

1      **October 22, 2024**

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

4      **LOCATION: 990 E. MISSION ROAD, FALLBROOK CA 92028**

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

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:** Chief McReynolds, General Counsel Steinke, DFC MacMillan, DC August, BC  
11     DeCamp, BC Harrington, IT Specialist Swanger, Board Clerk Canpinar, and members of the public.

12     **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

13     President Pike noted a recognition item would be added after public comment to recognize Director  
14     Acosta.

15    **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

16     1.     **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Pike inquired if there were any public comments regarding items  
17     not on the agenda. Leticia Stamos approached the podium and introduced herself. Ms. Stamos  
18     expressed opposition to Local 1622’s abrupt decision to rescind their endorsements for Directors  
19     Pike and Egkan, and believes their new endorsements for Mark Bartholemew, Jeannette Barragan,  
20     and John VanDoorn are without merit. President Pike thanked Ms. Stamos for her comments.

21                 As this was Director Acosta’s last meeting due to the upcoming election, Chief McReynolds  
22     recognized her, presenting her with a plaque in honor of her service with the District the last four years.  
23     Thank you, Director Acosta, for your support and dedication serving as a member of the NCFPD Board  
24     of Directors.

25                 President Pike inquired if there were any more public comments regarding items not on the  
26     agenda. There being no further public comment, the public comment section was closed.

27     2.     **CHALLENGE COIN RECOGNITION:** Chief McReynolds presented challenge coins to the following  
28     group of Fallbrook Unified Elementary School District employees for rendering aide to an individual

29 in need prior to NCF units arriving on scene: Nunzia Lopez, Gustavo Ramos, Harry Carreon, Fran  
30 Little, Jesscia Ramirez, and Maggie Taylor.

### 31 **DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION AGENDA**

32 3. There were no discussion/presentation items for the October 22, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

### 33 **ACTION AGENDA**

#### 34 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

35 4. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2024.**

36 5. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2024.**

37 6. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES:**

38 There were no policies or procedures for the October 22, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

39 7. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY OPERATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT.**

40 8. **THIRD QUARTER 2024 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY**

41 9. **WAIVE THE FULL TEXT READING OF ALL ORDINANCES**

42 President Pike inquired whether there were any questions on consent items 4-9. There being  
43 no discussion, President Pike asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. On a motion by Vice  
44 President Shaw seconded by Director Acosta, the motion to approve the consent agenda passed  
45 unanimously.

#### 46 **ACTION ITEMS:**

47 10. **APPROVE MEETING SCHEDULE AND PLACE FOR NCFPD REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:** Chief  
48 McReynolds presented the 2025 Regular Board Meeting schedule, noting the current meeting location  
49 at the water district continues to be effective, as the time, location, and accessibility allow for public  
50 input both in-person and digitally. On a motion by Vice President Shaw seconded by Director Egkan,  
51 the motion to approve the 2025 Regular Board Meeting schedule holding meetings at the Fallbrook  
52 Public Utility District at 5 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month except for no November meeting  
53 and a December 9, 2025, meeting, passed unanimously.

54 11. **PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR POSITIONS TO SERVE ON THE NORTH COUNTY DISPATCH JOINT**  
55 **POWERS AUTHORITY (NCDJPA) BOARD:** Chief McReynolds informed the Board that as a member  
56 agency of the NCDJPA, the District has one voting seat on the eight-member Board. NCF selects one  
57 primary and one alternate to serve in these capacities. Director Munson is currently serving as the

58 primary with President Pike serving as the alternate. In January 2024 it was unanimously decided that  
59 nominations to these positions would take place at the meeting immediately preceding the December  
60 NCDJPA meeting, which this year is being held on December 4, 2024. Director Egkan made a motion  
61 to nominate President Pike as the primary representative, which was seconded by Director Acosta;  
62 the motion passed unanimously and President Pike accepted the nomination. Director Egkan made a  
63 motion to nominate Vice President Shaw as the alternate, which was seconded by President Pike; the  
64 motion passed unanimously and Vice President Shaw accepted the nomination.

65 10. **PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN OCTOBER 22, 2024, AT 5:05 P.M. TO HOLD A FIRST READING OF**  
66 **ORDINANCE 2024-01, SETTING COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NCFPD**: President  
67 Pike declared the public hearing open at 5:24 p.m. Chief McReynolds presented the proposed  
68 ordinance to the Board, noting director compensation, currently set at \$100 per meeting, has not been  
69 increased in at least 18 years. The NCFPD has never set director compensation by ordinance, and  
70 instead has set rates through its adoption of the Expenses Policy and by resolution. Since this is the  
71 first time an ordinance will be considered regarding director compensation, the increase is limited to  
72 5% of the current rate under Health and Safety Code section 13857. If adopted, Ordinance 2024-01  
73 would set compensation at \$105 per meeting for up to 4 meetings per month. Adopting the ordinance  
74 will require two readings, with the ordinance taking effect 30 days after the second reading. President  
75 Pike asked if there was any public comment on agenda item #10; there being no public comment, the  
76 public hearing was closed at 5:27 p.m. On a motion by Director Acosta seconded by Vice President  
77 Shaw, the motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-01, increasing director compensation to \$105 per meeting  
78 for up to 4 meetings a month, and holding a second reading on December 10, 2024, at 5:05 p.m.,  
79 passed by the following roll call vote: Acosta, aye; Egkan, aye; Munson, aye; Pike, aye; Shaw, aye.

80 11. **THIRD QUARTER 2024 AWARDS: BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM**: Chief McReynolds presented the  
81 list of individuals nominated for the third quarter recognition. At the May 2024 Regular Board Meeting,  
82 the Board directed Staff to create an official District recognition form that could be accessed via  
83 intranet and on the District website by any employee or member of the public, so recognition  
84 acknowledgements could be submitted for consideration. The list submitted this month was a  
85 collection of 5 employees acknowledged between the months of July, August, and September. On a  
86 motion by Director Acosta seconded by Vice President Shaw, the Board unanimously voted to award

87 the following employees: FF/PM Swan, IT Specialist Swanger, Engineer Soriano, Engineer Moritz, and  
88 MSO Murphy.

89 **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** General Counsel Steinke reviewed the included report defining rules and  
90 regulations of recently passed AB 2561, noting a report on vacant positions will need to be brought  
91 before the Board annually at any meeting before the adoption of the final budget.

92 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Information only; no action required.

93 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:** Information only; no action required.

94 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

95 ● **KEITH MCREYNOLDS, FIRE CHIEF:** Chief McReynolds informed the Board of the following  
96 items:

- 97 ○ Thank you to those who participated in the open house; attendance was high
- 98 ○ Station 3 construction is currently ahead of schedule
- 99 ○ The Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11 will have an NCF engine
- 100 ○ The final badge pinning for the year will be held on Nov. 12 at Station 1 at 5 p.m.

101 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: BC HARRINGTON:** BC Harrington provided  
102 communications and CERT updates, and noted the REMS 11 unit has been brought back from  
103 service. **BC DECAMP:** BC DeCamp provided fleet updates. **DC AUGUST:** DC August provided an  
104 update on current facility projects along with upcoming staffing and recruitment updates.  
105 **MACMILLAN:** DFC MacMillan provided operations updates, including an update on the 5-acre fire that  
106 was extinguished in the southeast area of Fallbrook/Bonsall.

107 ● **BOARD:** President Pike and all the members of the Board thanked Director Acosta for her  
108 service as a member of the NCFPD Board.

109 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** There was no comment from the Bargaining Groups.

110 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Leticia Stamos stepped to the podium to thank the current NCF Directors  
111 for serving their community collaboratively, and also thanked all of the first responders who  
112 showed up during her time of need when her husband fell ill.

113 There was no further public comment.

114 **CLOSED SESSION**

115 At 6:02 p.m. President Pike inquired whether there was a motion to adjourn to closed session.  
116 There being no objection, President Pike read the items to be discussed in closed session and  
117 open session was closed. A short break ensued after the reading of the closed session items. At  
118 6:11 p.m. the Board entered closed session to hear:

119 **CS-1. ANNOUNCEMENT – PRESIDENT PIKE:**

120 **CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (GOVT. CODE §54956.9(d)(1)) JUUL**  
121 **V. NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ET AL. (SDSC CASE NO.: 24CU016872C):**

122 **CS-3. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – PRESIDENT PIKE:**

123 ● **REOPENING TO OPEN SESSION:**

124 On a motion by Director Acosta seconded by Vice President Shaw which passed unanimously, the  
125 Board returned to open session at 6:31 p.m. and the following items were reported out to the public:

126 **CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (GOVT. CODE §54956.9(d)(1)) JUUL**  
127 **V. NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ET AL. (SDSC CASE NO.: 24CU016872C):** There was

128 no reportable action.

129 **ADJOURNMENT**

130 A motion was made at 6:32 p.m. by Vice President Shaw seconded by Director Acosta to adjourn  
131 the meeting and reconvene on December 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., which motion carried unanimously.

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133 Respectfully submitted,

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136 Mavis Canpinar

137 Board Clerk

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139 Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on:

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12/10/24