



FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026
4:00 P.M.

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
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I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

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

Absent: None

General Counsel/District Staff

Present: Jack Bebee, General Manager
Paula de Sousa, General Counsel
Dave Shank, Assistant General Manager/CFO
Jodi Brown, Management Analyst
Isabel Casteran, Safety & Risk Officer
Aaron Cook, Engineering Manager
Noelle Denke, Public Information Officer
John Marchetta, Human Resources Manager
Colter Shannon, Crew Leader
Steve Stone, Field Services Manager
Lauren Eckert, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Endter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA PER GC § 54954.2(b)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Director McDougal 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. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER FEBRUARY 2026
1. Colter Shannon

The Board recognized Colter Shannon as Employee of the Quarter for February 2026.

B. NEW CERTIFICATIONS
1. Aaron Cox – Mechanical Technologist, Grade 2

The Board recognized Aaron Cox for receiving his Mechanical Technologist, Grade 2 certification.

II. **CONSENT CALENDAR**-----**(ITEMS C–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.

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. January 26, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

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

D. CONSIDER ADVANCED APPROVAL TO ATTEND MEETINGS

Recommendation: That the Board authorize and approve, in advance, Directors' attendance to the CSDA Special Districts Legislative Days on April 7 and 8, 2026 in Sacramento, California.

There were no public comments on Consent Calendar items.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

E. MID YEAR BUDGET UPDATE

Presented by: Dave Shank, Assistant General Manager/CFO

There were no public comments on agenda item E.

AGM/CFO Shank presented a slideshow with a mid-year budget update.

F. PIPELINE & VALVE REPLACEMENT CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION PROGRAM

Presented by: Aaron Cook, Engineering Manager

There were no public comments on agenda item F.

Engineering Manager Cook provided an update on the Pipeline and Valve Replacement Contractor Prequalification Program, noting two contractors were added to the prequalification list, making the total 14 contractors that are permitted to bid on our pipeline projects.

G. CAMP PENDLETON STAFFING UPDATE

Presented by: John Marchetta, Human Resources Manager

There were no public comments on agenda item G.

Human Resources Manager Marchetta provided an update on Camp Pendleton staffing.

Director Wolk asked which traits applicants had deficiencies in. Human Resources Manager Marchetta answered it was mainly missing certifications.

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

H. CONSIDER UPDATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR PIPELINE REPLACEMENT

Recommendation: The recommended action is for the Board to continue the emergency action to replace the failed pipelines.

There were no public comments on agenda item H.

Engineering Manager Cook provided an update for the emergency declaration made for pipeline replacement. He reported this would be ongoing for at least one more month.

MOTION: Director McDougal moved to continue the emergency action to replace the failed pipelines; Director Baxter seconded. Motion carried; **VOTE:**

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

I. CONSIDER CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CPEN IGSA TO WRITE EM 385-1-1 SAFETY PLAN AND ACTIVITY HAZARD ANALYSES (AHA) FOR SRTTP AND NRTTP

Recommendation: That the Board approve the request to retain Arcadis US, Inc. for the task of rewriting the District Safety Plans to adhere to the requirements of EM 385-1-1.

There were no public comments on agenda item I.

General Manager Bebee provided an overview of this item, noting this was to get a safety plan together that satisfies federal/military safety requirements for our employees and work performed on Camp Pendleton.

Director Wolk asked if this would combine with our current District safety plan to have one plan that satisfies both state and federal level safety requirements. General Manager Bebee responded that eventually one plan would satisfy all requirements.

Director Baxter asked if we went through a selection process. General Manager Bebee responded that we did outreach to about four firms, and Arcadis was the firm that had time to do this and were qualified.

MOTION: Director Wolk moved to approve the request to retain Arcadis US, Inc. for the task of rewriting the District Safety Plans to adhere to the requirements of EM 385-1-1, in an amount not-to-exceed \$80,000; Director McDougal seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

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

J. CONSIDER UPDATED INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Recommendation: That the Board support the updated High School Internship Program and Professional Internship Program as presented.

There were no public comments on agenda item J.

Human Resources Manager Marchetta reviewed the proposed updates to the High School Internship Program and the Professional Internship Program.

MOTION: Director Baxter moved to approve the updated High School Internship Program and Professional Internship Program as presented; Director McDougal seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

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

K. CONSIDER LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ANNEXATION OF WESTERN'S MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S ROCK MOUNTAIN SERVICE AREA

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to issue a letter of support of the Reorganization, to include the detachment of the Rock Mountain Service Area from WMWD and annexation of the area into FPUD and EMWD.

There were no public comments on agenda item K.

General Manager Bebee provided an overview of this item, reporting that the District currently provides water service to one property within the Rock

Mountain Service Area under a temporary agreement with Western Municipal Water District (WMWD). By annexing this area, it would permanently move this service to the District. There are remaining properties served by WMWD through Rancho California Water District (RCWD) as well. RCWD has also agreed to transfer its service agreement to the District and Eastern Municipal Water District for those properties.

