

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on November 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

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

**Present:** Director Easton, Director van Duiwyk, Director Lee, Director Ishkanian, Director Powell. Chief Taylor 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 allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 2019-02 of the Montecito Fire Protection District adopting the 2019 California Fire Code and the Montecito Fire Protection District Development Standards, amending provisions of the 2019 California Fire Code, amending provisions of the 2019 California Residential Code, amending provisions of the 2019 California Building Code and scheduling a public hearing on December 23, 2019, for the subsequent adoption of the ordinance. (Strategic Plan Goal 2.1)**

Fire Marshal Briner provided a report regarding the 2019 California Fire Code and the Montecito Fire Protection District Development Standards. After thorough discussion, the motion was made by Director van Duiwyk, seconded by Director Ishkanian to introduce Ordinance 2019-02 as read by title only, deleting Development Standard 2, section 6, number 4 and revising the word “clusters” in that section, and that a public hearing on adoption of the Ordinance be set at the Board’s regular meeting at 2:00 p.m., December 23, 2019, at District headquarters, and that notice of public hearing be published as required by law. Director Lee read the title of the Ordinance. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion to authorize the Secretary to certify true copies of the 2019 California Fire Code and that such certification and one copy of the 2019 California Fire Code and one copy of the District Development Standards be kept on file at District headquarters at

least 15 days prior to December 23, 2019 was made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Ishkanian and unanimously passed.

**3. Consider changing the investment strategy for the District's PARS OPEB Trust. (Strategic Plan Goal 9)**

**a. Staff report presented by District Accountant Nahas.**

Accountant Nahas provided a staff report regarding changing the investment strategy for the District's PARS OPEB Trust. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to change the OPEB investment strategy to Moderately Conservative made by Director Powell, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and unanimously passed.

**4. Consider approval of Resolution 2019-09, fixing the employer contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an equal amount for employees and annuitants. (Strategic Plan Goal 9)**

Accountant Nahas provided background information regarding the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act. Motion made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed to adopt Resolution 2019-09 as read. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**5. Consider approval of Resolution 2019-10, approving the Sixth Amended Joint Powers Agreement of the Fire Agencies Insurance Risk Authority and the updated Liability Risk Coverage Agreement. (Strategic Plan Goal 9)**

Accountant Nahas provided background information regarding the Sixth Amended Joint Powers Agreement of the Fire Agencies Insurance Risk Authority and the updated Liability Risk Coverage Agreement. Motion made by Director Powell, seconded by Director van Duinwyk to approve Resolution 2019-10 as read. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**6. Approval of Minutes of the October 28, 2019 Regular Meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 Regular meeting made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Ishkanian and unanimously passed.

**7. Fire Chief's report.**

Division Chief Widling highlighted significant calls and Mutual Aid for the month of October. Chief Taylor introduced new Battalion Chief, David Neels. The Chief stated that the map will be released December 5th at 5:30 p.m., at Montecito Union School. Chief Taylor stated that sand and sand bags are currently available for community members. The Chief indicated that the Department is sharing debris flow preparation information with Los Angeles City Fire. Chief Taylor provided a reminder for Directors Lee and Powell regarding the Facilities Ad-hoc Committee meeting on December 9 at 3:00 p.m. The Chief also advised Directors van Duinwyk and Easton that the Fire Station Location Committee meeting will be held at Montecito Fire Department on January 13, and will be a standing meeting every month at 2:00 p.m., location rotating back and forth from Montecito to Carpinteria. Chief Taylor mentioned the Hospice Light up a Life event to be held on December 4, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., on the upper green. The Chief mentioned the MERAG Annual Meeting to be held on December 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at the Biltmore Hotel. The Chief also reported that so far, 50 tons of chipping material has been removed from the western portion of the District. Chief Taylor provided an update regarding the capital projects; roof, generator and rental property. The Chief stated that the Exhaust Extractor System project will begin in January.

**8. Board of Director's report.**

There were no items to report at this meeting.

**9. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the December 23, 2019 Regular Board meeting.**

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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President Sylvia Easton

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Secretary Michael Lee