

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	January 8, 2025	4:00 P.M.
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A. **CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM** *President Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM.*

B. **OPEN SESSION - ROLL CALL:**

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

Henry N. White, General Manager, and Eric Robinson (via teleconference) were in attendance.

C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *President Thompson postponed the pledge until the open session.*

D. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 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 the Board, staff, and members of the public to speak courteously and respectfully. Therefore, the Board prohibits disruptive behavior.

Public comment period was made available. No comments were offered. No public in attendance.

E. **CLOSED SESSION:** *The board went into closed session at 4:10 PM.*

1. 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: Henry N. 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. **CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM** *President Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.*

G. ROLL CALL

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

Henry N. White, General Manager, was in attendance.

H. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *The pledge was led by Patty Wade.*

I. **ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION:** *General Manager White reported that during closed session, the Board voted and approved a motion to submit a 2025 Notice of Intent to Transfer to the State Water Resources Control Board. White clarified that submitting a Notice of Intent does not commit Foresthill to a 2025 transfer.*

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The Board received public comments, and those comments will be taken into consideration.

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

1. Approval of December 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting minutes.
2. Receive and file combined financial reports for November 2024.

Board Action: *Director Foster requested Consent Agenda Item #1 be heard separately. Treasurer Bell made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item #2. The motion was seconded by Director Dowling and carried unanimously (5-0).*

Board Action: *Director Foster provided corrections to section G 1 and G 2 of the minutes submitted to the board (Consent Agenda Item #1). Director Foster made a motion to approve*

Consent Agenda Item #1 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Director Dowling and carried unanimously (5-0).

I. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Annual Organizational Meeting - Pursuant to Policy #5010.50, the Board will elect a President, Vice President, and Treasurer from among its members.

Recommended Action: Elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer and appoint the Board Clerk and Ex-Officio Secretary

Public comment:

Board Action: Director Foster nominated Director Dowling for the office of President. The nomination was seconded by President Thompson. The vote was unanimous (5-0) to elect Director Dowling as President.

President Dowling assumed the gavel after the vote.

Board Action: President Dowling nominated Treasurer Bell for the office of Vice President. Director Pruett seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous (5-0) to elect Treasurer Bell as Vice President.

Board Action: Vice President Bell nominated Director Pruett as Treasurer. The nomination was seconded by President Dowling. The nomination was approved by a 3-2 vote with Director Thompson and Director Foster voting no.

Board Action: President Dowling appointed General Manager Henry White as the Board Clerk and Ex-Officio Secretary.

2. Appointment of standing committee members - Pursuant to Policy #4060.30, the Board President shall appoint members of the Planning Committee and Finance Committee.

Recommended Action: Board President to appoint committee members and chair.

Public comment:

Board Action: President Dowling appointed Vice President Bell (chair) and Treasurer Pruett (member) of the Finance Committee.

Board Action: President Dowling appointed Director Foster (chair) and Director Thompson (member) of the Planning Committee.

3. (Past) President Thompson's request to revise Board Policy #5020 Board Agenda.

Recommended action: Adopt Policy 5020 with changes approved 5/9/2024 and 8/14/2024 and discuss additional changes proposed 12/11/2024.

Public comment:

Board Action: Director Foster made a motion to establish an ad hoc committee to review Policy 5020 and bring ~~a draft~~ back to the board in February 2025. The motion was seconded by Vice President Bell and carried unanimously (5-0).

Board Action: President Dowling appointed Director Foster (Chair) and Vice President Bell (member) to the ad hoc committee.

4. Director Foster's request for agenda item: "Placing the entire contents of the FPUD [Foresthill] Board Policy Handbook on the FPUD [Foresthill] website."

Recommended action: Discuss and direct staff.

Public comment:

Board Action: Vice President Bell made a motion to direct staff to investigate the potential liability of posting the policy manual to the web site with certification. The motion was seconded by Director Foster and carried unanimously (5-0).

5. Director Foster's request for a discussion and enforcement of Policy Number 5060.12, 5060.13 & 5060.22 which is regarding "recording public comments" in the minutes.

Recommended action: Discuss and direct staff

Public comment:

Board Action: Vice President Bell made a motion to direct staff to investigate cost and issues associated with video taping public comments and/or the ~~entire public~~ board meeting and report findings to the board. The motion was seconded by Director Foster and carried unanimously (5-0).

M. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. General Manager Report A written report was circulated to the board and public.
2. Remarks/reports by Directors None

N. ADJOURNMENT President Dowling adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM

Submitted by:

Attest:


Chase Dowling, Board President


Henry White, Clerk and Ex-Officio Secretary