

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

Montecito Fire Protection District Headquarters
595 San Ysidro Road
Santa Barbara, California

February 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda items may be taken out of the order shown.

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.)
2. Adopt Resolution of Intention to Approve an Amendment to Contract between the Board of Administration of CalPERS and the Board of Directors of Montecito Fire Protection District.
3. Discussion item: Status on Employee Housing property. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)
4. Approval of Minutes of the January 27, 2018 Regular Meeting.
5. Fire Chief's report.
6. Board of Director's report.
7. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the March 26, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

Adjournment

This agenda posted pursuant to the provisions of the Government Code commencing at Section 54950. The date of the posting is February 23, 2018.

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Agenda Item #2



STAFF REPORT

Prepared for: Montecito Fire Protection District Board of Directors
Prepared by: Chief Hickman
Date: February 23, 2018
Topic: CalPERS Process to Change the Employee Pension Cost-Share

Summary

The current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District Board, Montecito Firefighter's Association and unrepresented staff, directs an increase to the employee's pension cost-share contribution from 8.5% to 10.5% for all CalPERS classic members, effective July 1, 2018. In order for CalPERS to recognize the change in contribution, a formal amendment to the existing contract between the District and CalPERS must be approved by the Board of Directors along with other certifying documents.

The following documents are included in this packet:

1. Information Letter (no action necessary)
2. Resolution of Intention and Amendment to Contract Exhibit (approval required)
3. Form CON 12, Certification of Governing Body's Action (signature required)
4. Form CON 12A, Certification of Compliance (signature required) – by signing this form, the Secretary confirms that the change in retirement benefits was approved at a public meeting on February 26, 2018. For this benefit change, CalPERS does not provide a System Actuary report.
5. Form CON 15, Certification of Employee Election (no action necessary at Board meeting)
6. Form CON 500, Certification of Compliance with GC 20516 (no action necessary at Board meeting)

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the Board formally approve all documents required by CalPERS in order to amend the contract to reflect the employees' new cost-share rate.



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California Public Employees' Retirement System

February 12, 2018

CalPERS ID #1337420437

Ms. Joyce Reed
Administrative Assistant
Montecito Fire Protection District
595 San Ysidro Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Dear Ms. Reed:

Thank you for contacting CalPERS regarding your retirement contract. Provided in my|CalPERS you will find the Resolution of Intention and Exhibit Amendment to Contract to provide Section 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost) of an additional 2% for classic miscellaneous members and classic local safety members.

Also provided are the following documents:

1. Form CON-12, Certification of Governing Body's Action.
2. Form CON-12A, Certification of Compliance with Government Code Section 7507.
3. Form CON-15, Certification of Employee Election.
4. Cost Sharing Ballot.
5. Form CON-500, Certification of Compliance with Government Code Section 20516.
6. Form CON-11A, Sample Ordinance.

The sample Ordinance is a guide only and is included to allow sufficient time to prepare the Ordinance for a first and final reading. The Resolution of Intention and accompanying documents should not be held pending final reading of the Ordinance.

7. Instruction sheet for submission of Resolution of Intention documents and required certifications into my|CalPERS.

Government Code Section 20474 requires a secret ballot election by the employees affected whenever the contract is amended to provide a benefit which changes the employees' rate of contribution, pursuant to Government Code Section 20469. A ballot for the employees' election is included. The results of the election are to be certified on the provided Form CON-15, Certification of Employee Election. The contract shall not be amended if a majority of the affected members vote to disapprove the proposed plan.

Any change in the employee or employer contribution rates will become effective as of the effective date of the contract amendment.

Government Code Section 7507 requires that the **future annual costs or benefit change** of the proposed contract amendment be made public at a public meeting at least two weeks prior to the adoption of the final Resolution. **Adoption of the retirement benefit increase or change cannot be placed on the consent calendar.** The agency is to certify compliance on the enclosed Certification of Compliance with Government Code Section 7507.

The classic local miscellaneous member contribution rate will be 18.5% of reportable earnings as of the effective date of the amendment to the contract.

The classic local safety member contribution rate will be 19.5% of reportable earnings as of the effective date of the amendment to the contract.

In summary, the following documents must be submitted through my|CaPERS before we can forward the actual contract and final documents necessary to complete the proposed amendment. **PLEASE DO NOT HOLD THESE DOCUMENTS PENDING ADOPTION OF THE FINAL RESOLUTION.**

1. Resolution of Intention, certified copy.
2. Form CON-12, Certification of Governing Body's Action.
3. Form CON-12A, Certification of Compliance with Government Code Section 7507.
4. Form CON-15, Certification of Employee Election.
5. Form CON- 500, Certification of Compliance with Government Code Section 20516.

If your agency adopts the Resolution of Intention on March 26, 2018, the earliest date the final Resolution may be adopted is April 15, 2018. There must be a 20 day period between the adoption of the Resolution of Intention and the adoption of the final Resolution pursuant to Government Code Section 20471. There are no exceptions to this law.

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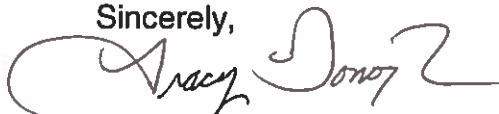
February 12, 2018

The effective date of this amendment cannot be earlier than the first day of a payroll period following the effective date of the final Resolution.

Please do not retype the Amendment to Contract and/or agreement documents. Only documents provided by this office will be accepted. If you have any questions regarding any documents, please contact this office prior to presenting to your governing body for adoption. Another contract amendment cannot be started until this amendment is completed or cancelled.

