

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Avila Beach Community Services District
Tuesday, March 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 1:00 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 1:05 PM
Board Members Present via Zoom:	None
Board Members Absent:	Kristin Berry
Staff Present:	Brad Hagemann, General Manager Shawn Powell, Chief Plant Operator
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 57 calls for service, including 7 enforcement stops, 3 preventive patrol stops and 11 Cave Landing calls during the month of March.

Cal Fire: Chief Travis reported 21 were medically related calls. Four vehicle accidents, 8 false alarms and a gas line break occurred in the Avila Bay Estates. One hundred people were evacuated.

5. CONSENT ITEMS: (The Board returned to 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. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Presentation by SeaWell, Inc.

At the Board's request, Mr. Peter Stricker and Mr. Floyd Wicks, from SeaWell Inc., presented their floating offshore desalination unit. Since the District's water supply portfolio is 100% surface water, the Directors are looking into the concept of adding a local, drought resistant, water source to enhance the District's portfolio and possibly sell a portion of the surface water portfolio. The Board of Directors directed staff to form an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the project. President Kelley and Vice President Janowicz will serve on this committee. Director Kennett will serve as an alternate in their absence.

This was an information only item. The Board directed staff to continue to discuss and investigate the concept with Seawell working with the Ad Hoc Committee.

(Director Najarian dropped off the meeting at 2:20 PM and rejoined the meeting at 2:28 PM)

B. Annual Agreement with Fish and Farmers Market Association. GM Hagemann quickly summarized the staff report. Director Kennett made a motion to approve the Agreement. 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. Consider awarding a contract to GSE, Inc. to replace the primary clarifier drive unit. GM Hagemann summarized the staff report. Director Janowicz made a motion to award the contract to GSE. Director Kennett seconded the motion. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-0.

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM - NO COMMENTS.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to closed session at 2:50 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 3:10 PM. No reportable action was taken by the Board of Directors during the closed session.

10. Communications/Correspondence: Director Janowicz requested an item be included on the April 14, 2026, Board meeting to discuss how the ABCSD can assist with the Avila Pier repair project.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 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