

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Avila Beach Community Services District**  
**Tuesday, August 11th, 2026**  
**1:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Kelley called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Avila Beach Community Services District, to order at 1:02 P.M. on the above date, in the Avila Beach Community Services District Building, 100 San Luis Street, Avila Beach, California.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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| Board Members Present           | Pete Kelley<br>John Janowicz<br>Kristin Berry<br>Howie Kennett              |
| Board Members Present via Zoom: | Ara Najarian                                                                |
| Board Members Absent:           | None                                                                        |
| Staff Present:                  | Brad Hagemann, General Manager (Via Zoom)<br>Kristi Dibbern, Office Manager |
| Operations:                     | Shawn Powell, Chief Plant Operator<br>Weston Kelley, Operator in Training   |
| Legal Counsel via Zoom:         | Craig Parton from Price, Postel, & Parma                                    |

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Raylene Collins a resident of the District introduced herself and expressed interest in the possibility of becoming more involved with the District.

**4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. County Reports**

**Cal Fire:** Chief Provence reported 75 calls for service this month. Cal Fire has deployed extensive personnel, hand crews and engines to combat the Timber Fire in Big Sur. San Luis Obispo County Fire Department are unifying it's branding across fleet and facilities to properly denote both its state and local county fire protection. Avila's own Station 62 will be getting a new sign.

**Sheriff's Report:** No report.

*With the Board concurrence, President Kelley moved the Consent Items up on the agenda to be considered prior to the Closed Session.*

**8. CONSENT ITEMS:**

After Board discussion and no public comment, Director Berry made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Director Kennett seconded the motion, and it passed with a roll call vote 5-0.

AYES Kristin Berry  
Howie Kennett  
Pete Kelley  
Ara Najarian  
John Janowicz  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

9. **PULLED CONSENT ITEMS.** None

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

None.

6. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened to closed session at 1:09 PM to discuss the following items:

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). Number of cases: One.

7. **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION/ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION, IF ANY, TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

The Board returned to the regular session at 1:22 PM. No reportable action was taken by the Board of Directors during the closed session.

10. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**Item 10A. Consider Adopting Resolution No. 2026-06 updating the Conflict-of-Interest Code.** After Board discussion and no public comment, Director Janowicz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-06 to update the Conflict of Interest Code. Director Berry seconded the motion, and it passed with a roll call vote 5-0.

AYES John Janowicz  
Kristin Berry  
Howie Kennett  
Pete Kelley  
Ara Najarian  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**Item 10B. Consider Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding between Seawell LLC and Avila Beach CSD regarding an offshore floating desalination pilot project.**

GM Hagemann summarized the Staff Report and provided a brief overview/summary of the draft MOU. After Board discussion and an opportunity for public comment, Director Najarian made a motion to adopt the MOU with Seawell, LLC. Director Janowicz seconded the motion, and it passed with a roll call vote 5-0.

AYES: Ara Najarian  
John Janowicz  
Howie Kennett  
Kristin Berry  
Pete Kelley  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**Item 10C. Discussion regarding the Avila Beach CSD adding “Recreational” Powers to the District.  
The Board discussed the pros and cons of adding recreational powers to the District.**

GM Hagemann summarized the Staff Report. After considerable Board discussion, the Board decided that they would like additional information from LAFCO before initiating any formal application. Board directed staff (via a motion), to contact a LAFCO representative and place this item on the agenda for September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting. President Kelly made the motion and Director Berry seconded the motion, and it passed with a roll call vote 5-0.

AYES: Pete Kelley  
Kristin Berry  
John Janowicz  
Ara Najarian  
Howie Kennett  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**11. Communications and Correspondence.**

As summarized in the General Manager’s Report, on August 5, 2026, the Board received a request via email from Sara Elena Loaiza 182-186 San Miguel Street, owner of Casa San Miguelito. The email requested the Board to schedule an agenda item to investigate the feasibility of the Avila Beach Community Services District accepting responsibility for the maintenance of the public benches along the Avila Beach Promenade. After some discussion, the Board concluded that the CSD does not have the authority or the responsibility to maintain the benches in Avila Beach. The Board directed staff to contact San Luis Obispo County Parks & Recreation and request that they review the bench maintenance issue.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:25 PM.

These minutes are not official nor are they a permanent part of the records until approved by the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad Hagemann, PE  
General Manager