

FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

MINUTES

Special Meeting of FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-08-21 the meeting will be held via teleconference.

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Thursday	July 29, 2021	7:00 P.M.
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A. CALL TO ORDER: *President Bell called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.*

B. ROLL CALL:

_____	President Mark Bell	<i>Present</i>
_____	Vice President Patty Wade	<i>Present</i>
_____	Director Jane Stahler	<i>Present</i>
_____	Director Robert Palmeri	<i>Present</i>
_____	Director Tyler Hunter	<i>Present</i>

C. PUBLIC COMMENT: All items on the agenda will be open for public comment before or during consideration of an item and before final action is taken. Speakers are requested to restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a three minute time limit. The President has the discretion of limiting the total discussion time for an item.
Public comments were received.

D. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Presentation:** In accordance with the Ordinance 19-01 Procedure for Ratepayer Objections to Proposed Water Rates, District staff will present a summary of findings and written responses to timely submitted ratepayer objections for consideration by the Board of Directors. *Eric Robinson provided an overview of the Objection Process. Henry White informed the Board that the District had received and responded to three objections to the proposed rates. President Bell discussed the responses to the objections with the Board and asked the Board if they had any concerns with continuing on with the Proposition 218 process. Hearing no concerns, President Bell determined continuing with the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing was appropriate.*
2. **Overview of the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing Process:** *Henry White provided an overview of the Proposition 218 Process including the completion of a Cost of Service*

Study, approval of a Proposition 218 Notification, minimum 45 day protest period and public hearing.

3. **Open the Proposition 218 Hearing:** Proposed Water Rate Increases to Commence on August 15, 2021 (Fiscal Year 2021-2022) and on or about each July 1 thereafter through Fiscal Year 2025-26. *President Bell opened the public hearing at 7:26 PM.*
4. **Presentation:** District Staff will present a brief overview of the District's compliance with Proposition 218 procedural requirements. *Henry White provided an overview of the District's compliance with Proposition 218.*
5. **Presentation:** HF&H Consultants will present a summary of the cost of service study's findings which support the proposed revenue decrease and rate structure adjustments, the basis upon which the rates have been calculated, and how the collected rates will be expended. *Rick Simonson of HF&H Consultants provided a presentation regarding the preparation of proposed rates.*
6. **Open Public Comment:**
 - 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

Public comment was received.

7. **Close the public hearing:** All protests must be submitted in writing prior to the close of the public comment. The office at 24540 Main Street will be open to submit written protests. *President Bell closed the Public Hearing at 8:26 PM.*
8. **Consideration and Tabulation of the Protests:** At 8:26 PM, *President Bell requested a tabulation of protests. Henry White tabulated a total of two protests at the time of closing the public hearing.*
9. **District Board to Announce Result of Protest Tabulation and Consider Adoption of the Following Resolutions:**
 - a. District staff presents protest results. *President Bell announced that the District had received two protests during the protest period.*
 - b. Consider Resolution 2021-06 Ratification of Protest Tabulation

Board Action: *Vice President Wade made a motion to approve, pass and adopt Resolution 2021-06 – Ratification of Protest Tabulation. The motion was seconded by Director Stahler and passed unanimously (5-0).*

- c. Consider Resolution 2021-07 Adopting and Implementing Proposed Rates Effective August 15, 2021, Contingent Upon Result of Protest Tabulation

Board Action: Vice President Wade made a motion to approve, pass and adopt Resolution 2021-07 – a Resolution Adopting and Implementing Proposed Rates Effective August 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by President Bell and passed 4-1 with Director Stahler voting no.

E. ADJOURNMENT: President Bell adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM

Submitted by:



Mark Bell, Board President

Attest:



Henry N. White, Clerk and Ex-Officio Secretary