

**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-
MARCH 25, 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](#)
Certificate of Posting 2024-3-25.pdf
- 4.2. [RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator- Approval of minutes from February 26, 2024, Pacheco Storm Water District meeting](#)
2024_2_26_Pacheco Storm Water District_Minutes_Meeting--VMT2023071811461.pdf

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- 5.1. [RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator- Presentation by Ryan McCarter of Valley Water regarding Pacheco Dam expansion](#)
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- 5.7. [RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-](#)

Discussion of options for community-led maintenance of creek and levees

- 5.8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Update on PSDW 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: **03/25/2024**

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:

[Certificate of Posting 2024-3-25.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 March 25, 2024, was re-posted at the following locations, freely accessible to the public, on this day of March 21, 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Victor Tafoya".

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: **03/25/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Approval of minutes from February 26, 2024, Pacheco Storm Water District meeting

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

ATTACHMENTS:

[2024_2_26_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-
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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 Debris Removal and Levee Repair.

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works, reported that the debris removal between Lovers Lane and San Felipe Road is completed, and have they've completed all necessary steps, inputted required information, and reached a stage where FEMA requested us to upload burn permits within a specific timeframe. Collaborating with the fire department, they decided to burn debris piles between March 1st and May 1st. This timeframe, though not critical, was deemed beneficial by our FEMA representative for advancing to the environmentalist phase. Once uploaded, if no questions arise, we anticipate moving forward with potential reimbursement to the district. Despite knowing the actual burning

won't occur for a few months, FEMA suggested uploading permits as a step towards progress. All other required documents have been uploaded to FEMA, bringing them to this point in handling debris piles.

No public comment in Chambers

No public comment via Zoom

5.B RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS

ADMINISTRATOR-Update on status of FEMA applications.

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works reported that they've uploaded all documents for levee repairs and are awaiting guidance from FEMA's environmental team. Once they confirm completion, we can proceed to the reimbursement phase. Due to limited staff, there's been a delay since October in receiving their feedback. Despite this, progress seems promising, though timelines for environmental reviews vary from 6 weeks to 6 months.

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

No public comment in chambers

No public comment via Zoom

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works addressed the Trustees' questions.

5.C RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS

ADMINISTRATOR-Update on tree removal from creek near Lovers Lane

Bridge

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works reported South's levy downstream of Lovers Lane Bridge, a row of 8 to 10 trees, surviving previous storms, fell into the creek during recent high winds, causing damage. Despite initial cleanup efforts, more work is needed to stabilize the area. Funding was secured for temporary measures, with plans for permanent solutions pending in drier seasons. Proposed modifications to a loan agreement may provide additional funds for stabilization efforts. Ongoing monitoring and potential further tree removals are recommended. The hope is to mitigate risks until permanent solutions can be implemented in the spring.

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

Public comment in chambers:

Lucinda Florek had a question regarding the agenda item.

No public comment via zoom

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

**5.D RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS
ADMINISTRATOR-Consider and adopt resolution to request modifications of loan agreement from San Benito County for the purpose of removing trees from levee near Lovers Lane bridge**

The Trustees reported that the district is considering requesting a modification of their agreement with the county. The repairs and cleanup were funded through a county loan, contingent upon FEMA reimbursement. As FEMA won't cover certain work, additional funds are needed. The proposal suggests using excess funds from the county loan for further work, as there's an estimated \$350,000 remaining from the \$1.6 million loan.

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

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

Public comment in chambers:

Lucinda Florek had a question regarding the agenda item.

No public comment via Zoom

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

Moved by Michelle Schroeder, Trustee seconded Armando Alfaro Trustee, motioned to request modification of the loan agreement from San Benito County for authorization to use up to 350,000 remaining from the 1.6 million loan to utilize those funds to make urgent repairs to the levees and to prevent further flooding.

Motion Passed: 3 - 0

Voting For: Armando Alfaro, Michele Schroeder, Paula Azcona

Voting Against: None

**5.E RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS
ADMINISTRATOR-Consider and adopt resolution to purchase Director's liability and general liability insurance**

The Trustees reported that after months of discussion, insurance options have been explored. One quote was obtained for directors' liability insurance, as general liability was deemed too risky by insurers. The only quote received was for directors' liability insurance, priced at approximately \$1,700 annually. This policy primarily covers errors and omissions committed by trustees while acting in their official capacity, excluding willful misconduct or actions performed outside of trustee duties. Further discussion is needed to determine whether to proceed with this coverage.

Sean Cameron, Assistant County Counsel provided input on this agenda matter.

No public comment in chambers

No public comment via Zoom

Moved by Paula Azcona, Trustee seconded Armando Alfaro Trustee, motioned to not adopt the resolution of purchasing the liability insurance and general insurance for the moment.

Motion Passed: 3 - 0

Voting For: Armando Alfaro, Michele Schroeder, Paula Azcona

Voting Against: None

**5.F RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS
ADMINISTRATOR-Discussion of options for community-led maintenance of
creek and levees**

The Trustees reported that Grant Brians, who possesses farming experience and equipment knowledge, was consulted regarding the feasibility of obtaining insurance for operating equipment. He expressed skepticism, noting the difficulty in obtaining insurance even when using contractors. Additionally, he mentioned the necessity of certifications for operating the specific equipment under consideration, such as large excavators.

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

No public comment in Chambers

No public comment via Zoom

**5.G RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS
ADMINISTRATOR-Update on advisory board on meeting with Valley Water**

The Trustees reported that on February fifth, a Zoom meeting was held with Valley Water, including myself, Steve, Rochelle Beerli, and Anthony Botelho. The discussion primarily focused on Valley Water's plans for a new dam, presented by Ryan McCarter. The proposed dam, significantly larger than the existing one, aims to decrease flooding by up to 46% and is 25 times larger than the current structure. There's interest in inviting Ryan to speak at future meetings. Valley Water expressed openness to collaboration, though specifics are yet to be determined. Suggestions include seeking partnership on grant applications, leveraging Valley Water's expertise and resources. Further discussions will refine the potential partnership.

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

Public comment via Zoom:

Rochelle Beerli provided input on this agenda item.

No public comment in Chambers

**5.H RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS
ADMINISTRATOR-Update on PSWD publicity and outreach activities**

The Trustees reported that there haven't been developments regarding the sign. A suggestion was made by Mark Schroeder, proposing an electronic sign available on eBay for \$72, programmable for specific operation times. Despite reservations about its suitability for a rural area like Lovers Lane, the suggestion was shared for discussion. The preference leans towards a more traditional approach with a Plexi-covered posting area to prevent damage from weather. Further input on this matter is welcomed.

Public comment via zoom:

Rochelle Beerli provided input on this agenda item.

No public comment in chambers

5.I 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:

Lucinda Florek had a question regarding the agenda item.

Public comment via Zoom:

Rochelle Beerli provided input on this agenda item.

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

5.J 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: **03/25/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Presentation by Ryan McCarter of Valley Water regarding Pacheco Dam expansion

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.2

MEETING DATE: **03/25/2024**

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:

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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.3

MEETING DATE: **03/25/2024**

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:

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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.4

MEETING DATE: **03/25/2024**

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

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

Item Number: 5.5

MEETING DATE: **03/25/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

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

Report by Sean Cameron on process for expanding district boundaries

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM
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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.6

MEETING DATE: **03/25/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Update from advisory board regarding grant opportunities

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: 5.7

MEETING DATE: **03/25/2024**

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:

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Item Number: 5.8

MEETING DATE: **03/25/2024**

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

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**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.9

MEETING DATE: **03/25/2024**

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

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