We are here to assist you. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please visit our website www.calpers.ca.gov, or you may contact us toll free at **888 CalPERS** or (888-225-7377).

Sincerely,



Tracy Donoghue
Employer Representative
Public Agency Contract Services

TD:jn

Enclosures

my|CalPERS

1. Scan all required documents **individually**.
2. Save documents to your computer.
3. Log into my|CalPERS.
4. Click on the "**Profile**" tab.
5. Click on the "**Retirement Contract**" tab.
6. In the Contract Event Summary Box, click on the blue link that says "**Amendment**" with the status showing "**Amendment in Progress**".
7. Scroll down to the "**Documents**" Box.
8. You will need to click on each of the corresponding blue links that say "**Provide Document**", hit the browse button, locate the saved document on your computer and upload.

NOTE: Please do not "submit" until all the necessary documents have been uploaded to their links.

9. Once all the documents have been uploaded into the links, scroll down to "**Available Actions**" box and click the button to "**Submit Initial Contract Amendment Documents**".
10. Click the "**Submit**" button.

****Special Note:** Please save this instruction sheet for submitting the Amendment to Contract "**final**" documents packet.

**RESOLUTION OF INTENTION
TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
AND THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Public Employees' Retirement Law permits the participation of public agencies and their employees in the Public Employees' Retirement System by the execution of a contract, and sets forth the procedure by which said public agencies may elect to subject themselves and their employees to amendments to said Law; and

WHEREAS, one of the steps in the procedures to amend this contract is the adoption by the governing body of the public agency of a resolution giving notice of its intention to approve an amendment to said contract, which resolution shall contain a summary of the change proposed in said contract; and

WHEREAS, the following is a statement of the proposed change:

To provide Section 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost) of an additional 2% for classic miscellaneous members and classic local safety members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the above agency does hereby give notice of intention to approve an amendment to the contract between said public agency and the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System, a copy of said amendment being attached hereto, as an "Exhibit" and by this reference made a part hereof.

By: _____
Presiding Officer

Title

Date adopted and approved

(Amendment)
CON-302 (Rev. 3/9/2016 rc)



EXHIBIT

California
Public Employees' Retirement System



AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT

Between the
Board of Administration
California Public Employees' Retirement System
and the
Board of Directors
Montecito Fire Protection District



The Board of Administration, California Public Employees' Retirement System, hereinafter referred to as Board, and the governing body of the above public agency, hereinafter referred to as Public Agency, having entered into a contract effective July 1, 1944, and witnessed July 11, 1944, and as amended effective October 1, 1951, March 1, 1958, June 1, 1958, February 1, 1960, July 1, 1961, February 1, 1969, November 1, 1972, October 1, 1973, August 1, 1977, February 16, 1978, January 15, 1980, June 1, 1981, October 16, 1982, October 16, 1984, December 16, 1986, October 1, 1988, October 16, 1990, September 1, 1991, January 1, 2001, May 1, 2001, October 1, 2001, July 1, 2002, December 1, 2012, January 1, 2017 and July 1, 2017 which provides for participation of Public Agency in said System, Board and Public Agency hereby agree as follows:

- A. Paragraphs 1 through 16 are hereby stricken from said contract as executed effective July 1, 2017, and hereby replaced by the following paragraphs numbered 1 through 16 inclusive:
 - 1. All words and terms used herein which are defined in the Public Employees' Retirement Law shall have the meaning as defined therein unless otherwise specifically provided. "Normal retirement age" shall mean age 60 for classic local miscellaneous members, age 62 for new local miscellaneous members, age 55 for classic local safety members and age 57 for new local safety members.

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2. Public Agency shall participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System from and after July 1, 1944 making its employees as hereinafter provided, members of said System subject to all provisions of the Public Employees' Retirement Law except such as apply only on election of a contracting agency and are not provided for herein and to all amendments to said Law hereafter enacted except those, which by express provisions thereof, apply only on the election of a contracting agency.
3. Public Agency agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and its trustees, agents and employees, the CalPERS Board of Administration, and the California Public Employees' Retirement Fund from any claims, demands, actions, losses, liabilities, damages, judgments, expenses and costs, including but not limited to interest, penalties and attorney fees that may arise as a result of any of the following:
 - (a) Public Agency's election to provide retirement benefits, provisions or formulas under this Contract that are different than the retirement benefits, provisions or formulas provided under the Public Agency's prior non-CalPERS retirement program.
 - (b) Any dispute, disagreement, claim, or proceeding (including without limitation arbitration, administrative hearing, or litigation) between Public Agency and its employees (or their representatives) which relates to Public Agency's election to amend this Contract to provide retirement benefits, provisions or formulas that are different than such employees' existing retirement benefits, provisions or formulas.
 - (c) Public Agency's agreement with a third party other than CalPERS to provide retirement benefits, provisions, or formulas that are different than the retirement benefits, provisions or formulas provided under this Contract and provided for under the California Public Employees' Retirement Law.
4. Employees of Public Agency in the following classes shall become members of said Retirement System except such in each such class as are excluded by law or this agreement:
 - a. Local Fire Fighters (herein referred to as local safety members);
 - b. Employees other than local safety members (herein referred to as local miscellaneous members).
5. In addition to the classes of employees excluded from membership by said Retirement Law, the following classes of employees shall not become members of said Retirement System:
 - a. **POLICE OFFICERS.**

