



FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025
4:00 P.M.

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
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I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

President McDougal called the October Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District to order at 4:00 p.m.

A quorum was established, and attendance was as follows:

Board of Directors

Present: Don McDougal, Member/President
Ken Endter, Member/Vice President
Dave Baxter, Member
Jennifer DeMeo, Member
Charley Wolk, Member

Absent: None

General Counsel/District Staff

Present: Jack Bebee, General Manager
David Lloyd, Acting General Counsel
Dave Shank, Assistant General Manager/CFO
Jodi Brown, Management Analyst
Isabel Casteran, Safety & Risk Officer
Aaron Cook, Engineering Manager
Mick Cothran, Engineering Technician II
Aiden Crayne, Associate Engineer
Jorge Ibarra, Utility Worker II
Carl Quiram, Operations Manager
Peter Velasco, Utility Worker II
Lauren Eckert, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

Also present were others, including, but not limited to: Mark Mervich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President McDougal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AYES: Directors Baxter, DeMeo, Endter, 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 public comments on non-agenda items.

There were no public comments on agenda items A or B.

A. NEW CERTIFICATIONS

1. Peter Marshall, Mechanical Technologist, Grade 1
2. Favio Flores, Water Distribution Operator, Grade D1
3. Josh Hargrove, Mechanical Technologist, Grade 3

The Board recognized Peter Marshall for receiving his Mechanical Technologist, Grade 1 certification, Favio Flores for receiving his Water Distribution Operator, Grade D1 certification, and Josh Hargrove for receiving his Mechanical Technologist, Grade 3 certification.

B. MANAGER'S AWARDS

1. Peter Velasco
2. Jorge Ibarra
3. Favio Flores

The Board recognized Peter Velasco, Jorge Ibarra, and Favio Flores for receiving a Manager's Award for exceptional customer service.

II. **CONSENT CALENDAR**-----**(ITEMS C-E)**

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.

- C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1. September 22, 2025 Regular Meeting

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

- D. CONSIDER NOTICE OF COMPLETION – WRP SCRUBBER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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

- E. CONSIDER CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Recommendation: Staff recommends re-nominating Jack Bebee to serve on the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Special Districts Advisory Committee.

There were no public comments on Consent Calendar items.

MOTION: Director Wolk moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; Director Endter seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors Baxter, DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

III. INFORMATION----- (ITEM F)

- F. DOWNTOWN PIPELINE PROJECT

Presented by: Aaron Cook, Engineering Manager

Engineering Manager Cook presented a slide show providing an update of the status of the Downtown Pipeline Replacement Project.

President McDougal asked if the work being done at Mission and Aviation is an FPUD project. Engineering Manager Cook responded there were two projects. The one at Mission and Aviation was an SDG&E project. The current project at Mission and Main was a County sidewalk project.

IV. ACTION / DISCUSSION CALENDAR----- (ITEMS G-L)

G. CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (IGSA) BETWEEN FPUD AND MARINE CORP BASE CAMP PENDLETON (CPEN)

Recommendation: That the Board adopt Resolution No. 5100 amending the FY2025-26 District Budget to include the CPEN expenses and that the Board supports the required staffing and budget amendment, including 14 new positions showing in the IGSA with CPEN so the District is prepared to quickly move forward once the agreement is signed.

General Manager Bebee provided an overview of this item, noting it went through the Regional and Community Coordination Committee. He also described the benefit to the District, including savings to ratepayers and that this would build more robust operations. He explained it would be set up where Camp Pendleton pays upfront, and then we work through that account as a separate enterprise. General Manager Bebee added that the budget amendment, proposed positions, and salary changes were also included in this item.

Director Wolk asked about the positions from the District that partially supports this project. General Manager Bebee explained it was shown in the budget. Director Wolk asked how we were going to keep track of it. General Manager Bebee responded it would probably be allocated on a fixed percentage but will need to be worked out.

Mark Mervich stepped to the podium to ask about the size of Camp Pendleton's wastewater system. General Manager Bebee reported it was about the same size as the District's current wastewater system.

MOTION: Director Endter moved to adopt Resolution No. 5100 amending the FY2025-26 District Budget to include the CPEN expenses and support the required staffing and budget amendment, including 14 new positions showing in the IGSA with CPEN so the District is prepared to quickly move forward once the agreement is signed; Director Baxter seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors Baxter, DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

H. CONSIDER AWARD OF RECOVERY PUMP WELL REHABILITATION PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Board award the Recovery Pump Well Rehabilitation Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Brax, for \$77,880.01.

There were no public comments on agenda item H.

Engineering Manager Cook provided an overview of this item, explaining this was a small well that collects water that seeps from Red Mountain Reservoir and puts the water back into the reservoir. He reported it was originally built in 1986, and the casing is old and deteriorating. The well will be rehabilitated by replacing the casing, along with a new pump and pipe.

