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FPUD board appoints new director



Dave Baxter is sworn into office to fill a vacant board seat on the Fallbrook Public Utility District board of directors.

FALLBROOK –The Fallbrook Public Utility District board of directors appointed local businessman Dave Baxter to fill the board seat vacated in July by Al Gebhart.

Baxter, current president of the Live Oak Park Coalition, was selected during a special board meeting to fill the empty Subdistrict No. 1 seat. He is senior director at Relevant Solutions, a company providing business solutions through instrumentation, and rotating and thermal equipment.

His employment history includes extensive background in water and wastewater facilities, working with municipalities such as Schnieder Electric and leading infrastructure plans for the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

The energetic, upbeat Baxter is a Fallbrook business owner and has lived in town since 2013. Together with his wife, Stephani, they own Fallbrook Protea farm and rental property throughout town.

He also served eight years in the Coast Guard.

Baxter has two Bachelor of Science degrees from University of Tennessee, one in environmental engineering and another in chemical engineering.

“We chose Dave because of his experience in the financial world, his experience in water and wastewater, and the fact that he is a Fallbrook business owner,” said Board President Don McDougal. “We need that oversight. Also, he’s incredibly optimistic and very active with the Live Oak Park Coalition and other nonprofits in Fallbrook. He will be an asset to the board.”

The FPUD board has five directors. Each is voted into office by residents in their subdistrict, then serves a four-year term unless someone vacates early. Baxter was interviewed by the four remaining directors on the board and was selected by a unanimous vote. Five others vied for the position.

Gebhart cited a move to northern California as his reason for leaving office. Baxter will remain in office until the term ends in December 2020.

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