MOTION: Director McDougal moved to authorize the General Manager to issue a letter of support for the reorganization, to include the detachment of the Rock Mountain Service Area from WMWD and annexation of the area into FPUD and EMWD; Director DeMeo seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

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

L. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF (2) FORD F150S, 1 FORD F250, 1 FORD F450, 1 BACKHOE/LOADER AND 1 TRACTOR/LOADER TO MEET VEHICLE NEEDS FOR THE CAMP PENDLETON INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Recommendation: That the Board authorize staff to procure one backhoe/loader from RDO Equipment for \$150,961.34, one tractor/loader from RDO Equipment for \$138,330.93, two Ford F150s from Fritts Ford for \$92,476.38, one Ford F250 from Encinitas Ford for \$67,979.97, and one Ford F450 from Encinitas Ford for \$144,198.66.

General Manager Bebee provided an overview of this item, including that these vehicles are for Camp Pendleton and will be reimbursed through those funds.

Director Baxter pointed out a typo in the memo included in the packet, and that the one Ford F250 from Encinitas Ford for \$144,198.66 should be a Ford F450.

MOTION: Director McDougal moved to authorize staff to procure one backhoe/loader from RDO Equipment for \$150,961.34, one tractor/loader from RDO Equipment for \$138,330.93, two Ford F150s from Fritts Ford for \$92,476.38, one Ford F250 from Encinitas Ford for \$67,979.97, and one Ford F450 from Encinitas Ford for \$144,198.66; Director Wolk seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

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

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

V. PUBLIC HEARING ----- (ITEM M)

M. POTENTIAL INCREASE IN COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 2.12); ORDINANCE NO. 361

Recommendation: Hold the public hearing and consider adoption of Ordinance No. 361, to increase Board compensation from \$140.70 to \$147.74 for each day's service to the District and to update Section 2.12 of the District's Administrative Code to reflect the updated amount.

At 4:48 p.m., President Endter opened the Public Hearing to receive public comments on agenda item M.

General Counsel de Sousa announced that before the Board was a Public Hearing for the Board to consider, after taking public testimony and any written comments, whether or not to increase the Board's daily compensation rate from \$140.70 to \$147.74. She explained no increase could be more than five percent per year for each year since the last increase. She noted this was all pursuant to provisions of the Water Code. The District operates pursuant to the Public Utilities Code, which refers back to the Water Code for how their per diems are set.

Hearing no public comments, President Endter closed the Public Hearing at 4:51 p.m.

MOTION: Director McDougal moved to adopt Ordinance No. 361, increasing Board compensation from \$140.70 to \$147.74 for each day's service to the District and to update Section 2.12 of the District's Administrative Code to reflect the updated amount; Director DeMeo seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

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

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

1. General Counsel
2. General Manager
 - a. EMWD/MWD Update
 - b. Engineering and Operations Report
 - c. Federal Funding Update

- General Manager Bebee provided an overview of the written reports included in the packet.
- 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. He also announced the District had received funds for Camp Pendleton.
- 4. Public Information Officer
 - PIO Denke reported she has increased outreach for the downtown pipe replacement program and is also ramping up District attendance and community events.
- 5. Notice of Approval of Per Diem for Meetings Attended
- 6. Director Comments/Reports on Meetings Attended
- 7. Miscellaneous

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 4:57 p.m. following General Counsel de Sousa's announcement that the Board would be going into closed session for two items. The first item was for conference with legal counsel for anticipated litigation significant exposure to litigation pursuant to government code section 54956.9(D)(2), for one potential case for a claim filed by Nick Iliev. The second item was conference with legal counsel for existing litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(D)(1) for Case No. 26CU000091C, Tyrese Powell-Slotterbeck v. Fallbrook Public Utility District.

VII. CLOSED SESSION------(ITEMS 1-2)

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(2):

One (1) potential case (Claim filed by Nick Iliev)

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (d)(1):

Name of Case: Tyrese Powell-Slotterbeck v. Fallbrook Public Utility District et al. Case No. 26CU000091C

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board came out of closed session and reconvened to open session at 5:13 p.m.

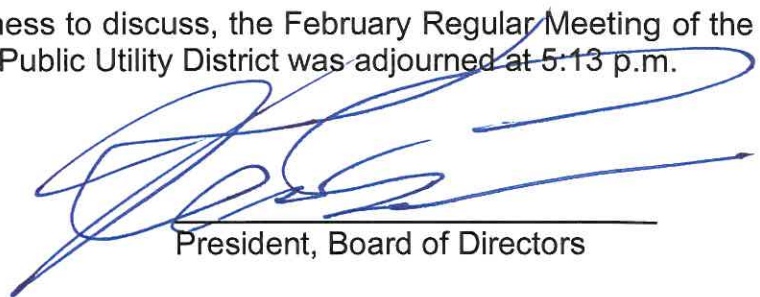
REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (*As Necessary*)

General Counsel de Sousa provided the following report of action taken in closed session:

On Motion of Director McDougal, seconded by Director DeMeo, the Board on a vote of 5-0 rejected the claim submitted by Nick Iliev.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, the February Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors