

**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-
APRIL 22, 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 2024-4-25.pdf
- 4.2. [RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator- Approval of minutes from February 26, 2024, Pacheco Storm Water District meeting](#)
2024_3_25_Pacheco Storm Water District_Minutes_Meeting--VMT2024041811461.pdf

5 REGULAR AGENDA

- 5.1. [RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator- Update regarding debris removal and levee repair](#)
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- 5.3. [RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator- Update on tree removal from creek near Lovers Lane bridge](#)
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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 PSWD publicity and outreach activities](#)
- 5.9. [RESOURCE MANGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator- Discussion of May meeting date](#)
- 5.10. [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: **04/22/2024**

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 2024-4-25.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 **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA** for the **PACHECO STORM WATER DISTRICT** scheduled for April 22, 2024, was re-posted at the following locations, freely accessible to the public, on this day of April 18, 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: **04/22/2024**

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_3_25_Pacheco Storm Water District_Minutes_Meeting--VMT202404181146 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-
March 25, 2024
6:00 PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Michele Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

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-Presentation by Ryan McCarter of Valley Water regarding Pacheco Dam Expansion

Ryan McCarter, deputy operating officer at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, presented the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion project, which aims to increase the reservoir's capacity significantly. The project is a collaboration with multiple water districts and is crucial for ensuring a reliable water supply in the face of climate change. Key points include the project's potential to supply water to 1.4 million residents, improve fish habitat, and reduce water shortages during droughts. The presentation covered project partners,

site geography, operational plans, construction details, costs, and key milestones. McCarter also discussed flood control benefits, emphasizing the project's role in reducing downstream flooding and its potential to capture excess water during peak storm events.

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

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

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

Public comment via Zoom:

Grant Brians had a question regarding the agenda item.

Public comment in Chambers:

Lucinda Florek had a question regarding the agenda item.

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

Ryan McCarter, deputy operating officer at the Santa Clara Valley Water District Works addressed both public comments and the Trustees questions.

5.B RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR-Update regarding debris removal and levee repair

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works provided an update on debris removal and levee repairs. Debris removal is nearly complete pending burn permits from the Hollister Fire Department, which are being coordinated with property owners. He additionally mentioned that the levee repairs have raised the tops to a level above downstream levees, but planting and mitigation efforts are pending approval and pricing from environmental consultants before construction can resume.

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

Public comment via Zoom:

Grant Brians had a comment regarding the agenda item.

No public comment in chambers

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

5.C RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR-Update on status of FEMA application

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works reported that after obtaining burn permits, the plan for debris removal and reimbursement involves submitting photos to FEMA for approval. For

levee repairs, FEMA's environmental group is progressing, having analyzed the project and issued a request for information to Pacheco Storm Water District. This indicates movement in the process, although the specifics of the request are yet to be disclosed. Approximately 20% of projects typically receive such requests, reflecting the complexity of the process.

No public comment in chambers:

No public comment via zoom

5.D 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 that a few weeks ago, county funding was secured to remove trees from the creek, addressing damage to the levy. Since then, another tree fell, prompting plans for its removal near Lovers Lane Bridge. Funding for on-site work and levee repairs is currently unavailable, although efforts are underway to explore potential funding sources. Requests have been made to the county for additional support, but further updates are pending.

The Trustees reported that efforts were made to get the request on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting. It was hoped that the request would be discussed at the meeting, providing an opportunity for community input. The request involved amending the loan agreement to utilize excess funds for emergency repairs not covered by FEMA. The meeting was scheduled for April ninth, and community support was encouraged for the proposal. Michele Schroeder, Trustee, had a question regarding the agenda item.

No public comment in chambers

No public comment via Zoom

5.E RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR-Report by Sean Cameron on process for expanding district boundaries

Sean Cameron, County Counsel, provided a presentation introducing the process of expanding the district's boundaries. This idea stemmed from a meeting with a representative from LAFCO, the local agency formation commission. The process involves passing a resolution, mapping properties in the flood zone designated by FEMA, and dealing with legal descriptions of land. There are forms available online from LAFCO for application, but fees and funding constraints need consideration. The application undergoes review by other agencies and involves tax negotiations with the county. Property owners can protest annexation, potentially leading to an election if enough protests occur. Sean suggested conducting an informal survey of property owners to gauge interest before proceeding with the formal annexation process.

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

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.F RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR-Update from the advisory board regarding grant opportunities

The Trustees reported that at the Advisory Board meeting on March ninth, not much new was reported. However, there was a concern regarding the registration through SAM for doing business with the Federal Government. The registration, initially established by Joel Ellenwood in March 2023, was up for renewal, but access was hindered due to it being linked to Joel's old county-issued phone number. The issue was resolved, and the registration was successfully renewed, allowing the district to proceed with grant applications if desired.

Lucinda Florek, Advisory Boad member 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-Discussion of options for community-led maintenance of creek and levees

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works reported that the county has been collaborating with a nonprofit group called CHEER (Coastal Habitat Education and Environmental Restoration) to organize community efforts in removing debris and trash from creek areas. Herman Garcia, the president of CHEER, expressed interest in coordinating a cleanup of Pacheco Creek with the water district during the summertime, as they are advocates for environmental conservation and facilitating fish migration.

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

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

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

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

Public comment via Zoom:

Grant Brians had a comment regarding the agenda item.

No public comment in Chambers

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

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 in publicity and outreach activities.

No public comment via zoom:

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 via Zoom:

Grant Brians had a comment regarding the agenda item.

No public comment in Chambers

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
AGENDA ITEM
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.1

MEETING DATE: **04/22/2024**

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: 5.2

MEETING DATE: **04/22/2024**

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

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Item Number: 5.3

MEETING DATE: **04/22/2024**

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: 5.4

MEETING DATE: **04/22/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Update on request to modify re loan from San Benito County

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: **04/22/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

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

Discussion of Proposed Pacheco Dam Expansion and One Water Upper Pajaro Watershed Master Plan

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: 5.6

MEETING DATE: **04/22/2024**

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

Item Number: 5.7

MEETING DATE: **04/22/2024**

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: 5.8

MEETING DATE: **04/22/2024**

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
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

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

Item Number: 5.9

MEETING DATE: **04/22/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Discussion of May meeting date

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: 5.10

MEETING DATE: **04/22/2024**

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: