

FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

MINUTES

Regular Business Meeting of the FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday	November 9, 2022	3:00 P.M.
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This meeting is being held via teleconference pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(B) and Resolution 2022-02 and in compliance with the Brown Act. On May 11, 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:

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A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM *President Palmeri called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM*

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

_____ President Robert Palmeri	<i>Present</i>
_____ Treasurer Jane Stahler	<i>Present</i>
_____ Director Mark Bell	<i>Present</i>
_____ Director Patty Wade	<i>Present</i>
_____ Director Tyler Hunter	<i>Present (logged in at 3:23 PM)</i>

C. PUBLIC COMMENT: (20 minutes)

- Members of the public may provide comments to the Board on items not on the agenda. 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.

No public comments were offered

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. 2022-07 – 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. 2022-07 and authorize teleconference meetings of legislative bodies of the District
Public comment:

Board Action: Director Bell made a motion to confirm findings contained in Resolution 2022-07 and authorize teleconference meetings of the District. The motion was seconded by Director Wade and carried unanimously (4-0).

E. CLOSED SESSION: (2 hours) The Board of Directors went into closed session at 3:11 PM

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 – Existing Litigation Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. Name of Case: Foresthill Public Utility District Petition to State Water Resources Control Board for Extension of Water Right Permit No. 15375.
3. Conference with legal counsel – Anticipated litigation – pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code. Potential cases: One
4. Conference with Legal Counsel - Public Employee Performance Evaluation. Title: General Manager regarding staff performance

F. OPEN SESSION - ROLL CALL (Starting at 6:00 PM): President Palmeri called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

_____ President Robert Palmeri	Present
_____ Treasurer Jane Stahler	Present
_____ Director Mark Bell	Present
_____ Director Patty Wade	Present
_____ Director Tyler Hunter	Present

G. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION (5 minutes) *At 6:04 PM, General Manager White announced in open session that during closed session the Board directed the General Manager to hire an independent consultant to prepare a compensation study for the district for an amount within signature authority not to exceed \$15,000. The motion during closed session passed 3-2 with President Palmeri and Treasurer Stahler voting no.*

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No public comments were offered

I. CONSENT AGENDA: (5 minutes) All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and may be approved by one motion

1. Minutes for the October 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
2. Combined Financial Report for July 2022
3. Combined Financial Report for August 2022

Board Action: *Director Bell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Hunter and carried unanimously (5-0).*

J. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider an 8.5% adjustment to the approved salary schedule (Policy 2390)
Recommended Action: Consider salary schedule adjustment and direct staff accordingly
Public comment:

Board Action: *Director Bell made a motion to table the discussion until a compensation study is complete. The motion was seconded by Director Wade and carried unanimously (5-0).*

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS: (20 minutes)

1. General Manager Report
2. Remarks/reports by Directors

Board Action: *None*

L. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: At 6:22 PM, Director Hunter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Stahler and carried unanimously (5-0).

Submitted by:

Attest:



Robert Palmeri, Board President



Henry N. White, Clerk and Ex-Officio Secretary