

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, September 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Powell at 1:00 p.m.

Present: President Powell, Secretary Sinser, Director van Duinwyk, and Director Venable. Chief Hickman and District Counsel M. 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.)

There was no public comment.

2. Candidate Interviews for Appointment of New Director.

Director Powell announced that Marsha St. Clair had withdrawn her application. The candidate's names were drawn from a hat to determine the order that the questions were asked. Candidates Michael N. Lee, Sylvia Easton and Thomas T. Schleck were asked a series of questions relating to past experience and involvement in the Montecito community.

3. Appointment of New Director.

After a brief deliberation Sylvia Easton was unanimously appointed on a motion by Director Venable, seconded by Director van Duinwyk.

4. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Hickman reported that he and Geri Ventura recently returned from a two week assignment in northern California and reviewed new wildland firefighting technology he had learned about while on the assignment. He also reported that there were additional staff members and equipment responding mutual aid to other fires in the Sierras and that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) comments period had closed.

5. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the September 28, 2015 Regular Board meeting.

Director Venable asked the Fire Chief to repeat his report about the new technology he had learned about while responding to the Gasquet Complex.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.