

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, June 21, 2010.

**The meeting was called to order by President Jensen at 8:37 am.**

**Present:** Chief Wallace, Director Jensen, Director Venable, and Director Newquist. District Counsel E. Hvolboll, as well as approximately 20 members of the public were also present.

**1. Public Comment:**

Ms. Sue Leal Katnic advised that she mailed in 2 “yes” votes for the District’s Proposition 4 Override election.

**2. Report on status and consideration of Upper Hyde Road property owners' request for possible public financing method(s) for road improvements on Upper Hyde Road, and report from District counsel on negotiations with owner of DeSitter property regarding potential road easement; including report from homeowners.**

Ms. Collins provided a review of the Upper Hyde Road owners’ report.

Ms. DeSitter advised that her appraiser advised her that they need final plans and permits approved by the County before an appraisal could be obtained. Mr. Hvolboll advised that information is incorrect.

Director Newquist and Director Venable stated their concern with additional spending on the Upper Hyde Road project until an appraisal is obtained by the DeSitter’s.

The Board members indicated their desire that the Fire Chief use his discretion on spending related to the Upper Hyde Road project.

**3. Approval of Minutes of May 17 Regular Meeting.**

Unanimously approved on a motion made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Newquist.

**4. Approval of Minutes of May 26 Special Meeting.**

Unanimously approved on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable.

**5. Approval of District warrants and claims.**

Unanimously approved on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable.

The Board took a Recess at 9:06 a.m. and reconvened at 9:17 a.m.

**6. Adopt Resolution 2010-07 regarding the 2010-2011 preliminary budget.**

Chief Wallace reviewed the 2010-2011 preliminary budget, and advised that an estimate of zero growth was used as the basis of the District's assessed value.

On a motion made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Newquist, Resolution 2010-07, Resolution of the Board of the Montecito Fire Protection District in the matter of the adoption of the preliminary budget for the 2010-11 Fiscal Year by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: R.J. Jensen ,J. Venable, D. Newquist  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**7. Review request from County Elections Office regarding November 2010 General Election and consider changes to District Resolution 2006-7 regarding candidate's statements by new District Resolution 2010-08, approve forms and approve District request for consolidated election services to the County of Santa Barbara.**

On a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Jensen, the Board unanimously approved requesting that the County of Santa Barbara perform consolidated elections services, and to make no changes to District Resolution 2006-7 regarding candidate's statements.

**8. Consider request for funding contribution for July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and related activities.**

Mr. Hvolbøll explained the legal parameters of the Fire District as a special purpose agency and its limitation on spending tax payer dollars. The Board determined that it would be appropriate to contribute to the Montecito Community Foundation which supports "Montecito Village 4<sup>th</sup>" activities because the Fire District participates in educating the community about fire safety and Fire District services during the event.

On a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable, the Board unanimously approved contributing \$1,000 to Montecito Community Foundation for educational purposes and services that the District provides. Mr. Hvolbøll suggested that to a letter accompany the contribution stating how the Fire District interacts and educates the public during the event.

**9. Consider letter to Cal Trans asking for stay of time to review removal of Eucalyptus trees on East Valley Rd.**

Director Venable asked to continue this item to the July regular meeting, as Pedro Nava has already asked for a 90 day cooling off period.

The Board took no action.

**10. Closed Session – Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Sec. 54956.8) Property: portions of APN 155-070-008, 2500 East Valley Road, Montecito.**

- **Agency Negotiators: Kevin Wallace, Fire Chief, and Price, Postel & Parma LLP District Counsel**
- **Negotiating Party: Rancho San Carlos/Palmer G. Jackson/Petan Company, a California limited partnership**
- **Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

The Board went into closed session at 9:45 am, and reconvened at 10:17 am.

The Board gave the District negotiators instruction, and took no reportable action.

**11. Consider CEQA and permitting process, timeline, consultants and consultant selection process related to real property acquisition, CEQA analysis and permitting, and architectural and engineering and related services for proposed Station 3 on a portion of APN 155-070-008, 2500 East Valley Road.**

Chief Wallace reviewed the previous activities and actions that have occurred regarding the Station 3 property acquisition process. He explained that before a commitment can be made to purchase any property, a detailed CEQA analysis and other studies need to be completed.

Mr. Hvolbøll advised that a new RFP could be done to request bids from other consultants, or the Board could choose to stay with those that they have already been using.

On a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable, the Board voted unanimously to approved accepting the proposal to provide environmental and permit facilitation services from AMEC subject to changes suggested by Fire Chief and Counsel, RRM's architectural proposal for the pre-design phase, Associated Transportation Engineers' proposal for traffic analysis and MNS Engineers' proposal for engineering services as presented.

**12. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, conference with labor negotiator to review the District's position and instruct the District's designated representative regarding salaries/salary schedules/compensation.**

- **District negotiator: John Venable**
- **Employee Organization: Montecito Firemen's Association**
- **Unrepresented Employees: Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Division Chief Operations, Battalion Chiefs, Accountant, Administrative Assistant, and Hourly Employees.**

The Board went into closed session at 10:30 am, and reconvened at 11:15 am.

The Board took no reportable action, and asked that the item be brought for the July regular meeting.

- 13. Consider final action on: (a) agreement concluding labor negotiations (including salaries, salary schedules and compensation), with Montecito Firemen's Association; and (2) salaries, salary schedules and compensation for unrepresented employees (Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Division Chief Operations, Battalion Chiefs, Accountant, Administrative Assistant).**

The Board deferred this item this to the July Meeting.

**For Information Only:**

- 14. Report on San Ysidro "Safe Routes to School" proposed pathway.**

Director Venable reported on the status San Ysidro "Safe Routes to School" proposed pathway. Chief Wallace reviewed criticism that the District received after sending out information via NIXLE from a press release provided by the Santa Barbara County Communications Director noticing a community meeting that was scheduled to review the project.

The Board took no action.

- 15. Report on hazard abatement progress at Miramar Hotel, 1555 S. Jameson.**

Captain Gregson reported that the property owners have met the Fire District's hazard abatement requirements and advised that we will continue to communicate with their representatives to maintain compliance.

The Board took no action.

- 16. Fire Chief's report.**

Chief Wallace reported on several issues including the following: Carpinteria/ Summerland Fire Protection District's approval of dispatch services contract; current contract negotiations with USFS; and Sheriff Brown's request for ½ cent sales tax increase for fire protection, law enforcement and a new jail.

- 17. Board of Director's report.**

The Board took no action.

- 18. Requests from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for next regular Board meeting scheduled for July 19, 2010.**

Director Newquist requested a field trip to East Valley Road employee housing property.

- 19. Director Jensen adjourned the meeting at 11:39 am.**