

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AGENDA FOR THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Montecito Fire Protection District Headquarters

595 San Ysidro Road

Santa Barbara, California

May 21, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Items May Be Taken Out Of The Order Shown

1. Public comment: Any person may address the Committee 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.
2. Review proposed final edited version of Citygate Resident Survey for Standards of Cover Study.
3. Discuss potential additional hazard mitigation projects and additional funding.
4. Discuss press release or letter from the Board President to inform community of Strategic Planning Committee's accomplishments.
5. Fire Chief's Report.
6. Suggestions from Directors for items, other than regular agenda items, to be included in the agenda for the next Strategic Planning Committee Meeting.

Adjournment

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By 
Chip Hickman, Fire Chief

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NOTES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, May 2, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Powell at 1:07 p.m.

Present: Director Powell, Director Keller and Chief Hickman.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Committee 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 was no public comment.

- 2. Presentation by Jeff Saley on the District's Fuel Modification Projects.**

Jeff Saley and Kerry Kellogg, the District's Wildland Specialists, presented about the various hazardous mitigation projects. Presentation available upon request.

- 3. Report on District's Quarterly Response Statistics.**

Jackie Jenkins explained that the decrease in false alarms from last quarter is due to the alarm companies contacting the resident prior to calling the District. The increase in good intent calls is due to a change in classification. If a call is dispatched and cancelled in route, it is now recorded as good intent, rather than false alarm.

The Committee took recess at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:13 p.m.

- 4. Review proposed Citygate Resident Survey for Standards of Cover Study.**

Chief Hickman reviewed the District's progress with Citygate's Standards of Cover Study.

The Committee suggested various revisions to the survey. Director Keller suggested that the District determine different distribution methods to encourage survey participation from the residents.

- 5. Review Fire Chief's Report.**

Chief Hickman reported on increased staffing for predicted weather events, and the District's decision to not participate in the County's pile burning.

- 6. Suggestions from Directors for items, other than regular agenda items, to be included in the agenda for the next Strategic Planning Committee Meeting.**

Director Powell would like to review the possibility of additional hazard mitigation projects and additional funding.

Director Keller would like to discuss the possibility of a press release to inform the community of the Strategic Planning Committee's progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.



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DRAFT – Montecito Fire Protection District Resident Survey

Date _____

The Montecito Fire Protection District (District) is updating its community risk assessment and firefighter deployment plans. While the District has goals for delivering the best fire protection services possible, they need to know what's important to the community. They want to know what matters most to you about the services they provide. While no community can fund all of the resources that may be needed to resolve every potential emergency, they strive to achieve the highest level of community protection within available resources to meet your expectations. We would appreciate it if you could spend the next few minutes completing this survey.

1. Please select one:

- I am a Montecito Property Owner or Resident
- I am a Carpinteria/Summerland Property Owner or Resident
- I am a City of Santa Barbara Property Owner or Resident
- Other

How many years have you been a Property Owner or Resident?

- _____ Less than 1 year
- _____ 1 to 3 years
- _____ 4 to 5 years
- _____ 6 to 10 years
- _____ More than 10 years

Are you a full-time resident?

Yes _____ No _____

If no, please check one:

- Less than 6 months per year
- More than 6 months per year

2. Have you had any direct contact with Montecito Fire District?

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please rate the District's performance:

	1	2	3	4	5	0
Type of Service	Far Exceeds Expectations	Above Expectations	Meets Expectations	Below Expectations	Unacceptable	Not Applicable
Emergency Medical Response						
Emergency Fire Response						
Other Emergency Response						
Non Emergency request for service						
Property Survey						
Neighborhood Clean up						
Code Enforcement						
Car Seat Installation						
Building Inspection						
Construction permitting						
General information request						
Public Education (Schools)						
Public Education (MERRAG)						
Board Meetings						
Community Events						
Other						

3. How would you rate the value (benefits) of current District-provided services?

1	2	3	4	5
Far Exceeds Expectations	Above Expectations	Meets Expectations	Below Expectations	Unacceptable

4. How important to you are efforts to reduce the impacts from wildland fire, such as vegetation reduction and homeowner property surveys?

