

# PAUMA VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**TIME:** 8:30 AM – **Open Session**  
**VENUE:** Board Room, Pauma Valley Community Services District  
33129 Cole Grade Road, Pauma Valley, CA 92061

### Pauma Valley Community Services District Mission

*“The mission of the Pauma Valley Community Services District is to protect the public health and environment of its community by providing effective wastewater management and stormwater drainage control, life safety assistance, security services, and exceptional customer care.”*

## AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Public Comment Period**

Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject not identified on this Agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the District; however, State law precludes the Board of Directors from taking action on or engaging in extended deliberations concerning items of business which are not on the agenda. Any matter not on the agenda that requires action will be referred to staff for a report and action at a subsequent Board meeting. As to matters on the agenda, an opportunity will be given to address the Board when the matter is considered. **Please note, individuals have a limit of three (3) minutes to make comments and will have the opportunity when called upon by the presiding officer.**

**-- ACTION ITEMS --**

**5. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Proposal Acceptance**

The Board of Directors will consider authorizing the General Manager to approve the Freedom Automation Incorporated (FAI) SCADA proposal to upgrade the current SCADA system.

Staff Recommendation:

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1. Authorize the General Manager to approve the Freedom Automation Incorporated proposal.
2. Discuss and take other action as appropriate.

**6. Adjournment**

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PAUMA VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Item: 5

Date: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

From: General Manager, Eric Steinlicht

Issue: Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Proposal Acceptance

**STAFF RECOMMENDS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

1. Authorize the General Manager to approve the Freedom Automation Incorporated proposal.
2. Discuss and take other action as appropriate.

**BACKGROUND**

The Pauma Valley Community Services District (District) Board of Directors approved and subsequently executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Rancho Pauma Mutual Water Company (RPMWC) in March of 2024. This MOU declared that the jointly utilized Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system is solely owned by the RPMWC and that the District will take the necessary steps to obtain their own independent SCADA system within the term of the lease that followed the MOU.

**DISCUSSION**

I have obtained three competitive formal proposals for the upgrade of our current SCADA system:

- **Freedom Automation Incorporated (FAI)**
- **Southland Water Technologies LLC (SWT)**
- **SmartCover (SC)**

Staff recommend moving forward with FAI for this critical upgrade. FAI is a well-known provider of SCADA System Project services and is a leader in the field. FAI has a great deal of experience in the public utility arena and are currently utilized by Rainbow Municipal Water District, as well as other public agencies in San Diego County. We have received very positive feedback and reviews of FAI, and they have been very attentive to the District needs. The planned upgrades to the District’s SCADA system will provide critical enhancements that the current control structure cannot provide such as allowing for independent management and alarming of critical wastewater assets as well as to follow the MOU and bring effective and independent control back to the District.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact is as follows:

Company	Total Cost	Recurring Cost (excludes maintenance)	Key Points
FAI	\$122,551.00 Or \$90,551.00	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$32,000 was added to this cost that will likely not need to be spent (utilizing existing infrastructure).</li> <li>• Reliable reputation.</li> </ul>
SWT	\$55,073.90 Or \$44,783.47	\$2,961.00/Year Or \$2,253.60/Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recurring costs remain indefinitely.</li> <li>• Cellular based.</li> <li>• Either \$29,610, or \$22,536 for every 10 years of service.</li> </ul>
SC	\$103,313.00	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offers leasing option.</li> <li>• Future integration with SmartCover device.</li> <li>• Expected future costs to personalize the Graphical User Interface.</li> </ul>

**THEREFORE, STAFF RECOMMENDS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

1. Authorize the General Manager to approve the Freedom Automation Incorporated proposal.
2. Discuss and take other action as appropriate.

**Attachments**

*Supplemental Materials Packet Page Number/s*

1.	Freedom Automation Incorporated Proposals	02-06
2.	Southland Water Technologies Proposals	07-13
3.	SmartCover Proposals	14-20