

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road March 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Director Easton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Director Easton, Director van Duinwyk, Director Venable, Director Lee. Chief Hickman and District Counsel Mark Manion were also present.

Absent: Director Powell

- 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 allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Motion to authorize Fire Chief to enter into a contract with Geo Elements in the amount of \$67,157. (Strategic Plan Goal 2)**

- a. Staff report presented by Division Chief Taylor.**

Division Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding the GEO Elements project. After thorough Board discussion, motion to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a contract with Geo Elements in the amount of \$67,157 made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously passed.

- 3. Consider approval of Resolution 2018-11 ratifying the Fire Chief's expenditure of District funds to pre-position resources in advance of anticipated major emergency events in the jurisdiction of the District.**

Chief Hickman provided a verbal report regarding Resolution 2018-11. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-11 made by Director Venable, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. Venable, S. Easton, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. A. Powell

- 4. Discussion item: Recognition of employees for performance during January storm event.**

Chief Hickman provided a verbal report regarding his recommendations for recognition of employees for outstanding performance during the January storm event. After thorough Board discussion, motion made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously passed to form an Ad Hoc committee; appointing Directors Easton and van Duinwyk to create a written statement of appreciation from the Board, determine how it will be presented, and make a presentation at the next meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes of the February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018 Regular meeting made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously passed.

6. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Hickman stated that the Finance Committee will take their first look at the budget at their April 16th meeting. The Chief provided an update regarding the recent storm and the costs involved in up-staffing each time a storm occurs. Chief Hickman extended his gratitude to Division Chief Taylor for his exceptional leadership and efforts throughout the recent incidents. Chief Taylor stated that it has been a team effort with all the emergency response agencies in Santa Barbara County, specifically on the South Coast. Director Venable left at 3:20 p.m. to attend the LAFCO meeting.

7. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

8. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the April 23, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

President John Abraham Powell

Secretary Michael Lee