

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, May 21, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by Director Jensen at 8:33 am.

Present: Director Jensen, Director Newquist and Director Venable. Chief Hickman and District Counsel M. Manion were also present.

1. Public comment:

Chief Hickman presented a 10 year service award to Firefighter Eric Klemowicz.

E. Skei reported that the Montecito Fireman's Association participated in the recent Pre-Fire Season BBQ; the 25th MERRAG Anniversary; Donated \$1050 to Alisha Ann Ruch Burn Foundation; and \$500 to the Fire Fighter's Quest Relay.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2012 Adjourned Regular Meeting.

The minutes of the April 23, 2012 Adjourned Regular meeting were unanimously approved on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable.

3. Approval of District warrants and claims.

After an explanation of payments made to McPherson and the Station 3 project, the Board unanimously approved the warrants and claims for the month of March on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable.

4. Report from Auditor on 2010/11 FY Annual Audit.

Ms. Rochelle Zanini of the Santa Barbara County Auditor's office reviewed the report for the Board, and stated that they did not find anything that would require the District to alter our practices.

The Board took no action.

5. 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 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:04 a.m. Mr.

Manion advised that Board instructed the negotiator regarding salaries/salary schedules/compensation.

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

The Board took no action.

- 7. Fire Chief's report.**

Chief Hickman reported that High Fire Season will begin on May 25; Santa Maria Air Tanker Base opened on May 15; Pre-Fire Season BBQ on May 2; MERRAG 25th Anniversary Celebration on May 12; J. Badaracco receiving the Rotary Club Service Award; Structure Fires in Summerland on Golden Gate, and on Barker Pass; Erecting story poles at Station 3 project site; and the upcoming Land Use meeting.

- 8. Board of Directors report.**

The Board took no action.

- 9. Requests from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the June Regular Board meeting.**

Director Newquist asked to review the process for application current re-election and potential new Board vacancies. It was pointed out that this information was covered at last month's Board meeting, and the information is on the website.

Director Newquist also asked for an update on 4th of July activities.

Adjournment 10:17 a.m