



# FALCON HIGHLANDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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## **FHMD Budget Hearing >**

The 2018 Falcon Highlands Metropolitan District Budget Hearing and December Board Meeting is scheduled to take place at 5:30PM on 11 December 2017 at Falcon Fire Station #3. Residents and property owners are invited.

## **Doggie Stations >**

Additional Doggie Stations will be installed near the mailbox clusters. These stations will provide gloves and a deposit canister for residents to conveniently pick up after their dogs. We are asking that residents please keep our public spaces free of dog soil.

## **Election Results >**

On November 7th, the Falcon Highlands Community voted on Election Ballot Question 5B which was asking for authority to refinance our existing bonds and borrow up to \$4M to fund water infrastructure upgrades. The results of the election was 161 votes against; 111 votes for. The district will continue on it's path forward without any additional funding from new bonds.

## **Water Conservation >**

A reminder to the Falcon Highlands Community, water conservation is still in effect. In an effort to ensure that we are able to meet water demand without any new infrastructure improvements, we need to emphasize the need to conserve water. If water customers continue to use water in excess of planned water supply—the board will have to enact stricter penalties for excessive water consumption. This action could include increases to the water tier payments or even fines.

### **FHMD Contact Info**

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### **Key Agency Points of Contact:**

Mountain View Electric

Street Light Maintenance (719) 495-2283

Woodmen Hills Metro District

Waste Water & Storm Drainage (719) 495-2500

El Paso County

Roads, Sidewalks, & Curbs (719) 572-5147

Code Enforcement (719) 520-6300



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## Post Election Way Forward >

With the election over, the way forward for the district is to continue to work with external agencies such as Colorado Springs Utilities, Woodmen Hills Metro, and other metro districts to develop a renewable water source for our district. We will work to solidify relationships with these agencies and work towards a path to purchasing renewable water or tributary water rights for the district. Well water resources are finite and are unable to meet the long term demands of our community and future development. The district will continue to make every effort to improve our infrastructure and to mitigate risk. Risk reduction efforts will require some infrastructure investments along with agreements with neighboring districts for emergency water connectivity. The board will work to continue the work of educating the community on future plans and try to address the concerns that were brought up during the election. We will make every effort to remain transparent and open to our constituents.

## Water Meters >

Some of the Telemetry Units are beginning to fail. These units are the small grey boxes that are electrically connected to your water meter. They communicate with the district and report your water meter reading. The internal battery on these units expire after 15 years. Some of these units are approaching the 15 year point. When one fails, the district Water Operator—*Steve Dodd* will make contact with the home owner and schedule an appointment to replace this unit. Don't be alarmed by the call, it isn't a scam. You can call the district manager: Cynthia Beyer at (303) 265-7913 to verify that the need exists. Steve will show you his FHMD Employee Badge and his truck has Falcon Highlands Metro Logo on the doors.

## Winter Brrr >

Reminder, Winter comes quickly remove hoses from outside water faucets. Turn off irrigation systems. Blow out standing water in your sprinkler systems. Open your anti siphon valve so that water will drain from it. Freezing pipes, anti siphon valves can be expensive to replace and result in high water bills. Take precautions before it is too late.

