

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, April 25, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Powell at 2:03 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Director Venable

- 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.

- 2. Recognition for 25 years of service: Firefighter Paramedic, Keith Fuggles.**

Chief Hickman commended and thanked Keith Fuggles for 25 years of service.

- 3. Report on the status of transferring of access easement to Upper Hyde Road property owners and quitclaiming District's easement interest.**

District Counsel, Mark Manion provided an update regarding the easement transfer stating that there are eight property owners yet to sign.

- 4. Discussion item: Update regarding Station 3 Final EIR.**

Chief Hickman provided an update regarding the amended AMEC agreement. The Chief provided a timeline of the additional work needed to complete the EIR. He indicated that the project would be completed by June 17<sup>th</sup> without recirculation, and by September 16<sup>th</sup>, with recirculation. Montecito resident, Nancy Patterson stated that she hopes the AMEC agreement includes the cost of responding to any public comments.

- 5. Report from the Finance Committee:**

- a. Consider recommendation for acceptance of Fechter & Company's Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015.**

Director Sinser provided information regarding the Annual Financial Report, and recommended that it be accepted by the Board. Ms. Gil provided insight regarding the Financial Statements. Director Easton requested additional time to review the report. The Board determined to revisit this item next month.

- b. Report on Draft Preliminary Budget for FY 2016-17.**

Director Sinsler provided a report regarding the Draft Preliminary Budget for FY 2016-17. Ms. Gil provided a staff report regarding the Draft Preliminary Budget, highlighting significant line item changes. The Board took a break. The Board reconvened at 3:28 p.m.

**c. Report on CalPERS Annual Valuation Report as of June 30, 2014 for Miscellaneous and Safety Plans.**

Ms. Gil provided a staff report regarding the CalPERS Annual Valuation Report as of June 30, 2014.

**d. Consider recommendation to approve March 2016 financial statements.**

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

**6. Approval of Minutes of the April 4, 2016 Special Meeting.**

The motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 Special Meeting was made by Director Easton, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and passed. Director Powell abstained.

**7. Discussion item: Rescheduling Regular Board Meeting for May, Chief Hickman attending training out of District.**

The Board determined that the Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**8. Fire Chief's Report.**

Chief Hickman highlighted correspondence from the Montecito Sanitary District regarding proposed increases. The Chief mentioned a significant wind event that occurred on April 15<sup>th</sup>, causing widespread power outages. He added that there were 16 related calls within a three-hour period. Chief Hickman highlighted the proposed LAFCO budget for FY 2016-2017.

**9. Board of Director's report.**

Director Sinsler stated that he attended the Montecito Association meeting. Director Easton thanked the Finance Committee, Chief Hickman and Ms. Gill for their amazing work. Director Powell stated that the District filed a workers' compensation claim on his behalf. He added that it was rejected by the workers' compensation carrier, and he has now handed the matter over to an attorney. Director Sinsler stated that his house has sold and the escrow will close on May 6<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he will be renting back, and asked District Counsel if he could now participate in the discussions regarding station 3. District Counsel stated that he would research and provide an answer.

**10. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the May Special Board meeting.**

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

**11. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, conference with Labor Negotiators. Agency designated representatives: Directors Powell and Venable. Employee Organization: Montecito Firefighter's Association.**

The Board reported out at 4:35 p.m. There was no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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President John Abraham Powell

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Secretary Gene Sinsler