

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Avila Beach Community Services District
Tuesday, April 14th, 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 1:00 P.M. on the above date, in the Avila Beach Community Services District Building, 100 San Luis Street, Avila Beach, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present	Pete Kelley Howie Kennett John Janowicz Ara Najarian - Joined via Zoom at 1:04 PM
Board Members Present via Zoom:	None
Board Members Absent:	Kristin Berry
Staff Present:	Brad Hagemann, General Manager Shawn Powell, Chief Plant Operator Weston Kelly, Utility Worker
Legal Counsel via Zoom:	Craig Parton from Price, Postal, & Parma

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. County Reports

Sheriff's Report: Commander Abbas joined via Zoom and reported 115 calls for service, including 11 enforcement stops, 23 preventive patrol stops, 10 suspicious circumstances, 3 thefts, and 7 disturbances during the month of March.

Cal Fire: Chief Travis reported 65 calls for service this month. Twenty-five were medically related, including 7 vehicle accidents. On the 31st of March there was a house fire in See Canyon.

(The Board returned to Public Comment at the request of Sara Loaiza)

Sara expressed her dissatisfaction with the customer functionality of the new billing software system. She explained that it was difficult to understand and not user friendly. She compared the system to So. Cal Gas' customer portal. She asked the Board and Staff to investigate the system that the Gas Company is using due to its user-friendly features. President Kelley thanked her for her input.

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

After Board discussion and an opportunity for public comments, Director Janowicz made a motion to approve the Consent Items. It was seconded by Director Kennett and passed with a roll call vote 4-0.

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

6. **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS:** None

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM** - NO COMMENTS.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened to closed session at 1:20 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.

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

The Board returned to regular session at 1:30 PM. No reportable action was taken by the Board of Directors.

9. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

A. Avila Pier Rehab Funding Assistance. This informational item provided the Board an opportunity to discuss funding assistance options for the Avila Pier project. Legal Counsel, Craig Parton provided legal advice on the subject. No reportable action was taken.

B. Weed Abatement Program. Resolution No. 2026-02

Director Janowicz seconded the motion. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-0.

AYES: Howie Kennett
 John Janowicz
 Ara Najarian
 Pete Kelley

NOES: none

ABSENT: Kristin Berry

C. Fiscal Year 2026/27 Preliminary Budget

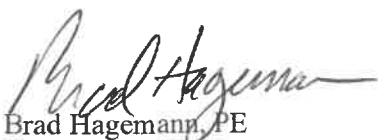
GM Hagemann summarized the staff report. The items discussed included the need for a part-time Billing Clerk/Bookkeeper to reduce contract labor costs and develop in-house knowledge and succession planning. Staff also highlighted the recommendation to add an Operations/Utility Worker position to assist the Chief Plant Operator with day-to-day & on-call duties. The Board agreed these were good succession planning steps. The Board directed staff to include these new positions and set the budget hearing date for May 12th, 2026. Staff recommended the Board that the Board conduct a Cost of Services/Rate study in FY 2026/27.

10. **Communications/Correspondence** The CSDA Quarterly Meeting to be held at Rooster Creek Tavern in Arroyo Grande at 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM. GM Hagemann reminded the Board to let Kristi know if you plan on attending by April 17th.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 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