

FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

MINUTES

Regular Business Meeting of the
FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Foresthill Elementary School, 24750 Main Street, Foresthill, CA 95631
www.foresthillpud.com

Wednesday	February 11, 2026	6:00 P.M.
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1. OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM *President Dowling called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM*
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *President Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.*
3. ROLL CALL

_____	President Chase Dowling	<i>Present</i>
_____	Vice President Mark Bell	<i>Present</i>
_____	Treasurer Ron Thompson	<i>Present</i>
_____	Director Roger Pruett	<i>Present</i>
_____	Director Dianne Foster	<i>Present</i>

Henry N. White, General Manager was in attendance.

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA WITHIN CATEGORIES *No adjustments were made.*
5. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - Members of the public may provide comments to the Board on items that are 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 the Board, staff, and members of the public to speak courteously and respectfully. Therefore, the Board prohibits disruptive behavior.

No public comments were offered.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** All items listed under the Consent Agenda are routine in nature and may be approved by one motion

1. Approval of January 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes
2. Receive and file combined financial reports for December 2025

Public Comment: *Dianne Foster discussed previous minutes in regards to public comment.*

Board Action: *President Dowling made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice President Bell and carried (3-2) with Treasurer Thompspon and Director Foster voting no.*

Public Comment: *Angela Wade commented on public comment process.*

Board Action: *President Dowling made a motion to approve the financial reports. The motion was seconded by Vice President Bell and carried unanimously (5-0).*

7. OPERATIONS ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approve proposal from Verdantas Engineering to provide professional services for the design of a potable water welded steel storage tank to replace existing bolted steel tanks in an amount not to exceed \$250,000

Recommended action: Approve proposal and authorize General Manager to execute appropriate agreements for the design of a welded steel storage tank

Public comment:

Board Action: *Vice President Bell made a motion to approve the proposal provided by Verdantas Engineering for the design of a welded steel storage tank to replace existing bolted steel tanks in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The motion was seconded by Director Pruett and failed (2-3) with President Dowling, Treasurer Thompson and Director Foster voting no.*

Public Comment: *Sue Kiesling provided her thoughts on water storage needs for the community.*

2. Approve Resolution No. 2026-01 Authorizing Agreement with Columbia Bank to Participate in the California Special Districts Association Commercial Purchasing Card Program

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution No. 2026-01

Public comment:

Board Action: *Vice President Bell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-01 authorizing an agreement with Columbia Bank to participate in the California Special Districts Association Commercial Purchasing Card program. The motion was seconded by Director Pruett .*

Public Comment: *No public comments were offered.*

Board Action: *The motion carried (3-2) with Treasurer Thompson and Director Foster voting no.*

3. Approval of change order for SCADA Project Phases 3-6 and approval of remote Sugar Pine Dam alarm system integration

Recommended Action: Approve a change order for SCADA Project Phases 3-6 to address additional integration and programming complexities associated with upgrading 1980s-era operational controls at the Water Treatment Plant (\$18,000) and approve a separate scope item (not assigned a phase number) to design and install an alarm system at the Sugar Pine Dam site and integrate that alarm system into the District's SCADA system (\$5,625)

Public comment:

Board Action: Vice President Bell made a motion to approve a change order for SCADA Project Phases 3-6 to address additional integration and programming complexities associated with upgrading 1980s-era operational controls at the Water Treatment Plant (\$18,000) and approve a separate scope item (not assigned a phase number) to design and install an alarm system at the Sugar Pine Dam site and integrate that alarm system into the District's SCADA system (\$5,625). The motion was seconded by President Dowling.

Public Comment: No public comments were offered.

Board Action: The motion was approved (3-2) with Treasurer Thompson and Director Foster voting no.

8. BOARD MEMBER ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review and consider action regarding proposals for Finance Manager services, including selection of a proposal

Recommended action:

Public comment:

Board Action: Vice President Bell made a motion to select Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP as our continuing Finance Manager utilizing the existing agreement or contract terms. The motion was seconded by Director Pruett.

Public Comment: Angela Wade commented about qualifications of candidates. Sue Kiesling commented giving her opinion on selecting a Finance Manager. Kelly Telford, LSL Partner commented on the services provided by LSL.

