



FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
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I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Mendelson called the Fallbrook Public Utility District's Community Benefit Program ("FPUD CBP") Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum was established and attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Present: Jim Mendelson, Chair  
Lila Hargrove, Vice Chair  
Mavis Canpinar  
Jerry Kalman  
Leticia Maldonado/Stamos  
Tiffany Saxon  
Elana Sterling

Absent: None

District Staff Present: Lauren Eckert, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

Also present: Two people attended via Zoom. Fifteen people attended in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Canpinar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA PER GC § 54954.2(b) - None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Committee Member Kalman moved to approve the agenda as presented; Committee Member Sterling seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Committee Members Canpinar, Hargrove, Kalman, Maldonado/Stamos, Mendelson, Saxon and Sterling

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Mendelson called for public comment on non-agenda items. No comments were received at this time.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -----(ITEM A)**

**A. SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (ATTACHMENT A)**

**MOTION:** Committee Member Sterling moved to approve the September 8, 2025 FPUD CBP Committee Meeting Minutes; Committee Member Kalman seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed.  
**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Committee Members Canpinar, Hargrove, Kalman, Maldonado/Stamos, Mendelson, Saxon and Sterling  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**III. ACTION/DISCUSSION -----(ITEMS B-F)**

**B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER TIFFANY SAXON**

Newly appointed committee member, Tiffany Saxon, provided the Committee with a brief background of her professional experience and community involvement.

**C. COMMITTEE POSITIONS TO BE FILLED:**  
1. SECRETARY  
2. CONTRACT OVERSIGHT

Chair Mendelson reported when former Committee Member Marchand resigned, the Committee lost their Secretary and Contract Oversight Workgroup Chair. He hoped by next month those position could be filled.

**D. REQUEST BY FOR EXTENSION BY FALLBROOK TRAILS COUNCIL FOR HIRING SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES (ATTACHMENT B)**

Chair Mendelson provided an overview of a request the Committee received from the Fallbrook Trails Council for a contract extension for the security and

maintenance services project. He reported the Committee does have an option to be able to extend the current contract as needed.

Lita Tabish from the Fallbrook Trails Council stepped to the podium to provide an explanation of the requested contract extension.

Vice Chair Hargrove clarified this request was to have the contract period end on January 5, 2026, with final reporting due in February 2026 instead of the contract ending on December 5, 2025, with final reporting due in January 2026.

MOTION: Committee Member Kalman moved to approve an extension to the Fallbrook Trails Council, having their contract end on January 5, 2026, with final reporting due on February 5, 2026; Committee Member Maldonado/Stamos seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Committee Members Canpinar, Hargrove, Kalman, Maldonado/Stamos, Mendelson, and Saxon

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Committee Member Sterling

ABSENT: None

E. APPLICATION REVIEWS

1. APPLICANTS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
2. SITE VISIT REVIEWS (ATTACHMENT C)
3. COMMITTEE MEMBER QUESTIONING

Chair Mendelson reported the Boys and Girls Club withdrew their application due to their requested paving project being for a private road, which the Committee does not fund. He went on to explain that 20 applications were to be reviewed. He announced he would call on the organizations, one at a time, to step to the podium to speak on their projects and allow committee members to ask questions. He noted he would also have a public comment period at the end of this agenda item. Chair Mendelson explained this was the first year that the requested funding amount surpassed the amount of available funds.

Representatives from the Fallbrook Center of the Arts, Fallbrook Fire Safe Council, Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society, Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District, Fallbrook Land Conservancy, Fallbrook Sports Association, Fallbrook Trails Council, Fallbrook Village Association, Fallbrook Youth Baseball, Mission Resource Conservation District, and North County Fire Projection District stepped to the podium during their respective project discussion period to address the committee and answer committee members' questions related to their project(s) and funding requests. The Fallbrook Senior Center and Fallbrook Youth Baseball did not have representatives present while their project was discussed.

Committee Member Kalman recused himself while the Fallbrook Land Conservancy projects were discussed. Committee Member Sterling recused herself while the Fallbrook Trails Council projects were discussed. Committee Member Canpinar recused herself while the North County Fire Protection District project was discussed.

During the public comment period, Mike Griffiths stepped to the podium to voice his concerns about the Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District requesting funding when their budget is larger than all the non-profits, and they receive grant funds from many other sources.

Chair Mendelson announced the Committee would be taking a break at 11:52 a.m. and would reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

Committee Member Saxon left the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Committee Member Madonado/Stamos voiced her concerns that some of the organizations do not think their projects were important enough to include in their budgets. She asked how we reconcile giving an organization money when they don't think their requested projects are important enough to budget for. The Committee discussed ways to address this in the future.

F. NEW MEMBER TRAINING (ATTACHMENTS D-I)

Chair Mendelson announced if either of the new members needed training for specific items, they could request the training through Vice Chair Hargrove.

IV. **WORK GROUP REPORTS**..... (ITEMS G-J)

G. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

There was no report.

H. PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT

There was no report.

I. CONTRACT OVERSIGHT

J. PUBLIC OUTREACH

Committee Member Kalman reported the Community Benefit Program page on the FPUD website had been updated.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

VI. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

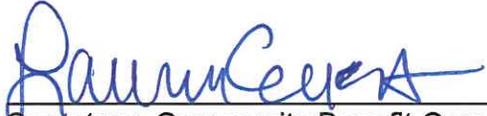
*Next regularly-scheduled Committee Meeting: November 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.*

Committee Members shall submit October Agenda items to Committee Chair Mendelson on or before October 31, 2025.

MOTION: Chair Mendelson moved to adjourn; Committee Member Sterling seconded. A vote commenced, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

  
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Chair, Community Benefit Committee

ATTEST:

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Secretary, Community Benefit Committee