1	2	3	4	5
Extremely Critical	Very Important	Important	Slightly Important	Unimportant

5. Have you experienced any difficulty obtaining homeowner’s insurance?

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, what was the reason given? (please check all that apply):

- Distance from a fire hydrant
- Distance from a fire station
- Proximity to wildland fire exposure
- Property located in a hazard zone identification map
- All properties in Zip Code 93108 identified by agent as a “no new policies” area.
- No specific reason given

If yes, do you currently have homeowner’s insurance?

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, have you been denied coverage and forced to change carriers within the last 24 months?

Yes ____ No ____

6. How important are emergency response times to you?

- Extremely Critical – I desire the fastest and most effective emergency response times possible.
- Very Important – I believe response times should be a high priority relative to other services provided.
- Important – I believe response times should be balanced with the Fire Department’s ability to provide other services such as community-wide risk reduction programs.
- Slightly important – I believe response times are not as important as the Fire Department’s ability to provide self-help programs such as mitigation, prevention, and risk-reduction education.
- Unimportant – I am satisfied with whatever response times the Fire Department can provide.

7. If the District could provide different levels of response times to different types of emergencies, please rate your expectations for the following types of emergencies with #1 being the highest priority emergency and #4 being the lowest priority emergenc

- _____ Residential / building fire
- _____ Wildland fire
- _____ Medical emergency
- _____ Other emergencies such as hazardous materials incidents, trail rescues, and vehicle accidents

8. Which of the following statements describes your expectation for broad outcomes when building fires occur within our community? (Choose one)

- The Fire District should confine the fire to the room(s) where the fire started. The Fire District should have sufficient resources available to prevent the fire from spreading beyond its specific area of origin.
- The Fire District should confine the fire to the building where the fire started. The Fire District should have sufficient resources available to keep the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings.
- The Fire District should confine the fire to the parcel where the fire started. The Fire District should have sufficient resources available to keep the fire from spreading into adjacent parcels or wildland vegetation.

9. To your knowledge, can District fire apparatus readily access your residence without any impediments listed below?

Yes _____ No _____

If no, please check all that apply:

- Narrow access roads
- Narrow driveway
- Overhanging vegetation
- Encroaching vegetation
- Speed bumps
- Electric gate
- Windy
- Steep road
- Bridge

10. How important to you is easy access of emergency vehicles to your property? (Check one)

1	2	3	4	5
Extremely Critical	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Unimportant

11. Are you familiar with the District’s Emergency Notification Systems listed below?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please check all that you are familiar with:

- Reverse 911
- Nixle
- AM 1610
- HEARO Home Alert Radio
- Facebook
- Twitter

If yes, have you (please check all that apply):

- Added contact information for Reverse 911
- Subscribed to NIXLE
- Programmed your car radio to AM 1610
- Purchased a HEARO Home Alert Radio
- Liked the District on Facebook
- Subscribed to District’s Twitter feed

12. Are you aware that there have been at least three significant wildland fire events within or adjacent our community since 2007?

Yes ____ No ____

13. Have you lived here during a firestorm event?

Yes ____ No ____

14. Were you ordered to evacuate from your home during the Tea Fire (11/13/2008), Jesusita Fire (05/05/2009) or the Cold Fire (11/06/2012)?

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, check all that apply:

- I received Reverse 911 notifications
- I received NIXLE notifications
- I received a HEARO Home Alert Notification
- I did not receive any official notification, but heard from another source
- Evacuation Routes were identified
- Evacuation Routes were blocked

15. How important to you are pre-established emergency evacuation plans? (Check one)

1	2	3	4	5
Extremely Critical	Very Important	Important	Slightly Important	Unimportant

16. If the District were to update its priorities to guide the delivery of services, please rank the following in priority order, with #1 being the highest and #5 being the lowest.

- ___ Increase general emergency preparedness and education
- ___ Enhance wildfire mitigation efforts
- ___ Improve emergency response times
- ___ Provide paramedic services from all stations
- ___ Stronger enforcement of hazard abatement and access codes

Thank you for your participation. If you would like to make a general comment, please type into the field below, which is limited to 1,500 characters:

For further information, please contact the District at: (805) 969-2537 or via email at: survey@montecitofire.com