

1 **January 24, 2023**

2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**
3 **THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

4 President Acosta called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

5 **A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.**

6 **ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

7 **ROLL CALL:**

8 **Present:** Directors Acosta, Egkan, Munson, Pike and Shaw.

9 **Absent:** None.

10 **Staff Present:** Fire Chief/CEO McReynolds, Attorney James, General Counsel Steinke, DFC Mahr,
11 D/C MacMillan, FM Fieri, F/M Juul, IT Specialist Swanger, B/Cs DeCamp and Bradshaw and members
12 of the public and Association.

13
14 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

15 1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Acosta addressed the audience and inquired whether there
16 were any public comments regarding items not on the agenda. Marcia Slaven approached the podium
17 and introduced herself. Ms. Slaven discussed her previous planning commission experience and
18 expressed concerns regarding the threat of wildfire hazards in her community of Oak Crest. Ms.
19 Slaven requested a follow-up appointment with Staff to discuss forest management and would like to
20 participate in educating her surrounding community on fire prevention and protection. Chief
21 McReynolds thanked Ms. Slaven and advised her that Staff would reach out to her after the meeting.

22 President Acosta then asked if there were any other public comments, at which point Jan
23 Scott approached the podium to introduce herself to the Board. Ms. Scott expressed interest in The
24 Firewise USA program, which is a program that helps residents in a geographic area get organized,
25 find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community, which
26 may help reduce wildfire risks. Ms. Scott has plans to research how Fallbrook can become a Firewise
27 community and is in the process of reaching out to community groups to collaborate a plan. Second,
28 Ms. Scott expressed concerns about how best to evacuate both senior and disabled community
29 members in the event of a wildfire and feels a community-wide plan needs to be implemented to help

30 facilitate an emergency evacuation for this demographic. Lastly, with future residential and
31 commercial development scheduled, Ms. Scott strongly believes the Fallbrook and Bonsall community
32 will need a hospital to adequately serve the community, with the most appropriate location being the
33 southwest corner of the I-15 corridor. Ms. Scott is working closely with the Supervisor's office to
34 explore this further. Chief McReynolds thanked Ms. Scott and informed her that a member of Staff will
35 reach out to her directly to discuss her concerns in further detail.

36 President Acosta asked the audience if there was any additional public comment. Captain
37 Harrington, seated in the audience, informed the Board that Firefighter Lian, Association President,
38 would like to reach out to each Board member individually to introduce himself. Captain Harrington
39 advised the Board that the Firefighter Lian had to leave the Board meeting unexpectedly. President
40 Acosta thanked Captain Harrington and looks forward to working with Firefighter Lian in the future.

41 There being no more public comment, the public comment section was closed.

42 2. **RECOGNITION OF RETIRING EMPLOYEES— CHIEF MCREYNOLDS:** Chief McReynolds recognized
43 and thanked retiring member, Greg Mann, for his 33 years of faithful service to the District. B/C Mann
44 expressed gratitude both to the Board and to NCFPD for allowing him to serve the community of
45 Fallbrook.

46 Chief McReynolds recognized and thanked Loren Stephen-Porter for her 20 years of dedicated
47 service. BC Stephen-Porter thanked the Board and expressed how much she enjoyed her time working
48 for the District and serving the public.

49 **ACTION AGENDA**

50 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- 51 3. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 2022.**
- 52 4. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022.**
- 53 5. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES**
- 54 6. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY OPERATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT**
- 55 7. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FOURTH QUARTER 2022 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY**

56 President Acosta inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 3-7. There
57 being no discussion, President Acosta asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a

58 motion by Vice President Egkan seconded by Director Pike, the motion to approve the Consent
59 Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

60
61 **ACTION ITEMS:**

62 **8. REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR FY 21/22 – FM JUUL AND CHIEF McREYNOLDS:**

63 Paul Kaymark from Nigro and Nigro presented the financial audit for FY 21/22 as attached. Vice
64 President Egkan asked Mr. Kaymark about the option of using some of the funds that will be used to
65 pay down debt to help with funding the building of Station 4. Mr. Kaymark advised the Board with the
66 current climate of interest rates it is best to pay down existing debt. On a motion by Director Munson
67 seconded by Director Pike, the motion to accept the FY 21/22 Audit passed unanimously.

