

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on August 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Present: Director Easton, Director van Duinwyk, Director Lee, Director Ishkanian. Chief Taylor and District Counsel Mark Manion were also present.

Absent: Director Powell

- 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. Introduction of new hire: Firefighter Evan Hamaker.**

Chief Taylor introduced new firefighter, Evan Hamaker.

- 3. Recognition of new promotion: Division Chief Alan Widling. (Strategic Plan Goal 7)**

Division Chief Widling was unable to attend this meeting, and will be recognized at the next Regular Board meeting.

- 4. That the Board of Directors appoint one Board Member and the Fire Chief to serve on Supervisor Williams Community Services District Task Force. (Strategic Plan Goal 4)**

- a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Taylor.**

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding Supervisor Williams' Community Services District (CSD) Task Force. Motion to appoint Judith Ishkanian and the Fire Chief to the CSD Task Force made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed.

- 5. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)**

- a. Review Draft Final Budget for 2019-20.**

Directors Lee and van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the Draft Final Budget for FY 2019-20.

6. Approval of Minutes of the July 22, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2019 Regular meeting made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Ishkanian and unanimously passed.

7. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Taylor stated the District received a time extension for FEMA reimbursement for the rental property project and the generator project. The Chief stated that the contract for the roofer, WRS Inc. was finalized last week, and work will begin this Thursday. Chief Taylor stated that the BC examination to fill Chief Widling's vacancy occurs Wednesday, August 28. He mentioned that 8 out of 22 highly qualified applicants were invited to participate in the process. The Chief stated that the Public Safety Power Shut Off program will be presented to the Board of Supervisors by both Edison and P G & E tomorrow. He added that the Department, in partnership with the Office of Emergency Management are looking to bring Edison to our community in September. Chief Taylor stated that MERRAG is hosting CERT Training at Station 1 in November. The Chief stated that this year would be a "normal Southern California" fire season from October to December. Chief Taylor asked the Board members to schedule their SB1343 training before the deadline of January, 2020.

8. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

9. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the September 23, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

Director Easton suggested that staff provide an update regarding Station 3.

10. CLOSED SESSION:

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Government Code section 54956.9 (d)(2))
Significant exposure to litigation: One potential case.**

The Board reported out of closed session at 3:11 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

President Sylvia Easton

Secretary Michael Lee