

**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 23, 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.pdf

4.2. [RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator- Approval of minutes from August 26, 2024, Pacheco Storm Water District meeting](#)
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- 5.8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
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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: **09/23/2024**

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:

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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 **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA** for the **PACHECO STORM WATER DISTRICT** scheduled for September 23, 2024, was re-posted at the following locations, freely accessible to the public, on this day of September 19, 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
Associate Planner
County of San Benito

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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 4.2

MEETING DATE: **09/23/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
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AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

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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 6:10 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public Comment in Chamber

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 certificate of posting.

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 Stop Pacheco Dam Coalition

Osha Mazur, an attorney based in Sacramento, worked with the Stop Pacheco Dam Coalition, which included ranchers, environmentalists, and park advocates concerned about the impact on Henry Coe State Park. The coalition interacted with individuals from the district and sought to engage the local community regarding the Pacheco Dam project. Osha acknowledged the presence of a Valley Water representative earlier in the year and aimed to provide an alternative perspective on the project. They pointed out that the new reservoir would inundate 1,500 acres and that the project was primarily intended for water supply, not flood control. Significant cultural resources were also at risk, and the project was estimated to cost around \$4 billion, with alternatives like groundwater recharge and other feasible storage

projects being proposed. Osha emphasized that the dam's small footprint would have minimal impact on flood control, and urged for collaboration in protecting ranch lands and habitat areas.

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

No public Comment in Chambers

Roechelle Beerli had a question on this agenda item.

No Public Comment via Zoom

Osha Mazur, attorney with the Stop Pacheco Dam Coalition addressed public comment and the Trustees' questions.

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

ADMINISTRATOR- Update regarding debris removal and levee repairs

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works provided an update on debris removal and levee repair. He reported that debris cleanup was completed at two of the three sites, with the help of property owners, while the third site was awaiting a site visit from Cal Fire. Cal Fire was assessing whether the debris pile was large enough to require a curtain burner for disposal. They planned to visit the site to determine the best strategy for removing the debris. Regarding levee repair, Steve completed one of two steps requested by the water board, which involved showing the planting plan. However, he still needed to finish a mitigation monitoring plan to track the growth of hydro seed on the repaired levee, which remained a priority.

Public Comment in Chambers:

Roechelle Beerli had a question on this agenda item.

No Public Comment via Zoom

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works addressed public comment

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

ADMINISTRATOR- Update on the status of the FEMA applications

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works mentioned that progress was made on levee repairs, with the project moving closer to potential funding or reimbursement. On August 20th, it entered the final review stage in FEMA's system, where a decision on fund obligation will be made. Meanwhile, debris removal remained in the environmental review stage, with no significant progress. Steve suggested that adding more data to the project might help move it forward, and he had already uploaded burn permits and related documents, hoping to unstick the process.

No public comment in chambers

No public comment via zoom

**5.D RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS
ADMINISTRATOR- Discussion of Paterno v. State of California**

The Paterno v. State of California case was discussed, focusing on a levee failure in the 1980s that caused extensive flooding and damage. Property owners sued Yuba County, a local reclamation district, and the State of California. The court ultimately held the State liable because the failed levee was part of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project, which the State had incorporated, despite not originally building it. The district is now analyzing whether this case has relevance to its own situation and is conducting further research into levee ownership and responsibility.

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

Public comment in chambers:

Rochelle Beerli had a question on this agenda item.

No public comment via Zoom

**5.E RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS
ADMINISTRATOR-Update regarding grant and other funding opportunities**

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works mentioned that the Emergency Watershed Protection Program was discussed as a potential funding opportunity. One of the trustees contacted the NRCS State Conservation Engineer, who expressed doubt that Pacheco Creek qualified for the program. However, the program's eligibility remained unclear. A local USDA representative, James Booth, was contacted for a site visit to assess creek bank erosion at key locations, such as the southwest corner of Lovers Lane. The district hoped his assessment might open opportunities for funding, even if not through this specific program. Additionally, Steve highlighted an upcoming levee owner's workshop hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on September 26th, with virtual participation available. The workshop would cover flood season preparation, levy repair requests, and funding opportunities, and trustees were encouraged to attend for networking and information on potential funding.

No public comment in chambers

No public comment via Zoom

**5.F RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS
ADMINISTRATOR- Update on request to modify re loan from San Benito County**

An update was provided on the request to modify the \$1.6 million loan from the county, initially obtained to fund levee repairs with the expectation that FEMA disaster relief funds would repay the loan. As repairs were expected to come in under budget, a meeting was held with Supervisors Gonzalez and Zanger to discuss using the surplus for other urgent, non-FEMA-covered repairs. It was found that the loan agreement did not strictly limit funds to FEMA-related projects. Legal counsel, Sean Cameron, confirmed that other funding sources could be used for repayment, but such sources needed to be reasonably expected before reallocating the surplus. The district could either secure alternative funding or request a

modification from the county board.

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

Public comment in Chambers:

Rochelle Beerli had a question on this agenda item.

No public comment via Zoom

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works addressed public comment.

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

ADMINISTRATOR- Discuss and approve community clean-up by CHEER

Steve Loupe, Director of Public Works mentioned that a volunteer nonprofit beach cleanup group, "Cheers," was contacted by email three weeks ago to schedule a potential September cleanup. After receiving no response, a follow-up email was sent on August 5th to arrange a scouting visit to assess trash in the creek. The group only removes trash, not vegetation. Despite two emails, no response has been received, and further follow-up is planned.

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

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

Public comment in Chambers:

Rochelle Beerli had a comment on this agenda item.

Marcel Beerli had a question on this agenda item.

No public comment via Zoom

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 outreach/social media

There were no substantial updates on outreach/social media efforts from the Trustees

No public comment in chambers

No Public comment via zoom

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

ADMINISTRATOR- Discussion of Future Agenda Items

The Trustees discussed potential future agenda items.

Public comment in chambers:

Rochelle Beerli provided a comment on this agenda item.

No public comment via zoom

5.F 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: **09/23/2024**

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: **09/23/2024**

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: 5.3

MEETING DATE: **09/23/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
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AGENDA SECTION:

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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.4

MEETING DATE: **09/23/2024**

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:

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Armando Alfaro Michele Schroeder Paula Azcona
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Item Number: 5.5

MEETING DATE: **09/23/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

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

Discuss and approve expenditures of funds to repair certain areas of the levee in urgent need of repair

AGENDA SECTION:

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Item Number: 5.6

MEETING DATE: **09/23/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Discussion and approve levee clean-up by California Conservation Corps

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: **09/23/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-S. Loupe, Public Works Administrator-
Update on outreach/social media

AGENDA SECTION:

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Item Number: 5.8

MEETING DATE: **09/23/2024**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Victor Tafoya

SUBJECT:

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

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