussions and emphasized the need to take a long-term approach. He suggested involving the Army Corps of Engineers to clean out the creek thoroughly and ensure proper water flow. Additionally, he recommended adding this topic to an upcoming agenda and exploring avenues to engage individuals like Mr. Rivas or Mr. Zanger in the process.

No Public Comment via Zoom.

5.G RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR

Authorize the acceptance of \$1,600,000.00 (here in after Loan) of County General Fund Contingency account to an account to be designated by the County of San Benito Auditor. The funds will be transferred into the designated account after the execution of a loan agreement between the County of San Benito and the Pacheco Storm Water District. Delegate authority to Trustee Michele Schroeder to execute the Laon Agreement

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works outlined three components of the staff's recommendation, emphasizing that the current authorization for loan repayment would not include committing the Pacheco Stormwater district to levy taxes or assess new funds on property owners unless approved by those property owners themselves.

Michele Schroeder, Trustee, discussed the question of what money to promise the county, suggesting that they could safely promise everything received from FEMA, Cal OES, or other grants. They also mentioned the need to explore other long-term funding sources, such as potential assessments from property owners, which would require a ballot initiative and take time with an uncertain outcome.

Armando Alfaro, Trustee, had a question regarding the agenda item.

Public Comment in the chambers:

George Mancino raised a question about the percentage of property taxes allocated to the general fund and wondered why the county wouldn't use some of the money from the general fund to address their needs, given the increasing property taxes they've been paying. They expressed frustration with the condition of roads in the North County and suggested that the general fund might be used for other purposes or budgeted differently.

Elia Salinas discussed their discovery of \$20 million in funding approved for Pajaro and suggested that San Benito County should also seek similar funds, emphasizing the need for a well-prepared plan when approaching the Board of Supervisors to secure funding. They

highlighted the importance of actively advocating and engaging with state representatives to secure necessary funding for the county's flood victims.

No Public Comment via Zoom

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works addressed public comments.

Moved by Michele Shroeder, Trustee seconded Paula Azcona Trustee, motion to accept staff recommendation.

Motion Passed: 3 - 0

Voting For: Armando Alfaro, Michele Schroeder, Paula Azcona

Voting Against: None

5.H ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Paula Azcona; seconded by Armando Alfaro to Approve Adjournment.

Motion Passed: 3 - 0

Voting For: Armando Alfaro, Michele Schroeder, Paula Azcona

Voting Against: None

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
Board Member Board Member Board Member

Item Number: 4.2

MEETING DATE: **09/25/2023**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

Acknowledgement of Certificate of Posting

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS:

[Certificate of Posting 2023-09_25.pdf](#)

*San Benito County Planning Commission
2301 Technology Parkway
Hollister, CA 95023*



CERTIFICATE OF AGENDA POSTING

Pursuant to Government Code §59454.2(a), I Victor Tafoya, certify that the **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA** for the **PACHECO STORM WATER DISTRICT** scheduled for September 25, 2023 was posted at the following locations, freely accessible to the public, on this day of September 21, 2023:

The bulletin board outside the front entrance of the San Benito County Planning Department, 2301 Technology Parkway, Hollister, CA

AND

The bulletin board outside the front entrance of the San Benito County Administration Building, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA

AND

On The San Benito County website <https://www.cosb.us/> in the Events Calendar.

Victor Tafoya
Assistant Planner
County of San Benito

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.1

MEETING DATE: **09/25/2023**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

Update regarding FEMA Application for Emergency Public Assistance to Repair Pacheco Creek Levee Breaks

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

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**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.2

MEETING DATE: **09/25/2023**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

Update on Debris Removal

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

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**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
Board Member Board Member Board Member

Item Number: 5.3

MEETING DATE: **09/25/2023**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

Report on September 5 Town Hall Meeting

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

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**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
Board Member Board Member Board Member

Item Number: 5.4

MEETING DATE: **09/25/2023**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

Authorize President of Board of Trustees to submit application for directors' liability insurance

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS:

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
Board Member Board Member Board Member

Item Number: 5.5

MEETING DATE: **09/25/2023**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

Approval of new Advisory Board members

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

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SAN BENITO COUNTY
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby express an interest in being nominated for membership on the following commission: (PLEASE PRINT)

BOARD/COMMISSION: Pacheco Storm Water District Advisory Committee

NAME: Rochelle Beerli

PHONE: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] san felipe road

CITY: hollister ZIP: 95023

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 27 years

SUPERVISOR DISTRICT: Zanger

OCCUPATION: farmer/land owner

EDUCATION: n/a

AFFILIATIONS: n/a

REASON(S) FOR SEEKING APPOINTMENT: _____

to work in conjunction with fellow members to improve and manage the flow of storm water down the Pacheco Creek.

DATE: 9.11.2023 SIGNATURE: [Handwritten Signature]

Return completed form to:

Michele Schroeder, President, Board of Trustees

Any questions, please call: [REDACTED]

SAN BENITO COUNTY
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby express an interest in being nominated for membership on the following commission: (PLEASE PRINT)

BOARD/COMMISSION: Pacheco Storm Water District Advisory Committee

NAME: WILLIAM FLOREK

PHONE: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] LOVERS LANE

CITY: HOLLISTER, CA ZIP: 95023

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 65 yrs

SUPERVISOR DISTRICT: 1

OCCUPATION: _____

EDUCATION: _____

AFFILIATIONS: _____

REASON(S) FOR SEEKING APPOINTMENT: PROVIDE ADVICE FOR
OUR DISTRICT

DATE: 9/18/2023 SIGNATURE: [Signature]

Return completed form to: Michele Schroeder, President, Board of Trustees
Pacheco Storm Water District
[REDACTED]

Any questions, please call: [REDACTED]

SAN BENITO COUNTY
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby express an interest in being nominated for membership on the following commission: (PLEASE PRINT)

BOARD/COMMISSION: Pacheco Storm Water District Advisory Committee

NAME: LUCINDA FLOREK *underscore*

PHONE: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] LOWERS LANE

CITY: HOLLISTER, CA ZIP: 95023

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 38 yrs

SUPERVISOR DISTRICT: 1

OCCUPATION: RETIRED ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

EDUCATION: BSEE

AFFILIATIONS: _____

REASON(S) FOR SEEKING APPOINTMENT: provide advice to our local water district.

DATE: 9/18/2023 SIGNATURE: [Signature]

Return completed form to: Michele Schroeder, President, Board of Trustees
Pacheco Storm Water District
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Any questions, please call: [REDACTED]

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Item Number: 5.6

MEETING DATE: **09/25/2023**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

Discussion of how to publicize PSWD webpage an other outreach activities

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

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**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
Board Member Board Member Board Member

Item Number: 5.7

MEETING DATE: **09/25/2023**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

Discussion of Future Agenda Item

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS: