

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, October 17, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Director Jensen at 8:35 am.

Present: Director Jensen, Director Newquist and Director Venable. Chief Wallace and District Counsel M. Manion were also present.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any agenda matter or 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.**

Ivana Noel presented a written letter clarifying her need for cost estimates prior to selling of the bonds to qualify for SBA loan approval. (This document will be included in the 10/17/2011 Board Packet.) She also announced information about a fund raising event that will be held on October 22, 2011.

For Board Action:

- 2. Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2011 Regular Meeting.**

Ms. Ventura indicated that minutes need to indicate that the meeting was called to order at 8:30 by President Jensen. The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected on a motion made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Newquist.

- 3. Approval of District warrants and claims.**

After an explanation of payments made to Village Repair, the Board unanimously approved the warrants and claims for the month of September on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable.

- 4. Accept \$50,000 donation from Firemen's Fund.**

Chief Wallace announced that the Fireman's Fund Insurance Heritage Grant was awarded to Montecito Fire. It will be utilized for our vegetation management program to reduce and remove the fuel load in the community.

On a motion by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable, the Board unanimously accepted the \$50,000 donation from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Heritage Grant

- 5. Review Employee Housing program.**

Chief Wallace reviewed the Employee Housing Policy and revenue that is generated from the program. He asked for direction on the retiree currently living in one of the units.

After briefly discussing the program, the Board directed the Fire Chief to present additional property management firms for consideration at the next Board meeting and

Board tabled the decision on how to handle the retiree currently living in the 2 bedroom unit.

6. CLOSED SESSION – Public Employee Appointment (Government Code section 54957)

Title: Fire Chief

CLOSED SESSION – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).

Name of Case: Rhonda Kauer Dalton, individually vs. Montecito Fire Protection District, a public agency; and DOES 1-10, inclusive, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1381564

The Board Combined the closed session for the Fire Chief's Employee Performance Evaluation and the Conference with Legal Counsel for Existing Litigation.

The Board went into closed session at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

Mr. Manion advised that the Board took no reportable action during the closed session.

For Information Only:

7. Station 3. Update on conceptual proposed design for Station 3.

Chief Wallace reported that the plans were reviewed by the land use committee, and the architects are working on changes based on their recommendations. He also advised that he met with Jacksons and reviewed the plans as well.

The Board took no action.

8. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Wallace reported on the progress on full service contract Santa Maria Air Tanker Base; Breast Cancer Awareness supported by the Firemen's Association/Charitable Foundation, "Movember" to begin on Nov. 1 and the progress on SRA.

Chief Wallace also discussed a matter involving the use of District personnel on an incident located outside of the District. Chief Wallace also informed the Board that the Board is due for its biannual ethics training, which will be presented after next month's regular meeting. Other Districts will be invited to attend.

The Board took no action.

9. Board of Directors report.

There were no reports from the Board of Directors.

10. Requests from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the November Regular Board meeting.

The Board asked that the following be added to the November Agenda: thank you letters to those who assisted with the Santa Maria Air Tanker Base, ethics training, new property management companies for employee housing, and an update on Station 3.

Adjournment

Director Jensen adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.