Board Action: The motion carried (3-2) with Treasurer Thompson and Director Foster voting no.

2. Review and consider action regarding applications for the board secretary position

Recommended action:

Public comment:

Board Action: Vice President Bell made a motion to authorize President Dowling to interview Sally Hicks for the board secretary position and to hire the candidate if she meets the requirements of the position. The motion was seconded by President Dowling.

Public Comment: No public comments were offered.

Board Action: *The motion carried unanimously (5-0).*

3. ~~Director Foster~~ President Dowling requests the approval for hiring an independent Attorney to perform an assessment regarding the negotiation process related to the development of the GM's 2024 employment contract for an amount not to exceed \$5,000

Recommended action:

Public comment:

Board Action: *Vice President Bell made a motion to reject the proposal and to ratify the negotiation process leading to the extension of the employment contract. The motion was seconded by Director Pruett.*

Public Comment: *Patty Wade commented her opinion of wasting the community's resources.*

Board Action: *The motion failed (2-3) with President Dowling, Treasurer Thompson and Director Foster voting no.*

Board Action: *President Dowling made a motion to approve the retention of an independent outside legal counsel to perform a process based assessment of the negotiation of the General Manager's 2024 employment agreement authorized expenditures not to exceed \$5,000 and establish an ad-hoc committee of two directors to be appointed by the board President for the limited purposes of recommending qualified counsel and proposed scope of work to the full board. The motion was seconded by Director Foster.*

Public Comment: *No public comments were offered.*

Board Action: *The motion carried (4-1) with Director Pruett voting no.*

Board Action: *President Dowling appointed President Dowling and Director Foster to the ad-hoc committee.*

Board Action: *At 7:58 PM, President Dowling made a motion to proceed with the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Foster and the motion carried unanimously (5-0).*

9. BOARD MEMBER POLICY ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider revised job description for the Treatment Plant/Distribution Operator I position

Recommended action: Approve revised job description

Public comment:

Board Action: *President Dowling made a motion to approve the amended job description as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Foster.*

Public Comment: *No public comments were offered.*

Board Action: *The motion carried (4-1) with Treasurer Thompson voting no.*

2. Review amendment to Policy 2000.30 and approve

Recommended Action: Approve amendment to Policy 2000

Public comment:

Board Action: *President Dowling made a motion to approve the amendment to Policy 2000.30 by removing "any District policy" and replacing that language with "Policy Series 2000." The motion was seconded by Vice President Bell. The motion passed (3-2) with Treasurer Thompson and Director Foster voting no.*

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 10.1. Item placed on the agenda by Director Foster
 - 10.1.1. Category: "Discuss Customer Service Rep Job Opening"
 - 10.1.2. Title: "Customer Service Rep job opening"
 - 10.1.3. A three to five sentence description: "Discuss history of Customer Service Rep"
 - 10.1.4. Requested outcome: "I learn about the history of the Customer Service Rep position"

Board Action: *No action was taken.*

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Future agenda items are to help the General Manager and Board President craft the next month's agenda. Unless otherwise voted upon, the future agenda will comprise of no more than one new board member action item and no more than one new policy action item. Now is the time to discuss which items the board would like to see first to help prioritize efficiency.

- 11.1. FUTURE BOARD MEMBER ACTION ITEMS - None
- 11.2. FUTURE POLICY ACTION ITEMS - None
- 11.3. FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT *Received*

13. DIRECTORS' ITEMS/INFORMATION ONLY *Received*

14. CLOSED SESSION - A closed session is not scheduled

15. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - No report will be heard as there is no closed session

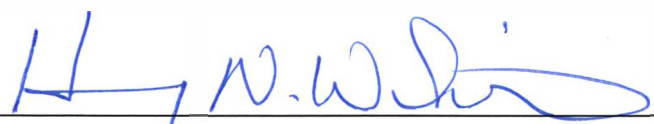
16. ADJOURNMENT *President Dowling adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM*

Submitted by:

Attest:



Chase Dowling, Board President



Henry N. White, Clerk and Ex-Officio Secretary