68
69 **9. CONSIDER AND NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVE(S) FOR REGULAR AND ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT**

70 **MEMBER ON LAFCO COMMISSION – CHIEF McREYNOLDS:** Chief McReynolds advised the Board there is
71 a Regular and Alternate seat up for election on the LAFCO Commission. There are two incumbents
72 expected to run: Barry Willis and David Drake. The term will be four (4) years and will commence on
73 May 1, 2023. Chief McReynolds informed the Board that Director Pike expressed interest in being
74 nominated; Mission Resource Conservation District has already nominated Director Pike as a candidate
75 for the San Diego LAFCO Commission. Vice President Egkan indicated he would like to nominate
76 Director Pike. Vice President Egkan stated he has worked previously with Director Pike through the
77 decennial redistricting and reapportionment process following the 2020 census. He watched Director
78 Pike spend countless hours both educating our community and attending every commission meeting,
79 even staying for meetings that ran until midnight. Vice President Egkan observed massive mailing lists
80 compiled and generated by Director Pike which helped garner a tremendous amount of community
81 support for Fallbrook that rivaled large cities. Vice President Egkan knows how much dedication and
82 relationship-building it takes to be successful with a LACFO nomination as he ran before
83 unsuccessfully. Vice President Egkan expressed his confidence in Director Pike's ability and
84 commitment to building lasting relationships that lead to success with Districts throughout the County
85 and advised the Board he would like to nominate him. On a motion by Vice President Egkan seconded

86 by Director Shaw, the motion to nominate Director Pike to serve on the San Diego Local Agency
87 Formation Commission (LAFCO) passed by the following roll call vote:

88 **AYES:** Acosta, Egkan, Munson, Shaw; **ABSTAIN:** Pike

89
90 10. **DISTRICT COUNSEL TRANSITION – CHIEF McREYNOLDS:** Chief McReynolds reminded the Board
91 of their decision to move forward with a contract with Burke, Williams and Sorenson to provide the
92 District’s general counsel services. Vice President Egkan expressed his understanding that having a
93 firm that is versed in contract, labor, real estate, redistricting, and election law is necessary in the
94 current litigious climate. On a motion by Director Munson seconded by Vice President Egkan, the
95 motion to extend Attorney James’ contract through June 2023, at which time the contract will be
96 reviewed further, allowing Attorney James to serve the District as Special Counsel, passed
97 unanimously.

98
99 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

100 11. **STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION-CHIEF McREYNOLDS:** Chief McReynolds presented the strategic
101 plan to the Board.

102 12. **FACILITY UPDATE PRESENTATION-DIVISION CHIEF BRIAN MACMILLAN:** D/C MacMillan presented
103 recent facility upgrades. Vice President Egkan asked who painted the mural in Station 1 and D/C
104 MacMillan informed the Board it was created by Engineer Chad Spencer.

105
106 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

107 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel Steinke introduced herself to the Board and presented
108 her report. This is informational only, no action required.

109 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

110 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:** The Board recognized the individuals included in the Staff
111 Report. This is informational only, no action required.

112 ● **NEWS ARTICLES:** This is informational only, no action required.

113 ● **COMMENTS:**

114 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:** These items are informational only, no action required.

115 ● **KEITH McREYNOLDS, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief McReynolds informed the Board on the
116 following topics:

- 117 ○ The February Board meeting is a week early, on Tues., Feb. 21, 2023.
- 118 ○ A Wildfire Preparedness Symposium will be held on Sat., March 25, 2023, at the
119 Fallbrook High School.
- 120 ○ Campus Park West had a meeting with Staff to discuss the land across from Station
121 4. There will be a need to discuss CFD revenue in the future.
- 122 ○ NCFPD was approached by a college that is possibly interested in building a site near
123 Rice Canyon to the east. There is a possibility the District may need to annex some of
124 the property into our District.
- 125 ○ The preliminary budget will be coming up in May.
- 126 ○ There are some emergency roof repairs at Station 1 and the Administrative Building
127 that need to be completed as soon as possible.
- 128 ○ A pump pod project demonstration will take place Wed., Jan. 25, 2023, at 9 a.m. at
129 Station 1.
- 130 ○ There was structure fire on Main Street today involving a shipping container. There
131 was minor damage to the contents in the container and no structural loss.

