

# FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

## AGENDA

### Special Business Meeting of the FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 22, 2022</b>	<b>3:00 P.M.</b>
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This meeting is being held via teleconference pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(B) and Resolution 2022-01 and in compliance with the Brown Act. On February 9, 2022, the Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors determined pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(B) that emergency conditions caused by the COVID-19 virus pose a threat to meeting attendees' health and safety and elected to meet via teleconference. The District is required (1) to post notice and agendas as otherwise provided by the Brown Act and applicable law, (2) allow members of the public to access the meeting via call-in line or internet-based service line, (3) provide details on the agenda on how to access the meeting and give public comment, (4) provide an opportunity to comment pursuant to Government Code section 54954.3 and allow a reasonable amount of time during public comment for a person to register, login, and comment, and (5) monitor the call-in line and/or internet-based service line to ensure no disruption hinders access or ability to comment, if there is, take no action until public access is restored. The District is not required to provide a location to attend in-person.

The Governor proclaimed a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic on March 4, 2020. The proclamation remains active and applies statewide. The District is complying with other public access and participation obligations, as required and to ensure that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District's Board of Directors conduct its business.

Any person may access and comment during the meeting by doing the following:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84885605147>

Meeting ID: 848 8560 5147

Dial by your location: 669 900 6833 or 408 638 0968

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kb5xr5lo6g>

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM**

#### **B. OPEN SESSION - ROLL CALL (3 minutes):**

\_\_\_\_\_ President Robert Palmeri  
\_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer Jane Stahler  
\_\_\_\_\_ Director Mark Bell  
\_\_\_\_\_ Director Patty Wade  
\_\_\_\_\_ Director Tyler Hunter

#### **C. PUBLIC COMMENT: (20 minutes)**

- This is the time for the Board to hear from the public. We welcome and encourage your comments as the Board takes them into consideration in our deliberations.
- Speakers are limited to a maximum of three minutes.

- The Board may not respond to, discuss, or engage in any type of dialog regarding any public comment, however the President may direct questions to staff for a later response or future consideration by the Board.
- Appropriate and respectful language and behavior is vital to the functioning of a public meeting. We ask Board, staff, and members of the public to speak courteously and respectfully. Therefore, the Board prohibits disruptive behavior.
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**D. ACTION ITEM: (5 minutes)**

1. Make findings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) that a state of emergency remains active and continues to directly impact the ability of attendees to meet safely in person, such that the Board hereby renews its findings contained in Resolution No. 2022-01 - A resolution of the Board of Directors of the Foresthill Public Utility District ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom (March 4, 2020) as applicable in the District’s jurisdiction and authorizing teleconference meetings of legislative bodies of the District pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act and will continue utilizing teleconference meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (e).

Recommended Action: Make findings contained in Resolution No. 2022-01 and authorize teleconference meetings of legislative bodies of the District

Public comment:

**E. CLOSED SESSION: (2 hours)**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. Name of Case: Miner’s Camp vs. Foresthill Public Utility District
2. Conference with legal counsel - Anticipated litigation - pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code. Potential cases: One
3. Conference with real property negotiators (Gov’t Code Section 54956.8). Property: Up to 2,000 acre feet of stored Sugar Pine Reservoir water; District Negotiators: Robert Palmeri and Hank White; Negotiating Parties: Prospective water users in the American River Basin, Central Valley or elsewhere in the federal Central Valley Project or State Water Project service areas, including but not limited to; U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, City of Folsom, City of Sacramento, Carmichael Water District, San Juan Water District, Sacramento Suburban Water District, San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority and member agencies (e.g. Westlands Water District), State Water Contractors and member agencies (e.g. Santa Clara Valley Water District); Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment for the sale of surplus stored water from Sugar Pine Reservoir

**F. OPEN SESSION - (Starting at 6:00 PM):**

**G. OPEN SESSION - ROLL CALL (3 minutes):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ President Robert Palmeri
- \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer Jane Stahler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Director Mark Bell
- \_\_\_\_\_ Director Patty Wade
- \_\_\_\_\_ Director Tyler Hunter

**H. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION (5 minutes)**

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT: (20 minutes)**

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**J. ACTION ITEMS: (1 hour)**

1. The Board to hear public comments on surplus water transfers  
Recommended Action: Hear public comments and provide direction to staff  
Public comment
2. The Board to discuss recording open session meetings  
Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff  
Public comment:

