

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

November 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Held via teleconference connection as permitted under the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020 due to concerns of COVID-19 ("Executive Order").

Director Easton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Director Easton, Director Ishkanian, Director van Duinwyk, Director Lee, Director Powell. Chief Taylor 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 allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Report from the Fire Station Location Standing Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 4)**

Director van Duinwyk provided a summary of the Fire Station Location Standing Committee meeting.

- a. Consider recommendation to receive and file the Preliminary Fire Station Location Presentation from AP Triton.**

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding the Preliminary Fire Station Location Presentation from AP Triton. Motion made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Easton to receive and file the Preliminary Fire Station Location Presentation from AP Triton. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: J.A. Powell, M. Lee, J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 3. That the Board of Directors authorize the Fire Chief to enhance community input into the Fire Station Location Study through an online survey at a cost not to exceed \$10,242; \$5,242 to AP Triton to develop and administer the survey and \$5,000 for a direct mailer. (Strategic Plan Goal 4)**

a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Kevin Taylor.

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding enhanced community input into the Fire Station Location Study. After thorough Board discussion, motion made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Ishkanian to authorize the Fire Chief to enhance community input into the Fire Station Location Study through an online survey, as well as telephone and direct mailer at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: J.A. Powell, J. Ishkanian, M. Lee, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Approval of Minutes of the October 26, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Regular meeting made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J.A. Powell, J. Ishkanian, M. Lee, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2020 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Special meeting made by Director Ishkanian, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J.A. Powell, J. Ishkanian, M. Lee, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Fire Chief's report.

Division Chief Widling highlighted recognition for various personnel that worked on Mutual Aid assignments. He also highlighted 3 new hires that have completed probation. Division Chief Widling highlighted current Mutual Aid assignments, and stated there were no significant calls in the month of October. Fire Marshal Briner provided a report regarding Fire Prevention activity for the year. Chief Taylor provided an update regarding community challenges with ingress and egress at trailheads and beaches, as well as open flames at areas on the trails and bonfires on the beach. He stated the department is working with the houseless population project, "Hands across Montecito", through the

Montecito Association. He added the department is also part of a fire and life safety task force, proposed by South Coast Fire Marshals in Santa Barbara County, looking toward potential steps to mitigate risks. He added the group is looking for a unified response across all jurisdictions regarding these issues. Chief Taylor stated the debris flow risk map process is ongoing, and staff expects to have a draft in two weeks. He noted a community meeting will be held on December 17. Chief Taylor provided a COVID-19 update regarding state and local regulations. He also stated the department remains in Phase 2 of the Continuity of Operations Plan. Chief Taylor stated the department has applied for a Cal OES grant for the solar project and are awaiting results. Chief Taylor stated that fire season continues on the South Coast. He noted that should there be rain, the sand bag station has been set up at Lower Manning. Director Powell requested staff to provide response time reports in future board packets.

7. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

8. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the December 28, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

Director Powell requested that a discussion regarding the enhancement of Fire Prevention opportunities happen at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

President Sylvia Easton

Secretary Judith Ishkanian