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**A Once in a Lifetime Opportunity Leaves a Vacancy on PVWMA Board**

Watsonville, CA - The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) finds itself one director short with the resignation of recently elected board member Sam Cooley. “It is a bittersweet loss for the agency which has to say goodbye to a great new director while knowing that he has a once in a lifetime opportunity” said PVWMA Board Chair Rosemarie Imazio.

Cooley is leaving for a several year job in Australia where he will manage strawberry production for Driscoll’s.

During their Wednesday, March 20, 2013, regular meeting, the board of directors voted to fill the seat by appointment and will accept applications prior to the upcoming Board of Directors meeting on April 17, 2013. Information is available to interested applicants on the Agency website [pvwater.org](http://pvwater.org). Cooley represented district D which includes portions of Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties.

The PVWMA is a public agency whose mission is to protect and preserve the water resources within the agency’s jurisdiction, generally the greater coastal Pajaro Valley.

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