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a) this notice and agenda were posted in the District's front window at the Foresthill Public Utility District office, 24540 Main Street, Foresthill, CA 95631 on or before 2:30 PM., March 17, 2022.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the General Manager at (530)367-2511. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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Henry N. White, Board Clerk & Ex-Officio Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM (MARCH 4, 2020) AS APPLICABLE IN THE DISTRICT'S JURISDICTION AND AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Foresthill Public Utility District ("the District") is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation at meetings of its Board of Directors other legislative bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, all meetings of the District's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code section 54950 et seq. ("Brown Act"), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

**WHEREAS**, long-established Brown Act provisions, Government Code section 54953(b)(3), provides a legislative body may meet via teleconference if each teleconference location is listed on the agenda, open to the public with an opportunity to participate and comment, and notice is given at the location, plus a quorum of the legislative body is present in the jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361, which, effective immediately, added Government Code section 54953(e) to the Brown Act, providing a legislative body may meet via teleconference without complying with Section 54953(b)(3) if certain conditions exist and specified procedures are followed; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 54953(e)(1) provides a legislative body may meet via teleconference if the Governor has proclaimed a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625 and either (i) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, (ii) the legislative body meets to determine by majority vote that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, or (iii) the legislative body has voted as such and is meeting pursuant to that vote; and

**WHEREAS**, a legislative body's decision to meet pursuant to Section 54953(e) must be reevaluated and renewed at least every thirty (30) days, or else the body will be required to adopt new initial findings; and

**WHEREAS**, while a legislative body meets via teleconference pursuant to Section 54953(e), it must take actions to preserve public access and public participation and give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required, allow members of the public to access the meeting via call-in line or internet-based service line, provide details on the agenda on how to

access the meeting and give public comment, give an opportunity to comment pursuant to Government Code section 54954.3 and allow a reasonable amount of time during public comment for a person to register, login, and comment, and monitor the call-in line and internet-based service line to ensure no disruption hinders access or ability to comment, if there is, take no action until public access is restored; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency pertaining to the threat to human health and safety posed by the COVID-19 virus pandemic and that proclamation remains in effect to this day in Placer County and statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the virus has short- and long-term effects – fever and chills, cough, shortness of breath and difficulty breathing, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting, gastrointestinal issues, loss of taste and smell, death – and it's prolific spread is severely impacting the health care system, inhibiting access to care for COVID-19 symptoms and other ailments; and

**WHEREAS**, while being vaccinated significantly decreases the likelihood of contracting or dying from the virus, vaccinated and unvaccinated people alike can carry, transmit, and be affected by the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus, and its variants, is spread through the air when a person who is carrying the virus, whether he or she is showing symptoms or not, is in close proximity to another person; and

**WHEREAS**, while the COVID-19 virus remains present in the community, allowing members of the District legislative bodies and members of the public to meet in-person would present an imminent risk to attendee health and safety beyond the control of District services, personnel, equipment, and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to ratify the Governor's March 4, 2020, proclamation of state of emergency related to the COVID-19 virus pandemic as it applies to the jurisdiction of the District and authorize teleconference meetings of District legislative bodies pursuant to Section 54953(e) so long as all provisions of that section are followed to provide public access and opportunity for public comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has taken and will continue to take measures to ensure access for the public, including by providing the public a call-in option and/or internet-based service option for all meetings of District legislative bodies.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code section 8635 et seq., the Board of Directors has the authority during a state of emergency to take all actions necessary to perform its functions in the preservation of law and order, preservation of the furnishing of local services, and protection of life and property, which includes the authority to direct meetings of all District legislative bodies to be held via teleconference pursuant to this Resolution; and

**NOW, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
2. The Governor's March 4, 2020, proclamation of state of emergency related to the COVID-19 virus pandemic applies to the jurisdiction of the District and is ratified by the District Board of Directors.
3. All meetings of District legislative bodies shall be conducted in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and staff are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and be effective for thirty (30) days, unless the Board of Directors takes action to rescind the Resolution. On or before the 30th day since adoption, the Board of Directors may take action to extend the Resolution's permissions pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Foresthill Public Utility District on January 12, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES	<u>5</u>
NOES	<u>0</u>
ABSENT	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN	<u>0</u>



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Mark Bell, President, Board of Directors  
Foresthill Public Utility District

ATTEST:



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Henry N. White, Clerk, Board of Directors  
Foresthill Public Utility District