6. The percentage of final compensation to be provided for each year of credited prior and current service as a classic local miscellaneous member in employment before and not on or after July 1, 2002 shall be determined in accordance with Section 21354 of said Retirement Law (2% at age 55 Full).
7. The percentage of final compensation to be provided for each year of credited prior and current service as a classic local miscellaneous member in employment on or after July 1, 2002 shall be determined in accordance with Section 21354.3 of said Retirement Law (3% at age 60 Full).
8. The percentage of final compensation to be provided for each year of credited prior and current service as a new local miscellaneous member shall be determined in accordance with Section 7522.20 of said Retirement Law (2% at age 62 Full).
9. The percentage of final compensation to be provided for each year of credited prior and current service as a classic local safety member shall be determined in accordance with Section 21363.1 of said Retirement Law (3% at age 55 Full).
10. The percentage of final compensation to be provided for each year of credited prior and current service as a new local safety member shall be determined in accordance with Section 7522.25(d) of said Retirement Law (2.7% at age 57 Full).
11. Public Agency elected and elects to be subject to the following optional provisions:
 - a. Section 21573 (Third Level of 1959 Survivor Benefits).
 - b. Sections 21624 and 21626 (Post-Retirement Survivor Allowance).
 - c. Section 21222.1 (One-Time 5% Increase - 1970). Legislation repealed said Section effective January 1, 1980.
 - d. Section 20965 (Credit for Unused Sick Leave).
 - e. Section 21325 (One-Time 3% to 15% Increase For Local Safety Members Who Retired or Died Prior to January 1, 1974). Legislation repealed said Section effective January 1, 2002.
 - f. Section 20042 (One-Year Final Compensation) for classic members only.
 - g. Section 20692 (Employer Paid Member Contributions Converted to Payrate During the Final Compensation Period) for classic local miscellaneous members only.

h. Section 21328 (One-Time 1% to 6% Increase For Local Miscellaneous Members Who Retired or Died Prior to January 1, 1998).

i. Section 20516 (Employees Sharing Cost of Additional Benefits):

Section 21354.3 (3% @ 60 Full formula) effective July 1, 2002 for classic local miscellaneous members.

From and after July 1, 2002 and until January 1, 2017, the classic miscellaneous employees of Public Agency shall be assessed an additional 4.5% of their compensation for a total contribution rate of 12.5% pursuant to Government Code Section 20516.

Section 21363.1 (3% @ 55 Full formula) effective January 1, 2001 for classic local safety members.

From and after January 1, 2001 and until January 1, 2017, the classic fire employees of Public Agency shall be assessed an additional 4.5% of their compensation for a total contribution rate of 13.5% pursuant to Government Code Section 20516.

j. Section 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost):

From and after January 1, 2017 and until July 1, 2017, 6.5% for classic local miscellaneous members and classic local safety members.

From July 1, 2017 and until the effective date of this amendment to contract, 8.5% for classic local miscellaneous members and classic local safety members.

From and after the effective date of this amendment to contract, 10.5% for classic local miscellaneous members and classic local safety members.

The portion of the employer's contribution that the member agrees to contribute from his or her compensation, over and above the member's normal contribution ("Cost Sharing Percentage"), shall not exceed the Employer Normal Cost Rate, as that rate is defined in the CalPERS Actuarial Valuation for the relevant fiscal year. If the Cost Sharing Percentage will exceed the relevant Employer Normal Cost Rate, the Cost Sharing Percentage shall automatically be reduced to an amount equal to, and not to exceed, the Employer Normal Cost Rate for the relevant fiscal year.

12. Public Agency, in accordance with Government Code Section 20834, shall not be considered an "employer" for purposes of the Public Employees' Retirement Law. Contributions of the Public Agency shall be fixed and determined as provided in Government Code Section 20834, and such contributions hereafter made shall be held by the Board as provided in Government Code Section 20834.
13. Public Agency shall contribute to said Retirement System the contributions determined by actuarial valuations of prior and future service liability with respect to local miscellaneous members and local safety members of said Retirement System.
14. Public Agency shall also contribute to said Retirement System as follows:
 - a. Contributions required per covered member on account of the 1959 Survivor Benefits provided under Section 21573 of said Retirement Law. (Subject to annual change.) In addition, all assets and liabilities of Public Agency and its employees shall be pooled in a single account, based on term insurance rates, for survivors of all local miscellaneous members and local safety members.
 - b. A reasonable amount, as fixed by the Board, payable in one installment within 60 days of date of contract to cover the costs of administering said System as it affects the employees of Public Agency, not including the costs of special valuations or of the periodic investigation and valuations required by law.
 - c. A reasonable amount, as fixed by the Board, payable in one installment as the occasions arise, to cover the costs of special valuations on account of employees of Public Agency, and costs of the periodic investigation and valuations required by law.
15. Contributions required of Public Agency and its employees shall be subject to adjustment by Board on account of amendments to the Public Employees' Retirement Law, and on account of the experience under the Retirement System as determined by the periodic investigation and valuation required by said Retirement Law.

- 16. Contributions required of Public Agency and its employees shall be paid by Public Agency to the Retirement System within fifteen days after the end of the period to which said contributions refer or as may be prescribed by Board regulation. If more or less than the correct amount of contributions is paid for any period, proper adjustment shall be made in connection with subsequent remittances. Adjustments on account of errors in contributions required of any employee may be made by direct payments between the employee and the Board.

B. This amendment shall be effective on the _____ day of _____, _____.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT

BY _____
ARNITA PAIGE, CHIEF
PENSION CONTRACTS AND PREFUNDING
PROGRAMS DIVISION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BY _____
PRESIDING OFFICER

Witness Date

Attest:

Clerk

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CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNING BODY'S ACTION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the

_____ of the
Board of Directors
(governing body)

_____ of
Montecito Fire Protection District
(public agency)

on February 26, 2018.
(date)

Clerk/Secretary

Clerk of the Board
Title

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**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7507**

I hereby certify that in accordance with Section 7507 of the Government Code the future annual costs as determined by the System Actuary for the increase/change in retirement Benefit(s) have been made public at a public meeting of the Board of Directors
(governing body)

of the Montecito Fire Protection District on February 26, 2018
(public agency) (date)

which is at least two weeks prior to the adoption of the Resolution / Ordinance.

Adoption of the retirement benefit increase/change will not be placed on the consent calendar.

Clerk/Secretary

Clerk of the Board
Title

Date _____

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CERTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE ELECTION

I hereby certify that the following employees of the Montecito Fire Protection District have expressed their approval or disapproval of said agency's intention to amend its contract to provide Section 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost) of an additional 2% for classic miscellaneous members and classic local safety members on the basis described in the Resolution of Intention adopted by said agency's governing body on _____, _____, in such manner as to permit each employee to separately and secretly express his choice and that the outcome of such election was as follows:

	Number of employees eligible to vote	Number of votes approving said participation	Number of votes disapproving said participation
Local Miscellaneous Members as defined in Govt. Code Section 20383	_____	_____	_____
Local Fire Fighters as defined in Govt. Code Section 20433	_____	_____	_____

 Clerk or Secretary

 Date

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**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 20516**

I hereby certify that in accordance with Section 20516 of the Government Code, Montecito Fire Protection District and its classic local miscellaneous employees and classic local safety employees have agreed in writing to the following:

Section 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost) of an additional 2% for classic miscellaneous members and classic local safety members.

Signature

Fire Chief
Title

Witness

TBD (after election)
Date

Agenda Item #4

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

Held at Westmont College Kerrywood Hall, Hieronymus Lounge, 955 La Paz Road January 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Director van Duinwyk called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Present: Director van Duinwyk, Director Easton, Director Powell, Director Lee. Chief Hickman and District Counsel Susan Basham 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 allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 Receive presentation from Craig Fechter of Fechter & Company regarding Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)**

Craig Fechter provided a presentation regarding the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 via conference call.

- 3. Consider acceptance of Fechter & Company's Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017.**

Motion to accept Fechter & Company's Annual Financial Report as amended for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed. The Board determined that agenda item 17 would be addressed at this point in the meeting.

- 4. Election of Board Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary) for 2018.**

Director van Duinwyk nominated Director Easton as President, seconded by Director Lee. Director Powell mentioned that the President and Vice President would be asked to serve on a Stake Holders group being formed by Das Williams, and expressed his interest be President, as he would like to serve in that capacity. Director Lee nominated Director Powell as President, seconded by Director Easton. Director Easton withdrew her nomination. The motion to nominate Director Powell as President unanimously passed. Director Powell nominated Director Easton as Vice President, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and unanimously passed. Director Powell nominated Director Lee as Secretary, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed.

5. Appointment of Board Labor Negotiators for 2018.

Director Powell nominated Director Lee as a Labor Negotiator, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed. Director van Duinwyk nominated Director Powell as a Labor Negotiator, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously passed.

6. Appointment of Board Real Property Negotiators for 2018.

Director Powell nominated Director Lee as a Real Property Negotiator, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and unanimously passed. Director Powell nominated Director van Duinwyk as a Real Property Negotiator, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed.

7. Appointment of Committee members.

a. Finance Committee.

Director Easton nominated Director van Duinwyk as a Finance Committee member, seconded by Director Powell and unanimously passed. Director Powell nominated Director Venable as a Finance Committee member, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed.

b. Strategic Planning Committee.

Director Powell nominated Director Easton as a Strategic Planning Committee member, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and unanimously passed. Director Easton nominated Director Powell as a Strategic Planning Committee member, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and unanimously passed. The motion to reconsider the vote regarding the Strategic Planning Committee was made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Powell and unanimously passed. Director Powell nominated Director Lee and Director Easton as the Strategic Planning Committee members, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed.

c. Personnel Committee.

Director Lee nominated Director Venable as a Personnel Committee member, seconded by Director Powell and unanimously passed. Director van Duinwyk nominated Director Lee as a Personnel Committee member, seconded by Director Powell and unanimously passed.

8. Adopt Resolution 2018-01 determining time and place of Regular Board meetings.

The motion to designate 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Montecito Fire Protection District Headquarters, as the time and place of its regular meeting was made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. Venable

9. Adopt Resolution 2018-02 regarding inventory of District lands and air space.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2018-02 regarding inventory of District lands and air space was made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. Venable

10. Adopt Resolution 2018-03 increasing Director's Compensation.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2018-03 increasing Director's compensation was made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. Venable

The Board took a break at 3:25 p.m. The Board reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

11. Consider approval of Resolution 2018-04, declaring that Governing Body Members and Volunteers shall be deemed to be employees of the District for the purpose of providing Workers' Compensation coverage for said certain individuals while providing their services.

The motion to approve Resolution 2018-04 as read was made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. Venable

12. Consider approval of Resolution 2018-05, Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for non-state Agencies.

The motion to approve Resolution 2018-05 as read was made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: J. Venable

13. Review by District Counsel on Proposition 4 Override Election process.

District Counsel, Susan Basham provided information regarding the Proposition 4 Override Election process.

- a. **Approve Resolution 2018-06 pursuant to section 12001 of the elections code ordering, calling, providing for and giving notice of a special election to be held in the Montecito Fire Protection District on July 24, 2018 for the purpose of submitting to the voters of said district a proposition pursuant to Article XIII B of the constitution of the State of California to retain the District's increased limits of appropriations.**

The motion to approve Resolution 2018-06 as read was made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, M. Lee, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: J. Venable

- b. **Approve Resolution 2018-07 declaring that the special election to be held in the District on July 24, 2018 shall be conducted by all mailed ballots pursuant to section 4108 of the elections code.**

The motion to approve Resolution 2018-07 as read was made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, M. Lee, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: J. Venable

- c. **Approve Resolution 2018-08 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara to authorize the elections official of the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's office of said County to render specified services to the District relating to the conduct of a special election of said District to be held on July 24, 2018, pursuant to Section 10002 of the elections code.**

The motion to approve Resolution 2018-08 as read was made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, M. Lee, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton
Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: J. Venable

14. Consider approval of Resolution 2018-09, establishing Appropriation Limits under Article XIII B of the State Constitution of the State of California for FY 2016-17.

Chief Hickman provided background information regarding the Gann Limit project. Consultant, Bob Geiss provided additional comments regarding the project. The motion to approve Resolution 2018-09 as read was made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, M. Lee, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: J. Venable

15. Approve Resolution 2018-10 ratifying the Fire Chief's acceptance of donations during the recent declared emergencies in the jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District.

The motion to approve Resolution 2018-10 as read was made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, M. Lee, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: J. Venable

16. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)

a. Consider recommendation to approve October, November and December 2017 financial statements.

Director van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the October, November and December 2017 financial statements. Chief Hickman provided information regarding the financial impact of the Thomas Fire. Motion made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed to approve the October, November and December 2017 financial statements.

17. Thomas Fire and Flood/Mudslide event update: Chief Hickman.

Division Chief Taylor provided a thorough report regarding the Thomas Fire and debris flow events.

18. Approval of Minutes of the November 27, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2017 Regular meeting made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton and the motion carried. Director Powell abstained.

19. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Hickman provided an update regarding initial figures related to the debris flow incident. He also provided information regarding the District owned property, and the employees that were displaced. The Chief expressed his gratitude to Director Powell for securing housing for both families, at no cost to them for 6 months. Chief Hickman mentioned that discussions are ongoing regarding placement of a satellite station on the east end of the District, until the 192 is repaired. The Chief noted that on the heels of the Thomas Fire and debris flow, staff will be taking a conservative approach regarding budget requests this year.

20. Board of Director's report.

Director Powell stated that because of recent events, the rules of the game have changed in terms of how the Department operates. Director Easton volunteered to send condolences for local fallen firefighters on behalf of the Montecito Fire Protection Board of Directors as needed. The Board agreed.

21. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the February 26, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

22. CLOSED SESSION.

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)**

**District Negotiators: Director Powell and Director Venable.
Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief**

23. That the Board approve and authorize the President to execute a First Amendment to the Fire Chief Employment Agreement.

The Board reported out of closed session at 5:39. Motion made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed to approve a First Amendment to the Fire Chief Employment Agreement.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

President John Abraham Powell

Secretary Michael Lee

Agenda Item #5

LAFCO

Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
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805/568-3391 ♦ FAX 805/568-2249
www.sblafco.org ♦ lafco@sblafco.org

February 8, 2018

TO: Presiding Officers of Independent Special Districts

Subject: Special District Appointment(s) to Santa Barbara LAFCO and the Countywide RDA Oversight Board

NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

THIS NOTICE WILL CALL AND GIVE NOTICE that the Santa Barbara County Independent Special District Selection Committee will meet on **Monday, March 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriot, 555 McMurray Road in Buellton, California.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to (a) Select a Regular Special District Member of the Commission for a term of office from March 1, 2018 to March 1, 2022. This position is currently vacant, (b). Select an Alternate Special District member if the current Alternate member is elected as the regular Special District member. This position is currently held by Judith Ishkanian, a Director on the Montecito Sanitary District, whose term also expires on March 1, 2020, and (c). Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34179(j)(3), select an Independent Special District Director to serve on the Countywide Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Oversight Board.

Call for Nominations: Nominations for the Regular Special District member(s) and the (RDA) Oversight Board should be submitted to the LAFCO Executive Officer, at the above address, **no later than March 16, 2018.** Nominations may be received by mail or offered from the floor at the meeting. A nomination form is attached to this notice.

Who Can Serve: Any elected member of an independent special district can serve on LAFCO, two regular and one alternate member. For appointment to the RDA Oversight Board, based on Health and Safety Code Section 34179(j)(3), the committee should appoint a representative from a special district that receives property tax residual from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF). These special districts are:

- Santa Maria Public Airport District
- Goleta Cemetery District
- Guadalupe Cemetery District
- Lompoc Cemetery District
- Oak Hill Cemetery District

Commissioners: Roger Welt, Chair ♦ Roger Aceves ♦ Craig Geyer ♦ Steve Lavagnino ♦ Jim Richardson ♦ Janet Wolf
♦Joan Hartmann ♦ Judith Ishkanian ♦ Shane Stark ♦ Etta Waterfield ♦ **Executive Officer:** Paul Hood


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Santa Maria Cemetery District
Santa Barbara County Metropolitan Transit District
Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County
Isla Vista Recreation and Park District
Cachuma Resource Conservation District
Goleta Sanitary District
Goleta West Sanitary District
Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District

Who Can Vote: The Presiding Officer each Independent Special District is authorized to vote for the Special District members on LAFCO. However, if the presiding officer is unable to attend the meeting, the legislative body of the district may appoint one of its members to attend the meeting of the selection committee in the presiding officer's place. There is one vote per district. Members representing a majority of the eligible district shall constitute a quorum, which is necessary for the selection committee to conduct its business.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



PAUL HOOD
Executive Officer

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

<p>NOMINATION FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER</p> <p><i>Return to:</i> Executive Officer Santa Barbara LAFCO 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407 Santa Barbara CA 93101 Or FAX to 568-2249</p>	<p>LAFCO STAFF USE</p> <p>Date Received: _____</p>
<p>Please print in ink or type</p>	
<p>POSITION SOUGHT: Special District Member Alternate Special District Member</p>	
<p>NAME OF NOMINEE:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NAME OF DISTRICT:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>TELEPHONE:</p> <p>Home: _____</p> <p>Bus: _____</p> <p>Cell: _____</p> <p>Fax: _____</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: On this form <u>or</u> an accompanying letter, describe the nominee's personal interests, qualifications, experience, education, volunteer activities or community organization memberships that may bear on the nomination for Special District Member: This information will be distributed to all independent special districts.</p>	
<p>SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR/NAME OF SPECIAL DISTRICT:</p>	

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

<p>NOMINATION FOR</p> <p>COUNTYWIDE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RDA)</p> <p>OVERSIGHT BOARD</p> <p><i>Return to:</i> Executive Officer Santa Barbara LAFCO 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407 Santa Barbara CA 93101 Or FAX to 568-2249</p>	<p>LAFCO STAFF USE</p> <p>Date Received: _____</p>
<p>Please print in ink or type</p>	
<p>POSITION SOUGHT: Countywide RDA Oversight Board-Special District Appointment</p>	
<p>NAME OF NOMINEE:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NAME OF DISTRICT:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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<p>SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR/SPECIAL DISTRICT:</p> <p>_____</p>	



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

DATE: February 16, 2018

TO: CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers

FROM: CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee

SUBJECT: **CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SEAT A**

The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2019 - 2021 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular member in good standing and located within the geographic network that they seek to represent. (See attached CSDA Network Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

Commitment and Expectations:

- Attend all Board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
(CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference - held in the fall.
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.
(CSDA does not reimburse for expenses for the two conferences or the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the events).

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Nomination Procedures: Any Regular Member in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors.

- **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination.**
- **Deadline for receiving nominations is April 18, 2018. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or emailed to Beth Hummel.**
No faxes please.

Mail: CSDA Attention: Beth Hummel
1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814
E-mail: bethh@csda.net

Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter in the mail. The letter will serve as confirmation that CSDA has received the nomination and will also include campaign guidelines.

Expiring Terms

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

Northern Network Seat A-Ralph Emerson, GM, Garberville Sanitary District*
Sierra Network Seat A-Noelle Mattock, Director, El Dorado Hills CSD*
Bay Area Network Seat A-Robert Silano, Director, Menlo Park Fire Protection District*
Central Network Seat A-Joel Bauer, GM, West Side Cemetery District*
Coastal Network Seat A-Elaine Magner, Director, Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District*
Southern Network Seat A-Jo MacKenzie, Director, Vista Irrigation District*
 (* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Hummel at 877-924-CSDA or bethh@csda.net.

NEW THIS YEAR!

This year we will be using a web-based online voting system, allowing your district to cast your vote easily and securely. *Electronic Ballots will be emailed to the main contact in your district June 18, 2018. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. August 10, 2018.*

*Districts can opt to cast a paper ballot instead; but you must contact Beth by e-mail Bethh@csda.net, by **April 18, 2018** in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.*

CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 17 per district request only. ALL ballots must be received by CSDA no later than 5:00 p.m. August 10, 2018.

The successful candidates will be notified no later than August 14, 2018. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Indian Wells, CA in September 2018.



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Network: _____ (see map on back)

Telephone: _____

(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Return this form and a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate and Candidate Information Sheet by mail, or email to:

CSDA
Attn: Beth Hummel
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814
(877) 924-2732 (916) 442-7889 fax

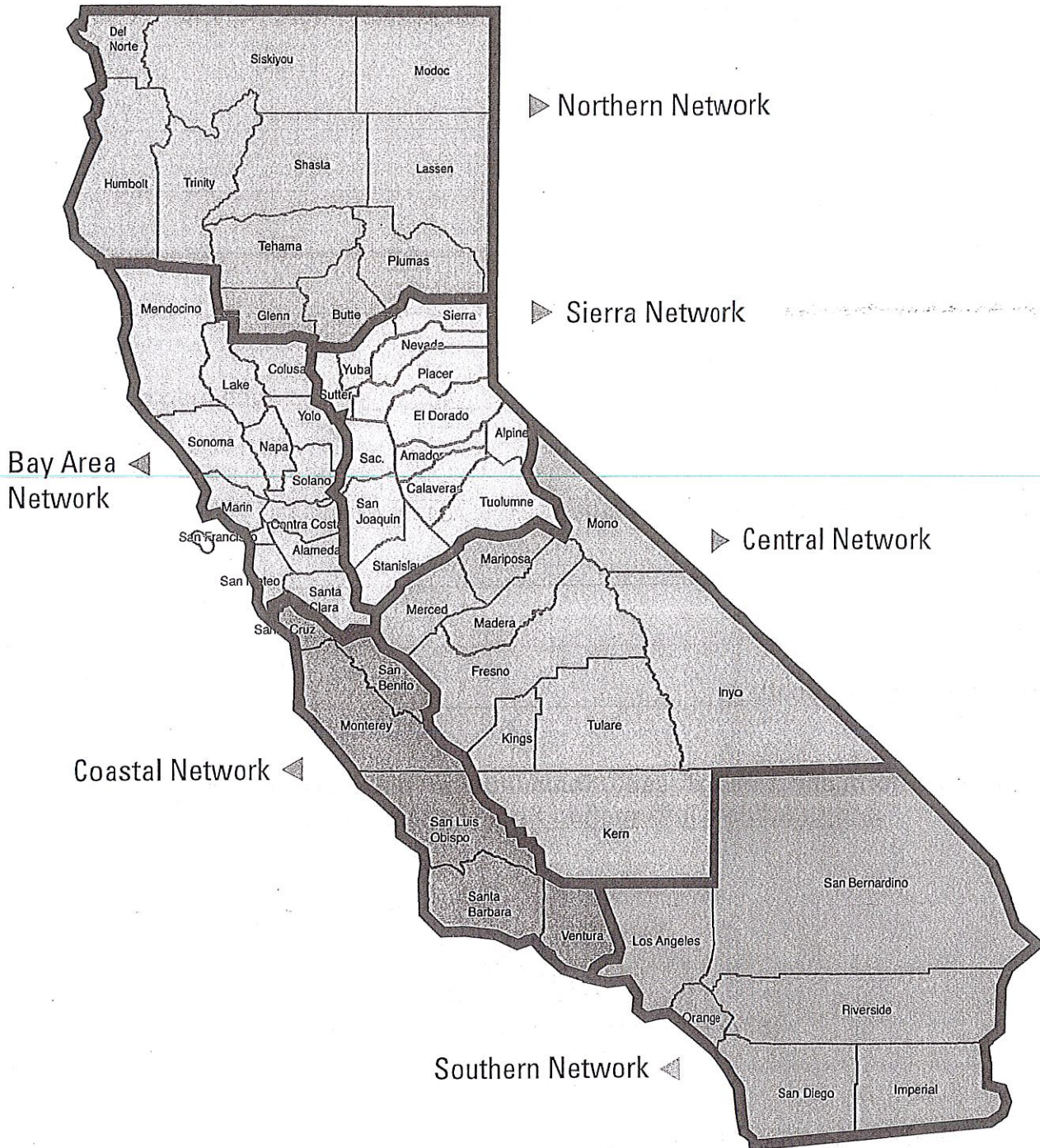
bethh@csla.net

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS – April 18, 2018



California Special Districts Association

DISTRICT NETWORKS





California Special
Districts Association
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2018 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: _____

District/Company: _____

Title: _____

Elected/Appointed/Staff: _____

Length of Service with District: _____

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

4. List civic organization involvement:

****Candidate Statement** – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. **Any statements received in the CSDA office after May 31, 2018 will not be included with the ballot.**

Robert Collector

Dear Chief Hickman,

Last Thursday evening after the sudden forced evacuation of the remaining residents of Montecito, you provided a gracious and immediate service our family will not forget.

My wife's 90 year-old mother was trapped in her Montecito Shores apartment alone, terrified, cold, disoriented and in the dark. We're in Summerland, so there was no way the family could pick her up. You received a phone call asking if you help, and within an your one of your fire fighters escorted her to our door.

I'm writing both to thank you profoundly, and to praise the gallant young man who behaved with such courtesy, esprit, and professionalism. I feel dumb not remembering his name, but was somewhat overcome by his kindness and your gesture.

These are bitter times, we know, but your goodwill and decency reflect the wonderful Fire District you command.

Thank you again from all of us.



Joyce Reed

To: Joyce Reed
Subject: RE: Montecito Storm

From: Chip Hickman <chickman@montecitofire.com>
Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 8:42 AM
To: Kevin Taylor <ktaylor@montecitofire.com>
Subject: Fwd: Montecito Storm

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Michael Diaz <Michael.Diaz@sce.com>
Date: 1/23/18 9:34 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Chip Hickman <chickman@montecitofire.com>
Subject: Montecito Storm

Good morning Chief Hickman,

I work for Sothern California Edison. I've been involved with the Incident Command since the storm started as the representative for our company.

Several days ago your Battalion Chief Travis Ederer assumed the Ops position from Cal Fire. Travis is very organized and remembers details extremely well. He would represent all of the utilities concerns at the EOC.

All the utilities trying to coordinate road closures, lane closures, needing to be in the same real estate, not obstructing Caltrans & Army Corps of Engineers dump truck flow etc...

Travis has been doing a fantastic job! As you can imagine highly stressful situation for all the utilities involved. Travis's personality has a way of calming the room. Bringing all these people in a combined effort is a huge monumental task.

In addition, he assigned Maeve Juarez to help facilitate the energizing of our electrical lines. The Incident Command wanted SCE to ask for permission before energizing any lines. This was to ensure the fire personnel knew a particular section of line was getting energized in case they were in their area. Maeve was great to work with and her communication outstanding!

I just wanted you know what excellent employees you have representing your department. They helped make a very stressful situation organized.

We're not finished yet, just wanted you to know how much I appreciated their efforts.

Thank you for your time,
Mike

Michael Diaz
Planning Supervisor
Southern California Edison
Santa Barbara Planning Department
805-683-5284 / PAX 75284
Cell 805-338-4089
FAX: 805-683-5293

Dear Montclair Firefighters.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for saving our city. I am less than two miles from Coffey Park and without your aid help from Mother Nature with the wind I could easily be homeless today.

There are no words to express my gratitude for your selfless & brave. The stories in our paper were unbelievable.

Thank to you there were many lives saved as well as homes & businesses.

Blessing to you and your families.

For
 you

My heart aches for your
community —
God Bless

Deborah Lopez
Santa Rosa

fire that was so extreme would be on your teams mental health, To have a deadly mudslide follow the fire must be even harder.

This is your community and so your loss is even greater. I want you to know that I think of you daily and send healing thoughts of LOVE to your team and your community everyday. Love Heals

Bambi Jones

To the Monticito Fire Protection
district personnel,

Dear Firefighters,

Thank you for all your efforts during the Thomas Fire and mudslides. I know you worked valiantly and courageously with exceedingly long hours during both the disasters. I commend you for your efforts. Without each and everyone of you the Thomas fire would have taken a much larger toll in lives, property and our forest, woodlands, orchards and animals. I constantly think of how hard a

DEPT Montesito firefighters,
My name is Rebecca, I am in grade one, I Love my Chickens!
My favorite food is... Cookies!

On the night of the Thomas fire, my family
evacuated to our house. Thank you for
the Thomas fire, what helping with
the mudslides.

You are in my prayers!
Love,
Rebecca



February 26, 2018

Dear Montecito Firefighters,

You have been in my thoughts and prayers a lot lately. My name is Anna and I am ten years old and I am in fifth grade. I am a home school student and my favorite animals are chickens and horses.

Some horses I know were evacuated as a result of the fire.

The Thomas fire affected me. We could even smell the smoke and when we went on walks we had to wear masks. It was really sad to see the places that were burned.

Thank you so much for all of your dedication and hard work. I also really appreciate the way you sacrificed celebrating Christmas and the New Year with your family. Thank you also for helping with the mudslides, too.

Love,

Anna

Dear Mantecito Fire Department,
My name is Elijah, I am 8 years old, and
in third grade. I am a homeschool student.
I hope to be an engineer when I grow up.

The Thomas fire affected me in
these ways: our family had to evacuate
to our house, we had to wear masks,
and it was very smoky.

Thank you for fighting the fires
and sacrificing celebrating the
holidays with your families. Also
thank you for helping during the
mudslides.

Love,

Elijah



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January 24, 2018

Captain Shaun Davis
Montecito Fire Department
595 San Ysidro Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Captain Davis,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to assist the Santa Maria Fire Department in our promotional process for the position of Fire Engineer. Your participation in the recruitment process is greatly appreciated.

We value your knowledge, professionalism and ability to accurately assess the candidate pool and make the appropriate recommendations for the needs of our department.

Again, thank you for sharing your time and expertise. Your contributions were invaluable.

LEONARD CHAMPION
Fire Chief

C: Fire Chief Chip Hickman



To Montecito Fire Dept.

Thank you for all your
work and help during and
after the Thomas fires.

Sincerely
Christal Bleeker

• Josie Rio Allison Jane Sara Phave Lunath
 • Anna! R Sir E I with Sunny Annelies
 • Annie Connor Clio Sienna hannah Mayer
 • Lisa Liam Carter naveli Ravi Sofia Pirkhoff Puns
 • Marcus gabe Aidan Emma Noah Vivian shen
 • Eleanor Nooh Harrison
 • Sanaya Robert Paul Erik Hately Juan
 • Nancy Valencia Sarah Jensen
 • Honor Bliss ♥ Chloë k zeah

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Dear Montecito Fire Protection District,
 Thank you for all you did to help our town.
 We are so, so grateful for all of your
 sacrifices and everything you did for
 us. Thank you so much!
 - The students of Oak Grove School

The Thomas Fire was the most damaging fire Ventura County has ever faced. Our agency, employees and community members are grateful for the support you provided during our time of need. Thank you!



MARK LORENZEN

Fire Chief
Ventura County Fire Department



INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 3
Billy See - Incident Commander

January 22, 2018

Chip Hickman, Fire Chief
Montecito Fire Protection District
595 San Ysidro Rd
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Chief Hickman,

On behalf of CAL FIRE and Incident Management Team 3, I wish to convey my gratitude for your assistance and focus on the recent Montecito floods and debris flow.

When our team members arrived in your community, we were faced with a significant flood, debris flows, evacuated residents, and a community in crisis. You, and members of your team, went out of your way to assist us and let us know your concerns.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for all that you and your team members did to assist us in this endeavor. I'd like to extend a special thanks to Division Chief Kevin Taylor, who went out of his way to assist me and my team in any way he could. I look forward to the possibility of returning to Montecito again and working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

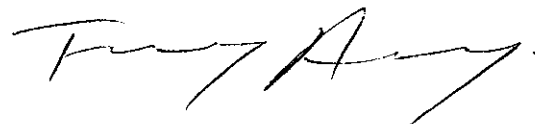
Billy See
Incident Commander

MT Fire Protection District,

On behalf of myself and the Los Arroyos Team, I would like to thank you for your diligence and support in helping our community get back on it's feet.

Thank you for putting forward a smile and having such a positive demeanor during these devastating times.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Arroyo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Carpinteria Middle School
5351 Carpinteria Ave
Carpinteria, CA 93013

February 12, 2018

Montecito Fire Department
595 San Ysidro Rd
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Dear Montecito Firefighters,

My name is Lilliana from Carpinteria Middle School. My interests are eating, breathing, and having fun. I also enjoy cheering. I love my science class because we do researches, like this. Currently we are researching natural disasters.

My experiences with the Thomas fire were being let out of school to winter break early. I also experienced going to Lompoc for the better air quality. Another experience I had was having to take the train to and from Santa Barbara from the mudslide. The fire affected my family because my father had to evacuate with my brother and his mom.

I want to thank you and the whole fire department for what you have been doing. Thank you for battling the Thomas Fire and taking longer shifts to make it happen. The Montecito Fire Department is our communities heros. And seeing the thank you signs all over our local bridges always remind me of how thankful everybody else and I are for every firefighter.

Sincerely,



Lilliana Zapien-Ybarra
Scientific Researcher
Carpinteria Middle School