

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, January 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Powell at 1:02 p.m.

Present: Director Powell, Director van Duinwyk, Director Sinser, Director Venable, Director Easton. Chief Hickman and District Counsel Mark 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.**
- 2. TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 p.m. - Public Hearing regarding the potential acquisition of certain real property located at 1510 San Leandro Lane.**

Chief Hickman provided a short power point presentation regarding the potential acquisition of the property located at 1510 San Leandro Lane. Ted Simmons, President of the newly formed Montecito Hedge Row Association read his letter that was previously submitted as a comment to the Negative Declaration. Richard Monk, Miramar Avenue resident provided his comment against the acquisition, stating that the project description is unstable, inaccurate and not finite as required by CEQA. Robin Lacks, Board Member of the Montecito Hedge Row Association provided her comment against the acquisition, demanding a full EIR before purchasing the property. Lynne Sprecher, San Leandro Lane resident asked how do you stop escrow in two days? Samantha Shepard, Santa Rosa Lane resident stated that her main concern is hazardous waste and storage that may be part of this process. Frances Monk, Miramar Avenue resident asked who were the people that the District spoke with? Pamela Van Atta, San Ysidro Road resident stated that she can't imagine fire engines trying to manipulate the two lane street. Jeff Schlossberg, San Leandro Lane resident acknowledged that the MFD faces a difficult task, however there must be a better site. Tom Deardorff, Miramar Avenue resident stated that the MFD failed to comply with CEQA and needs to develop at least an EIR before moving forward. John Denver, Greenworth Place resident suggested a follow-up, well noticed meeting in 30 to 60 days. John Markham, Miramar Avenue resident read his letter that was previously submitted as a comment to the Negative Declaration. Molly Rosecrance, Monte Vista Road resident stated that the MFD staff is wonderful, however there is an entire community against this project. Lindsey Woodworth, Miramar Avenue resident stated that she is pro MFD, however her primary concern is the lack of due diligence regarding the site location. Wally Carroll, Hedge Row resident stated that the traffic on San Ysidro Road should be a consideration. He added that Fire personnel are also the emergency medical response team. Bob Kupiec, San Leandro Lane resident stated his concern that there was no community dialogue and the community doesn't know what's going on. Paula Ferguson, Monte Vista Road resident stated that one of the problems with the property is that it is an

Oak Preserve and is not an appropriate location. She added that an alternative site might be the parcel at 100 San Ysidro Road. Randall Badatt, Miramar Avenue resident stated that a traffic circle would not alleviate the problem. Bobbi Didier, La Verda Lane resident stated that there would be requirements of large flashing lights that would be incongruent with the neighborhood. Mark Richmond, resident and Emergency Physician at Cottage Hospital stated that he has never heard anyone say that Montecito needs another fire station.

Public comments were closed. Break. The meeting reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

The Board engaged in an extensive discussion regarding the potential acquisition of the property located at 1510 San Leandro Lane.

That the Board of Directors of the Montecito Fire Protection District approve Resolution No. 2016-01 regarding environmental analysis for the acquisition of certain real property located at 1510 San Leandro Lane.

The motion to direct the Fire Chief to take all necessary action to withdraw from the 1510 San Leandro Lane escrow agreement was made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Sinsler and unanimously passed.

Break. Director Easton left to attend the LAFCO and CSDA meetings in Santa Ynez. The meeting reconvened at 4:04 with the PARS Presentation.

3. Recognition for 20 years of service: Assistant Fire Marshal, Richard Lauritson.

Chief Hickman recognized Assistant Fire Marshal, Richard Lauritson for 20 years of service.

4. Recognition of new Fire Captain: Aaron Briner.

Chief Hickman recognized recently promoted, Aaron Briner.

5. Review and approval of slate for the LAFCO and CSDA elections.

Chief Hickman provided a verbal staff report regarding LAFCO elections. The motion to elect Craig Geyer as the Regular Special District Member and Judy Ishkanian as the Alternate Special District Member was made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Venable and unanimously passed. The Chief provided a verbal staff report regarding CSDA elections. The motion to elect Director At-Large candidates Cunningham, Gould, Shakiewitz and Seymour was made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed.

6. Report on the status of the transfer of an easement to Upper Hyde Road property owners.

Chief Hickman provided a verbal staff report regarding the transfer of an easement to Upper Hyde road property owners. The Chief indicated that the letters were sent out via certified mail. District Counsel, Mark Manion stated that comments were received. He noted that thus far, there has been one executed grant easement. District Counsel provided background information regarding the easement agreement. Mountain Drive Resident, Ivana Noell requested a 30-day extension. She also read a letter regarding general provision 210 of the easement agreement. She requested a written statement from the District of "how you view this provision". She also submitted a packet of information. Upper Hyde Road property owner, Gabriel Hayum read a statement from Upper Hyde Road Counsel, Susan Petrovitch. Mountain Drive resident, Sue Lael Katnic provided a comment regarding the easement. She asked that the concerns of Susan Petrovitch and homeowners be addressed. The motion to allow an additional 30 days regarding the easement transfer agreement was made by Director Sinser, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and unanimously passed.

7. Review and approval of 2015 Montecito Fire District Annual Report.

Chief Hickman provided a verbal staff report regarding the District Annual Report. The Board recommended that the following items be added in the future: Gibraltar Incident, pictures of personnel, milestones for personnel throughout the year such as; employee of the year, promotions, retirements, years of service etc. The motion to approve the Montecito Fire District Annual Report was made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Sinser and unanimously passed.

8. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with McCormix Oil Corporation for all diesel fuel purchases.

The District Accountant provided a staff report regarding diesel fuel purchases. The motion to approve and authorize the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with McCormix Oil Corporation for all diesel fuel purchases was made by Director Sinser, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and unanimously passed.

9. Receive presentation from PARS/Highmark representatives regarding the Fire District's post-retirement health care plan trust.

Representatives from PARS/Highmark provided a power point presentation regarding the District's post-retirement health care plan trust.

10. Approve the hiring of three Firefighters above normal staffing requirements.

Chief Hickman provided a verbal staff report regarding the hiring of three Firefighters. Director Sinser requested written calculations for new Firefighters vs. overtime for current employees. After further discussion, the motion to approve the hiring of three Firefighters above normal staffing requirements was made by Director van Duinwyk and seconded by Director Venable. The motion carried as follows: Directors van Duinwyk, Venable, and Powell in favor; Director Sinser opposed.

11. Report from the Finance Committee:

a. Consider recommendation to approve December 2015 financial statements.

Director van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the Finance Committee meeting. The motion to approve financial statements ending December 31, 2015 was made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Sinser and unanimously passed.

12. Approval of Minutes of the December 14, 2015 Special Meeting.

The motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 Special Meeting was made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Venable and unanimously passed.

13. Fire Chief's Report.

Chief Hickman stated that there were two retirements in December, Bret Koepke and Paty Purty. The Chief mentioned that the District received six deliveries of sand.

14. Board of Director's report.

There were no Board of Director's report.

15. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the February 22, 2016 Regular Board meeting.

Director van Duinwyk suggested that we get started on Station 3. Director Sinser requested that a discussion item of Station 3 alternatives be placed on the next agenda. Director Powell requested an update on status of the EIR.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

President John Abraham Powell

Secretary Gene Sinser