

**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-
FEBRUARY 26, 2024
6:00 PM**

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1 CALL TO ORDER

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

4 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1. [RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator- Acknowledgement of Certificate of Posting](#)

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- 5.8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator- Â Update on PSWD publicity and outreach activities
- 5.9. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator- Discussion of Future Agenda items

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: **02/26/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Acknowledgement of Certificate of Posting

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS:

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*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 February 26, 2024, was re-posted at the following locations, freely accessible to the public, on this day of February 22, 2024:

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
AGENDA ITEM
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

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

Item Number: 4.2

MEETING DATE: **02/26/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Approval of minutes from January 22, 2024, Pacheco Storm Water District meeting

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS:

[2024_1_22_Pacheco Storm Water District_Minutes_Meeting--VMT202307181146 1.pdf](#)



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
PACHECO STORM WATER DISTRICT**

Armando	Michele	Paula
Alfaro	Schroeder	Azcona
Trustee	Trustee	Trustee

481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023

**PACHECO STORM WATER DISTRICT – REGULAR MEETING-
January 22, 2024
6:00 PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Michele Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment in Chambers

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 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS

ADMINISTRATOR-Update regarding Levee Repair and Debris Removal.

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works, reported that the debris removal between Lovers Lane and San Felipe Road is completed, with piles of debris ready for burning pending fire department approval. Two out of four levee breaches are fixed, while the remaining breaches await repair, with plans sent to contractors. Hydroseeding plans are pending FEMA's environmental direction. Completion of repairs is expected by the next meeting.

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

Paula Azcona, Trustee, had a question regarding the agenda item.

Public comment in Chambers:

Mark Shroeder had a question regarding the agenda item.

Public comment via Zoom:

Anthony Botelho had a question regarding this agenda item.

Roshelle Beerli had a question regarding this agenda item.

Madison Mitchell from the San Bonito County Office of Emergency Services provided an update on their grant application for a potential watershed study. The grant remains open for submissions from impacted jurisdictions during declared emergencies, with no set closure date or timeline for fund allocation. Currently, the application is pending review by CalOES. Madison will continue to monitor for updates and provide announcements as necessary.

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works addressed both public comments and the Trustees questions.

**5.B RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS
ADMINISTRATOR-Update on status of FEMA applications.**

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works announced that progress on the FEMA-managed projects differed. While the levy repair project moved ahead swiftly, the debris removal project faced delays due to legal concerns. However, following intervention from Congresswoman Lofgren office, FEMA confirmed the district's legal authority for debris removal, allowing for invoice processing and potential reimbursement. Unfortunately, the levy repair process is currently stalled at FEMA's environmental group, awaiting guidance on vegetation and hydroseeding.

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

Public comment via Zoom:

Anthony Botelho had a question regarding this agenda item.

No Public comment in Chambers

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works addressed both public comments and the Trustees questions.

**5.C RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS
ADMINISTRATOR-Update from the advisory board on grant opportunities**

Michele Schroeder, Trustee, mentioned she was pleased with progress on FEMA repairs and is now focused on long-term solutions. Due to limited revenue, they're exploring grant

opportunities. Meetings in December and this month discussed creating a Cal OES account for potential grants and filing for a hazard mitigation plan grant. Additionally, they explored opportunities with USDA and discussed potential collaboration with the Resource Conservation District for grant applications. They're committed to pursuing these avenues despite the lengthy process ahead.

Public comment in Chambers:

Mark Shroeder had a question regarding the agenda item.

Public comment via zoom:

Roshelle Beerli had a question regarding this agenda item.

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works addressed public comments.

5.D RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR-Discussion regarding tree removal on levee near Lovers Lane Bridge

The Trustees discussed this agenda item among themselves.

Paula Azcona, Trustee, had a question regarding the agenda item.

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

Public comment via Zoom:

Anthony Botelho had a question regarding this agenda item.

Roshelle Beerli had a question regarding this agenda item.

Public comment in Chambers:

Lucinda Florek had a question regarding the agenda item.

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works addressed both public comments and the Trustees questions.

5.E RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR-Presentation on warning and alert programs

Madison Mitchell from the San Bonito County Office of Emergency Services presented on alert and warning platforms used by the San Benito County Office of Emergency Services and its partners. It highlighted platforms like SBC Alert (Genesis), Nixel, 211, and the NOAA system for emergency notifications. The presentation also discussed social media accounts for up-to-date information and emphasized the importance of IPAWS and WEA alerts, which are federal systems not controlled by local jurisdictions.

Public comment via Zoom:

Anthony Botelho had a question regarding this agenda item.

Roshelle Beerli had a question regarding this agenda item.

Public Comment in Chambers:

Mark Shroeder had a question regarding the agenda item.

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

5.F RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR-Discussion of Future Agenda Items

The Trustees discussed among themselves potential future agenda items.

Public Comment in Chambers:

Mark Shroeder provided an overview of available used equipment options, aiming to estimate costs including transportation and insurance. Research from various sources like eBay and government surplus outfits was shared, focusing on US-made, German, Japanese, and one Chinese make of tracked vehicles, primarily excavators. Considerations included weight, hours, and horsepower, with heavier and lower-hour options generally preferred. Statistics on tonnage and horsepower were presented for eight pieces of equipment. Further research and expert input will inform decision-making, with a focus on tracked vehicles within the district's budget.

Public Comment via Zoom:

Anthony Botelho had a question regarding this agenda item.

Roshelle Beerli had a question regarding this agenda item.

Madison Mitchell from San Benito County suggested exploring unconventional grant strategies, such as one agency purchasing equipment to gift to another agency, which then maintains it and undertakes related work. She cited examples where equipment purchased through grants was later gifted between agencies. While unsure if this approach is applicable here, she encouraged thinking creatively and mentioned previous instances where the city of Hollister pursued similar grant opportunities with the county of San Benito.

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works provided input on this agenda item.

5.G 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
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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.1

MEETING DATE: **02/26/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Update regarding debris removal and levee repair.

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: **02/26/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Update on status of FEMA applications

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS:

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.3

MEETING DATE: **02/26/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Update on tree removal from creek near Lovers Lane bridge

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS:

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
Board Member Board Member Board Member

Item Number: 5.4

MEETING DATE: **02/26/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-

Consider and adopt resolution to request modification of loan agreement from San Benito County for the purpose of removing trees from levee near Lovers Lane bridge

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS:

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
Board Member Board Member Board Member

Item Number: 5.5

MEETING DATE: **02/26/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Consider and adopt resolution to purchase directors' liability and general liability insurance

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

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**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
Board Member Board Member Board Member

Item Number: 5.6

MEETING DATE: **02/26/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Discussion of options for community-led maintenance of creek and levees

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: 5.7

MEETING DATE: **02/26/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-

Update from advisory board on meeting with Valley Water

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: 5.8

MEETING DATE: **02/26/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Update on PSWD publicity and outreach activities

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: 5.9

MEETING DATE: **02/26/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Discussion of Future Agenda items

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS: