



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

MINUTES

**MONDAY, JULY 27, 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 July 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
Jodi Brown, Management Analyst
Devin Casteel, Water Operations Manager
Aaron Cook, Engineering Manager
Zion Cowan, High School Intern
Sean Barney, Utility Worker I
Noelle Denke, Public Information Officer
Bronson Duncan, Utility Worker I
Carl Eagleton, Utility Worker I
Matt Lian, Utility Worker III
John Marchetta, Human Resources Manager
Steve Stone, Field Services Manager
Lauren Eckert, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Endter led the Pledge of Allegiance

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA PER GC § 54954.2(b)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Director Wolk moved to approve the agenda, as presented; Director Baxter 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 through D.

A. NEW EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Sean Barney, Utility Worker I
2. Matt Perez, Utility Worker I
3. Andres Cervantez, Instrumentation, Electrical & Controls Technician I
4. Bronson Duncan, Utility Worker I
5. Amoreena Charles, High School Intern
6. Zion Cowan, High School Intern
7. Carl Eagleton, Utility Worker I

The Board welcomed Sean Barney, Matt Perez, Bronson Duncan, and Carl Eagleton as the new Utility Worker Is; Andres Cervantez as the new Instrumentation, Electrical & Controls Technician I; and Amoreena Charles and Zion Cowan as the new High School Interns.

B. NEW CERTIFICATIONS

1. Jake Robinson, Water Treatment Operator, Grade T5
2. Matt Lian
 - a. Collection System Maintenance, Grade 2
 - b. Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester

The Board recognized Jake Robinson for receiving his Water Treatment Operator, Grade T5 certification, and Matt Lian for receiving his Collection System Maintenance, Grade 2 certification and his Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester certification.

C. YEARS OF SERVICE

1. Chad Wodarczyk – 5 years

The Board recognized Chad Wodarczyk for his five years of service to the District.

D. MANAGER'S AWARD

1. Mick Cothran

The Board recognized Mick Cothran for receiving a Manager's Award for his work on the Urban Water Management Plan.

Director Wolk suggested the \$25 award for receiving a Manager's Award was low considering the amount of work that went into the UWMP. General Manager Bebee stated staff would revisit the amount for this award.

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

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.

E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 29, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing

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

F. CONSIDER ADVANCE APPROVAL TO ATTEND MEETINGS

Recommendation: *That the Board authorize and approve, in advance, Directors' attendance to the Fallbrook Regional Health District Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 31, 2026 in Fallbrook, California.*

G. CONSIDER NOTICE OF COMPLETION – 3267 SEWER RELINING

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

H. CONSIDER PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Recommendation: That the Board approve the draft financial statement developed by staff for publication in the Village News in accordance with Section 6066 of the Government Code.

There were no public comments on Consent Calendar items.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION CALENDAR -----(ITEMS I-M)

I. CONSIDER UPDATE ON EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR PIPE REPAIR

Recommendation: No further action required at this time. Emergency work has been completed.

There were no public comments for agenda item I.

General Manager Bebee reported that the emergency pipe repair work has been completed.

J. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TWO JCB 512-56 TELEHANDLERS FOR CAMP PENDLETON

Recommendation: That the Board authorize staff to purchase two JCB 512-56 Telehandlers from Equipment Depot for the amount of \$425,612.50.

Mark Mervich asked what a telehandler was. General Manager Bebee responded that it was a piece of equipment that is a cross between a forklift and an excavator.

Director Wolk confirmed Camp Pendleton would get the telehandlers at the end of the contract. General Manager Bebee stated they would, as they reimburse us through the intergovernmental service agreement.

MOTION: Director Wolk moved to authorize staff to purchase two JCB 512-56 Telehandlers from Equipment Depot for the amount of \$425,612.50; Director DeMeo seconded. Motion passed; VOTE:

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

K. CONSIDER ADJUSTMENTS TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
MANAGER POSITION SALARY DUE TO UPCOMING VACANCY

Recommendation: That the Board consider and approve an increase for the Information Technology Manager position.

General Manager Bebee provided an overview of this item, noting that the IT Manager accepted a position elsewhere. After reviewing the responsibilities of the IT Manager, it was found that the current salary range was at the low end.

Director Baxter confirmed this was an increase in the range and not the actual salary being offered to a potential candidate.

MOTION: Director Baxter moved to approve an increase for the Information Technology Manager position; Director Wolk seconded. Motion passed; VOTE:

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

L. CONSIDER ADJUSTMENTS TO OPERATIONS MANAGER POSITION
SALARY DUE TO UPCOMING VACANCY

Recommendation: That the Board consider and approve an increase for the Operations Manager position.

General Manager Bebee reported that Operations Manager Quiram will be retiring at the end of the year, and we are taking a proactive approach in hiring a replacement so there is time to onboard and spend a few months with Operations Manager Quiram before retirement.

MOTION: Director DeMeo moved to approve an increase for the Operations Manager position; Director Endter seconded. Motion passed; VOTE:

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

ABSENT: None

M. CONSIDER CONTINUATION OF SMARTCOVER MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE CAMP PENDLETON SYSTEM

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the General Manager to procure the additional monitoring services with Smartcover for the Camp Pendleton System from the IGSA funds for an amount of \$320,530.

General Manager Bebee provided an overview of this item, reporting that Camp Pendleton has the money for this, but cannot execute the contract and has asked us to do so on their behalf.

MOTION: Director Baxter moved to authorize the General Manager to procure the additional monitoring services with Smartcover for the Camp Pendleton System from the IGSA funds for an amount of \$320,530; Director DeMeo seconded. Motion passed; VOTE:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

1. General Counsel

- General Counsel de Sousa provided an update on AB1793.

2. General Manager

- a. MWD/EMWD Update
- b. Engineering and Operations Report
- c. Federal Funding Update

- General Manager Bebee took a moment to recognize Gary Arant and his contribution to the water industry over the years and his personal mentorship to General Manager Bebee.
- General Manager Bebee also noted the front office is undergoing improvements to the Customer Service area and that the District is purchasing an ATV welder to be able to access areas of De Luz that are inaccessible by truck.

3. Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. Warrant List

4. Public Information Officer

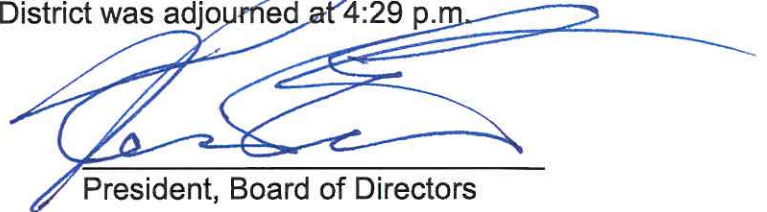
- PIO Denke reported on community event participation, social media views, and the status of the internship program.

5. Notice of Approval of Per Diem for Meetings Attended

- Notification of approval for Directors' attendance at the North County Fire Protection District Roy Noon Meeting Hall ribbon cutting event on July 15, 2026.
6. Director Comments/Reports on Meetings Attended
- President Endter reported on his attendance at the North County Fire Protection District ribbon cutting event on July 15, 2026.
 - Director DeMeo reported on her attendance at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon.
7. Miscellaneous

VI. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, the July Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.



President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors