



FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024  
9:00 A.M.

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
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I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

President DeMeo called the January 4, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District to order at 9:03 a.m.

A quorum was established, and attendance was as follows:

Board of Directors

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

Absent: None

General Counsel/District Staff

Present: Jack Bebee, General Manager  
Paula de Sousa, General Counsel  
Noelle Denke, Public Information Officer  
Lauren Eckert, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

Also present were others, including, but not limited to: Nick Kanetis, Mark Mervich and Joe Naiman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President DeMeo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Director McDougal moved to approve the agenda, as presented; Director Endter 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.

## II. ACTION/DISCUSSION CALENDAR -----(ITEM A)

### A. CONSIDER WATER BILLING AND SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

*Recommendation:* Staff recommends the Board authorize the General Manager and General Counsel to execute the Water Billing and Service Agreement with non-substantive changes.

General Manager Bebee reported we are now a member of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD). He noted this item before the Board today is to set a formal agreement with EMWD.

General Manager Bebee also announced there will be a member of EMWD that will represent our District. He also noted they are looking to set up an ad-hoc meeting with two members from the FPUD Board and two members from the EMWD Board.

Director McDougal noted EMWD has phenomenal communication for their ratepayers and asked if FPUD's customers would be receiving this same communication. General Manager Bebee responded that as a wholesale water customer, FPUD customers would not receive the same communications as EMWD retail customers. Director McDougal asked how many other wholesale water customers EMWD had. Nick Kanetis from EMWD stepped to the podium to respond that while there are not a lot of wholesale water customers, there were a few including Rancho California Water District, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, and Lake Hemet, noting Rancho California Water District would be identical to the arrangement FPUD has.

Mr. Kanetis welcomed the District to EMWD and noted he was looking forward to working with the District.

General Counsel de Sousa reported all the voters within the Fallbrook Public Utility District boundaries will also eventually be voting in EMWD elections. General Manager Bebee stated eventually EMWD will redistrict.

Director Wolk asked about the Metropolitan standby charge on page 7 of the agreement. General Manager Bebee explained this is to ensure revenues and expenses are allocated equitably through EMWD to Metropolitan. General Counsel de Sousa added this was to the benefit of the District.

Director Wolk also asked why, on page six, paragraph two, the San Diego County Water Authority was mentioned. General Manager Bebee explained we agreed, as an agency, to operate per the operations plan with the SDCWA as part of the settlement with SDCWA. General Manager Bebee offered to sit down with Director Wolk to further discuss this in detail. After a lengthy discussion, it was suggested to modify the language to include the following change: "with the water delivery protocol included in the operations plan, finalized on December 21, 2023, between Fallbrook and the Water Authority, which water delivery protocol may be modified from time to time as agreed to by Fallbrook and the Water Authority." General Counsel de Sousa also added that the SDCWA cannot change the water delivery protocol without the District's agreement. General Manager Bebee offered to send out the Operations Plan to the Board.

Joe Naiman from the Village News raised his hand via Zoom to ask if the annual operating plan included coordination between other agencies including FPUD and EMWD. General Manager Bebee explained the annual aqueduct operating plan the SDCWA puts forward is more focused on shutdowns. The operating plan between FPUD and SDCWA is a separate item focused on the fact that we are operating the flow control facilities directly above the point where they start taking water from Metropolitan.

MOTION: Director McDougal moved to authorize the General Manager and General Counsel to execute the Water Billing and Service Agreement with Eastern Municipal Water District with non-substantive changes; Director DeMeo seconded. Motion carried;  
VOTE:

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

**III. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business to discuss, President DeMeo adjourned the January 4, 2024 special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District at 9:51 a.m.

  
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President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary, Board of Directors