

**FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017  
4:00 P.M.**

**FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
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**I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

President Wolk called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was established with attendance as follows:

**Board of Directors**

**Present:** Milt Davies, Member  
Jennifer DeMeo, Member  
Al Gebhart, Member / Vice President  
Don McDougal, Member  
Charley Wolk, Member / President

**Absent:** None

**District Staff**

**Present:** Arlene Prater, General Legal Counsel  
Brian J. Brady, General Manager  
Jack Bebee, Assistant General Manager  
Jason Cavender, System Operations Manager  
Mick Cothran, Drought Management Coordinator  
Noelle Denke, Public Affairs Specialist  
Kyle Drake, Collection Supervisor  
Ken Hubbard, Utility Technician  
Todd Lange, System Service/Shop Supervisor  
Jeff Marchand, Engineering Supervisor  
Larry Ragsdale, Safety & Risk Administrator  
Mary Lou West, Secretary

**Also present were others, including, but not limited to:** Helene Brazier; Donna Gebhart; Archie and Patricia McPhee; and Zach Kantor-Anaya, Paul Melzer, and David Myers of The Wildlands Conservancy.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Wolk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ADDITIONS TO AGENDA PER GC § 54954.2(b)

There were no additions to the agenda.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Director McDougal moved to approve the agenda as submitted; Director DeMeo seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors Davies, DeMeo, Gebhart, McDougal, and Wolk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Members of the public are invited to address the Board of Directors on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. The Board President may limit comments to three (3) minutes.*

There were no members of the public who requested to speak during Public Comment.

- A. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER FOR AUGUST 2017  
1. Ken Hubbard, Utility Technician

The Board commended Ken Hubbard, Utility Technician in the Collection Department, for being chosen as the Employee of the Quarter for August 2017 by Antonio Campos, the previous Employee of the Quarter. Mrs. Denke took a photograph of President Wolk congratulating Mr. Hubbard.

- II. **CONSENT CALENDAR**-----**(ITEMS B-D)**  
*All items appearing on the Consent Calendar may be disposed of by a single motion. Items shall be removed from the Consent Calendar if any member of the Board of Directors or the public requests removal prior to a vote on a motion to approve the items. Such items shall be considered separately for action by the Board.*

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
1. Regular Board Meeting of July 24, 2017

*Recommendation: The Board approve the minutes of the aforementioned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District.*

C. ADVANCE APPROVAL TO ATTEND MEETINGS

*Recommendation:* The Board authorize Advance Approval to Attend Meetings for Directors' attendance to the following events: Understanding the Brown Act, September 6, 2017; 2017-18 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Tours hosted by the San Diego County Water Authority; the Regional Water Authority Facilities Tour, September 13, 2017; 2017 CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase, September 25-28, 2017, and Advanced Water Purification Demonstration Project Tour hosted by Padre Dam, date to be determined.

D. NOTICE OF COMPLETION

*Recommendation:* That the Board authorize staff to file the attached Notice of Completion with the San Diego County Recorder.

MOTION: Director McDougal moved to approve the Consent Calendar; Director Davies seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors Davies, DeMeo, Gebhart, McDougal, and Wolk  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

III. INFORMATION----- (ITEMS E-G)

E. STATUS REPORT OF PARCELS WITH DEFERRED WATER AVAILABILITY / STANDBY CHARGES

Dr. Brady provided an overview of the parcels with agreements to defer water availability / standby charges pursuant to Article 24 of the Administrative Code. Dr. Brady pointed out that the majority of the deferral agreements were with the Fallbrook Land Conservancy.

F. STATUS REPORT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE WATER USAGE

Dr. Brady provided a summary of the potable and recycled water usage by community service groups for fiscal year 2016-17. Vice-President Gebhart remarked that the water usage at Jackie Heyneman Park appeared high considering the recent water conservation measures and other upgrades to the facility. Mr. Bebee noted the District provides water to the park, but does not provide other services. Discussion ensued, and it was determined a water usage audit would be performed and the results would be reported to the Board at the next regular meeting. Lastly, President Wolk suggested replacing FPUD with Fallbrook Beautification Alliance in the row with water usage data for the South Mission Road medians.

G. ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) AND WATERSMART SOFTWARE UPDATE

*Presented by: Mick Cothran, Noelle Denke, and Todd Jester*

Mrs. Denke and Mr. Cothran presented a demonstration of the features and benefits to customers and the District through integration of WaterSmart software with automated metering infrastructure (AMI) technology. AMI meters interface with WaterSmart to assist with identifying leaks, monitoring water usage, and setting up usage alerts through a WaterSmart portal that customers will be able to access through the District's website or the internet. The integration between AMI meters and WaterSmart is currently being tested by District staff; and once testing has been completed, a public outreach campaign will be launched to notify, educate, and assist customers with accessing and utilizing the WaterSmart platform. Mrs. Denke added that on September 20, a WaterSmart representative would provide on-site training to District staff.

Vice-President Gebhart requested that staff provide Board Members copies of letters sent to ratepayers.

IV. **ACTION / DISCUSSION CALENDAR** ----- (ITEMS H-I)

H. AWARD OF 8 MG RESERVOIR RECOATING

*Recommendation: That the Board authorize award of the 8 MG Reservoir Recoating project to the lowest responsible bidder of AMP United at an amount of \$804,060.*

Mr. Bebee reported AMP United submitted the lowest bid out of seven received in response to a request for proposals to recoat the interior and exterior of the 8 MG reservoir located in the southwestern area of De Luz off Donnil Lane. The approved budget for fiscal year 2017-18 includes \$1.2 million for the project, and AMP United's bid was \$804,060. Mr. Bebee stated the recommendation is to award the project to AMP United for \$804,060. AMP United has worked for the District in the past, and the work was satisfactory.

MOTION: Director Davies moved to approve staff's recommendation; Director McDougal seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors Davies, DeMeo, Gebhart, McDougal, and Wolk  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

I. STATE LEGISLATIVE OPTIONS FOR FUNDING SANTA MARGARITA RIVER PROPERTY PURCHASE AND PROTECTION

Recommendation: Staff supports Board direction.

President Wolk invited David Myers of The Wildlands Conservancy to the podium in response to his request to speak. Mr. Myers stepped to the podium and stated he would be discussing potential state funding mechanisms for the preservation of the Santa Margarita River property. One of the potential alternatives is an initiative for a park and water bond by Joe Caves. Mr. Caves is the founder of Conservation Strategies, who has written almost every major park bond and water bond over the past 20 years. The Wildlands Conservancy pledged \$300,000 to help pass the initiative, which includes two projects for river parkway money: \$50 million for the Santa Ana River and \$15 million for the Santa Margarita River. Mr. Myers reported there are two initiatives that include \$15 million for the Santa Margarita River. In addition, there are two bills in the legislature, SB 5 by Senator Kevin DeLeón and AB 18 by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia, which are park bonds. It appears SB 5 will move forward, and there is a consensus in the legislature and the Governor's office to do a park bond up to \$4 billion. Unlike the Santa Ana River, there has been no success with local legislators supporting inclusion of the Santa Margarita River in the bond. Mr. Myers opined it was imperative to include the Santa Margarita River in the park bond and suggested the Board adopt a resolution to support that effort.

Brief discussion ensued. The Board decided to send a letter to Senator DeLeón requesting that funds for the Santa Margarita River be included in SB 5.

**MOTION:** Director Davies moved to send a letter signed by Board Members to Senator DeLeón to request that \$15 million in river parkway money for the Santa Margarita River in San Diego County be included in SB 5; Vice-President Gebhart seconded. Motion carried; **VOTE:**

**AYES:** Directors Davies, DeMeo, Gebhart, McDougal, and Wolk  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

President Wolk invited Donna Gebhart to the podium in response to her request to speak. Mrs. Gebhart stepped to the podium and provided an update relative to the Santa Margarita River property and trails, as follows: (1) Board Members were emailed information relative to SB 5 and AB 18 along with the language suggested by The Wildlands Conservancy for inclusion in SB 5, (2) the information was also sent to Assembly Member Marie Waldron's office, (3) Casey Kramer of Troop 739 raised \$1,800 for his Eagle Scout project to construct and install a kiosk at the Sandia Creek trailhead, and (4) additional "no parking" signs were installed around the Sandia Creek trailhead and parking violations will be enforced by the CHP. Additionally, Mrs. Gebhart distributed photos of the parking lots at the Santa Margarita River trailheads that were full of cars, trucks, and horse trailers to demonstrate the popularity of the trails.

**V. ORAL / WRITTEN REPORTS----- (ITEMS 1–6)**

1. General Legal Counsel

2. SDCWA Representative/General Manager

- Dr. Brady provided an overview of legislation affecting water purveyors.

3. Assistant General Manager

- Mr. Bebee provided a brief update on the Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project and stated once the State Board finalizes the water rights action, the loan process would be complete.

4. Public Affairs Specialist

- Mrs. Denke reported she has been working on letters to customers relative to the 2018 rates.
- The District received a letter of thanks from the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce for shopping bags donated by the District.

5. Director Comments/Reports on Meetings Attended

- Director Davies requested an item to record non-motorized recreational use easements on the Santa Margarita River property parcels be added to the next regular board meeting agenda.
- Director DeMeo reported attending the San Diego Chapter of CSDA quarterly dinner meeting and the COWU breakfast meeting.
- Director DeMeo requested a presentation by AECOM be included in a future Board meeting agenda.
- Vice-President Gebhart provided highlights of the Geomorphic & Ecological Fundamentals of Stream Restoration Course he attended in Lake Tahoe.

6. Log of Board Requests

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:56 p.m. following an oral announcement of Closed Session Items VI. (1) and (2) by General Legal Counsel Prater.

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

1. CONFERENCE TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PER GC § 54956.8

PROPERTY: SANTA MARGARITA RIVER PROPERTY (ABOUT 1,380 ACRES OF WILD WATERSHED LAND NORTH OF FALLBROOK AROUND THE SANTA MARGARITA RIVER PRESERVE)

AGENCY NEGOTIATORS: BRIAN J. BRADY AND JACK BEBEE

UNDER NEGOTIATION: TERMS

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PER GC 54957

TITLE: GENERAL MANAGER; CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR RETIREMENT

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned from Closed Session and reconvened to Open Session at 5:50 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (*As Necessary*)

There was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business to discuss, President Wolk adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District at 5:51 p.m.

  
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President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary, Board of Directors