

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, August 22, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Powell at 2:01 p.m.

Present: Director Powell, Director van Duinwyk, Director Venable, Director Easton, Director Lee. Chief Hickman and District Counsel Mark Manion were also present.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District; 30 minutes total time is allotted for this discussion.**

There were no public comments at this meeting. Battalion Chief Ederer provided an update regarding the Rey Fire Incident. Chief Hickman introduced new Wildland Fire Specialist, Maeve Juarez.

- 2. Motion to authorize Fire Chief to enter into a contract with Robert TenEyck to enhance Public Information and Education.**

- a. Staff report presented by Chief Hickman.**

Chief Hickman provided a staff report and introduced Core Idea Consultant, Robert TenEyck.

- b. Presentation by Core Idea Consultant Robert TenEyck regarding Public Information and Education through branding and messaging.**

Robert TenEyck provided a presentation to the board. After thorough discussion, the motion to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a preliminary agreement with Robert TenEyck for Initiative I was made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Venable and unanimously passed. The Board took a break at 3:30 p.m. The Board reconvened at 3:40 p.m. and moved into closed session (agenda item 8).

- 3. Report from the Finance Committee:**

- a. Consider recommendation to approve financial statements ending July 31, 2016.**

Director van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the Finance Committee meeting. The motion to approve the financial statements ending July 31, 2016 was made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously passed.

- b. Review Draft Final Budget for FY 2016-17.**

The Board reviewed the draft budget.

4. Approval of Minutes of the July 25, 2016 Regular Meeting.

The motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 Regular Meeting was made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously passed.

5. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Hickman stated that the Department is very busy with Fire Assignments. He added that the OP area is at drawdown. The Chief mentioned that storyboards regarding the Rey Fire Incident will be placed in the upper village and at Station 1. The Chief stated that he will be attending the Southern California Edison presentation at the Montecito Association meeting this evening. Chief Hickman mentioned that the Strategic Planning meeting will be scheduled soon.

6. Board of Director's report.

Director Venable stated that he met with his Doctor and he's doing well.

7. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the September Regular Board Meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

8. CLOSED SESSION –

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation [Government Code section 54956.9 (d)]

Montecito Agricultural Foundation v. Montecito Fire Protection District, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1401924

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9: One case.

The Board reported out of closed session at 4:25 p.m. with no reportable action. Director Powell left the meeting. Director van Duinwyk resumed the meeting with agenda item 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

President John Abraham Powell

Secretary Sylvia Easton