132 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: BC CANPINAR:** BC Canpinar informed the Board that
133 details and information regarding the CSDA Leadership Academy scheduled for the end February
134 will be coming soon. **B/C JOSEPH BRADSHAW:** B/C Bradshaw thanked the Board and expressed
135 gratitude to be in his new role and confirmed his attendance at the pump pod demonstration. **ADMIN.**
136 **B/C DECAMP:** Admin B/C DeCamp confirmed his attendance at the pump pod demonstration and
137 informed the Board that he is currently involved in firefighter training. **F/M FIERI:** F/M Fieri educated
138 the Board on the Fire Resource and Assessment Program Map (FRAP Map) which classifies
139 vegetation hazard zones located in State Responsibility Area (SRA) into three (3) categories:
140 moderate, high, and very high. Starting in March, this map will include the Local Response Area
141 (LRA). Currently, forty-nine percent (49%) of the Fallbrook and Bonsall area is considered high range,
142 throughout both the LRA and SRA. There are areas of town, the Olive Hill area in particular, that went
143 from the moderate category to very high. F/M Fieri informed the Board there is no opportunity for

144 NCFPD to change the FRAP Map, as it was designed by the state. Director Pike asked F/M Fieri what
145 our community can do since we can't change FRAP Map and F/M Fieri responded that the public
146 could express their concerns directly to the state. **DFC MAHR:** DFC Mahr advised the Board that
147 decision was made to discontinue the use of the additional BLS unit, as conditions no longer
148 warranted its service. The unit ran for 20 days total. This decision will not impact staffing. DFC Mahr
149 provided an update to the firefighter/paramedic testing; a final hiring decision will be made to
150 tomorrow.

151 ● **BOARD: DIRECTOR SHAW:** Director Shaw thanked BC Canpinar for her assistance in filing
152 several items and thanked the Chief for the Strategic Plan presentation. **DIRECTOR PIKE:** Director Pike
153 expressed enthusiasm in the LAFCO nomination and looks forward to the campaign. He thanked
154 Vice President Egkan for his nomination and confirmed he has visited with twelve (12) other Board
155 groups. **VICE PRESIDENT EGKAN:** Vice President Egkan informed the Board about a CSDA initiative
156 that will come out on the 2024 ballot, which would affect special districts. **DIRECTOR MUNSON:** Director
157 Munson had no comment. **PRESIDENT ACOSTA:** President Acosta stated she is excited to be serving
158 the public as our current Board President.

159 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** No comments.

160 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

162 **CLOSED SESSION**

163 ● **OPENING CLOSED SESSION:**

164 At 6:46 p.m., President Acosta inquired whether there was a motion to adjourn to Closed Session.
165 There being no objection, President Acosta read the items to be discussed in Closed Session and
166 then Open Session was closed. A short break ensued after the reading of the Closed Session Items.

167 At 6:53 p.m., the Board entered Closed Session to hear:

168 CS-2: **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE §54596.9(D)(1))**
169 **– AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE WEST V. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES**
170 **(SACRAMENTO SUPERIOR COURT, CASE No.: 34-2021-8003757):**

171 ● **REOPENING OPEN SESSION:**

172 On a motion by Director Pike which was seconded by Vice President Egkan, which passed

173 unanimously, the Board returned to Open Session at 7:06 p.m. and the following items were reported
174 out to the public: CS-2: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE
175 §54596.9(D)(1)) – AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE WEST V. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE
176 SERVICES (SACRAMENTO SUPERIOR COURT, CASE NO.: 34-2021-8003757): There was no reportable
177 action.

178 **ADJOURNMENT**

179 A motion was made at 7:07 p.m. by Director Munson seconded by Director Pike to adjourn the
180 meeting and reconvene on February 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., which motion carried unanimously.

181

182 Respectfully submitted,

183

184 *Mavis Canpinar*

185 Mavis Canpinar

186 Board Clerk

187

188 Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: February 21, 2023

189

190

191

192

193

194

195

