

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, March 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Venable at 2:08 p.m.

Present: Director Venable, Director Keller, Director Sinser and Director Jensen. Director Powell was absent. Chief Hickman and District Counsel M. 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 is allotted for this discussion.)**

There was no public comment.

- 2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2014-01 adopting the Fire Protection Plan for the Montecito Fire Protection District and repealing Ordinance No. 2010-02.**

Chief Hickman reported that there is no evidence that adopting the updated version of the Montecito Fire Protection Plan will have a significant effect on the environment.

On a motion made by Director Keller, seconded by Director Sinser, Ordinance 2014-1 was adopted by the following roll call vote, as read by title only:

Ayes: G. Sinser, J. Venable, S. Keller, R.J. Jensen
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: J.A. Powell

On a motion made by Director Keller, seconded by Director Sinser, the Board directed the Fire Chief to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act with the Santa Barbara County Clerk as there is no evidence that adoption of the Montecito Fire Protection Plan may have a significant effect on the environment. Directors Sinser, Venable, Keller, and Jensen voting in favor. Director Powell was absent.

- 3. Report from the Finance Committee (copy of Agenda for Finance Committee Meeting attached).**

Director Venable reported on the agenda items reviewed by the Finance Committee and that the committee recommends that the Board approve the District's warrants and claims as submitted.

Director Sinser suggested that the Board should get the same financial reports that are provided to the Finance Committee. Ms. Ventura advised that all Board members are emailed the Finance Committee packets and provided the same information that is provided to the Finance Committee.

After an explanation of expenses charged to the Mello Roos project, the Board unanimously approved the March warrants and claims on a motion made by Director Sinser, seconded by Director Venable. Director Keller and Director Venable asked that Board Packets include a report on expenses incurred for the Mello Roos / Upper Hyde Road project. Directors Sinser, Venable, Keller, and Jensen voting in favor. Director Powell was absent.

4. Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2014 Regular Meeting

On a motion made by Director Sinser, seconded by Jensen, the Board approved the Minutes of February 18, 2014 Regular Meeting by the following vote: Directors Sinser, Venable, and Jensen voting in favor. Director Keller abstained. Director Powell was absent.

5. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2014 Special Meeting.

On a motion made by Director Sinser, seconded by Director Venable, the Board approved the Minutes of February 25, 2014 Special Meeting. by the following vote: Directors Sinser, Venable, and Jensen voting in favor. Director Keller abstained. Director Powell was absent.

6. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Hickman reviewed the Montecito Water District's request to use NIXLE; calls relating to recent storm activity; predicted rain event; USFS burn/fire permitting on local trails; mutual aid response to structure fire on Circle Drive; gas leak on Park Lane; water break on East Valley Road; trail rescue below Tangerine Falls on Cold Springs Trail; Proposition 4 override election ballots will be mailed between June 9- June 28 with the election deadline being July 8; progress on neighborhood clean-up programs; installation of security system; A. Gil appointment to full time position; new Firefighter/Paramedic B. Bennewate starting a 6 week academy on April 1; request for Directors to pick their packets and Board meeting materials up during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., no later than 8:00 p.m; Capital PFG financial analysis presentation at next regular meeting; and the process of preparing for predicted weather events.

The Board took no action.

7. Board of Director's report.

Director Sinser advised that he attended the most recent Water District meeting and reported that they have a problem with the acquisition of water. He urged other directors to attend some of the other District's meetings.

The Board took no action.

8. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the April 28, 2014 Regular Board meeting.

Community Outreach Committee to review the use of NIXLE for other

agency/organization notifications.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.