

FALLS CREEK RANCH ASSOCIATION, INC.  
TOWN HALL MEETING – FCR Water

A Town Hall meeting of the Falls Creek Ranch Association, Inc. occurred on June 25, 2016. Present were President, Jim McCarthy; Vice-President, Mike McQuinn; Treasurer, Larry Hansen; Secretary, Deirdre Heine; and At Large, Peggy Yotti. Also present were Eb and K Redford, Byard and Nancy Peake, Mike Hicks, Chris Heine, Denny Ehlers, Les Lynch, Don and Mary Southworth, Barry and Mary Ann Bryant, Karl and Carole Deterding, Bill and Marge Rebovich, Sara Carver, Doug Parmentier, John and Sandy Turner, Tiff Johnson, Joe Scarpino, Clyde and Paulette Church, Warren Kerzon, Jim McCarthy, Steve Allen, Clint and Sherry Keith, David Hardy, Mark and Debra Galbraith, Bob Fossum, Mindy Self, Johnnie Greiner, Don and Renee Felix, Bobbie Baird, Steve Dowler, Gale Marinelli, Ed Kileen, Robin Lucie, Don and Nancy Henry, Walt and Ginger Woltosz and Shirley Jones.

The purpose of the Town Hall Meeting was for the Utilities Committee to present its findings on the current water supply and long range water supply options for Falls Creek Ranch. President Jim McCarthy informed those in attendance that the Board and the Utilities Committee do not have cost information and that no decisions would be made nor vote taken today.

Eb Redford, Utilities Committee Chair, introduced the committee members: Mike Hicks, Barry Bryant and Chris Heine, and gave an overview of the Agenda.

Chris Heine presented a geological overview of Falls Creek Ranch and discussed our current well levels. Water recharge of our aquifer is driven by seasonal runoff. Water levels have been helped by good snow years and conservation efforts of Ranch residents. The Ranch is currently using an estimated 3.2 million gallons of water per year, compared to 8.8 million gallons in 2010. This decrease in usage can be attributed to our water billing system which has encouraged conservation efforts.

Mike Hicks spoke on drought forecast, stating that climate change is affecting the Southwest/Four Corners region. Ground water is depleting in all drainages in the region. FCR is not alone in this regard. Warming temperatures have effects on snowpack, ground and surface water. Mike also spoke on the possibility of drilling a new well with concerns being costs and water right considerations

Long range water supply options were discussed, including trucked in water; drilling a new water well; possible connection to Animas Water Company; and relying on our current well production and conservation efforts. Also discussed was the AWC/FCR pipeline study; background, current status, possible financing tools such as special assessments, member promissory notes, bank loans and the possible formation of a metropolitan water district.

The Board, by motion duly made by Deirdre Heine, seconded and unanimously approved, adjourned the Town Hall meeting at 11:45 a.m.

This document constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Town Hall Meeting of the Falls Creeks Ranch Association, Inc.

Respectively submitted,  
Deirdre Heine, Secretary  
June 25, 2016