Director Wolk asked how they clean the bottom. Engineering Manager Cook explained it is an air scouring process. Director Wolk confirmed it will not be pumped into the reservoir.

MOTION: Director Wolk moved to award the Recovery Pump Well Rehabilitation project to the lowest responsible bidder, Brax, for \$77,880.01; Director DeMeo seconded. Motion carried; **VOTE:**

AYES: Directors Baxter, DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

I. CONSIDER AWARD OF SEWER MAIN RELINING PROJECT – FY26

Recommendation: That the Board award the FY26 Sewer Main Relining Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Sancon Technologies in the amount of \$156,871.

There were no public comments on agenda item I.

Engineering Manager Cook explained this item was our routine sewer main relining process for this fiscal year. He explained the process of relining.

Director DeMeo asked how they reline. Engineering Manager Cook explained they use a collapsible material and go in through manhole and pull it out through the next manhole downstream. They then inject heat into the pipe, which causes the material to expand and harden.

MOTION: Director Endter moved to award the FY26 Sewer Main Relining Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Sancon Technologies, in the amount of \$156,871; Director Wolk seconded. Motion carried; **VOTE:**

AYES: Directors Baxter, DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

J. CONSIDER AWARD OF SMGTP BACKUP GENERATOR PROJECT

Recommendation: *That the Board award the SMGTP Backup Generator Project to SCW Construction in the amount of \$1,570,692.*

There were no public comments on agenda item J.

Engineering Manager Cook provided an overview of this item, explaining that the treatment plant has no backup power in the event of a power outage or safety shutoff. He reported we have been pursuing grants and received a grant from the Department of Defense for this project. Engineering Manager Cook reported the lowest bidder retracted their bid due to calculation errors in their bid price. The grant is worth up to \$1,297,000.

MOTION: Director Endter moved to award the SMGTP Backup Generator project to SCW Construction in the amount of \$1,570,692; Director Wolk seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors Baxter, DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

K. CONSIDER INITIAL EVALUATION OF RED MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR RENEWAL

Recommendation: *No formal action is required at this point as future contract and spending obligation will be brought for Board approval. Staff requests that the Board support staff's recommendation to prepare a request for proposal (RFP) to engage a consultant to further evaluate the replacement cost, evaluate expanding the deliveries of local water and to finalize a preliminary funding strategy for the reservoir.*

There were no public comments on agenda item K.

General Manager Bebee provided an overview of this item. He noted this item came up with the FP&I Committee, and several options were discussed. This item was to further evaluate those options.

Director DeMeo asked the FP&I Committee if they were convinced we should keep the reservoir. Director Wolk responded that they thought it was beneficial to keep it. He went on to explain what a large and costly project this will be.

Director Wolk requested the Board direct staff to prepare the RFP instead of support staff to prepare the RFP.

MOTION: Director Baxter moved to direct staff to prepare a request for proposal (RFP) to engage a consultant to further evaluate the replacement cost, evaluate expanding the deliveries of local water and to finalize a preliminary funding strategy for the reservoir; Director DeMeo seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors Baxter, DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

L. CONSIDER APPROVING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 INCREASE FOR WATER, RECYCLED WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES RATES AND CHARGES

Recommendation: That the Board approve the proposed rate and charges increases and adopt calendar year 2026 rates and charges for water, recycled water and wastewater services at the December Board meeting.

AGM/CFO Shank presented a slideshow on the recommended calendar year 2026 rates and charges for water, recycled water, and wastewater services.

President McDougal suggested putting out a message that breaks down the savings of detachment over the three-year period.

AGM/CFO Shank reported we will be coming back with the Administrative Code changes and the formal rates and charges changes at the December Board meeting.

MOTION: Director DeMeo moved to approve the proposed rate and charges increases for calendar year 2026 as recommended and will adopt the calendar year 2026 rates and charges for water, recycled water, and wastewater services at the December Board meeting; Director Endter seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors Baxter, DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

V. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS------(ITEMS 1-7)

1. General Counsel

- Acting General Counsel Lloyd reported the legislative sessions is now over.

2. General Manager
 - a. MWD/EMWD Update
 - b. Engineering and Operations Report
 - c. Federal Funding Update
 - General Manager Bebee announced he will not be at the next Board meeting.
 - General Manager Bebee reported he provided a printout of the MWD report.
3. Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer
 - a. Financial Summary Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Budget Status Report
 - d. Warrant List
 - AGM/CFO Shank provided an overview of the written reports included in the packet.
4. Public Information Officer
5. Notice of Approval of Per Diem for Meetings Attended
6. Director Comments/Reports on Meetings Attended
 - Director DeMeo reported she would be attending a Hoover Dam tour hosted by EMWD.
7. Miscellaneous

VI. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, the October Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.



President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors