

## **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 September 23, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

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

**Present:** Director Easton, Director van Duinwyk, 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. Recognition of Lifesaver Award. (Strategic Plan Goal 7.3)**

Division Chief Widling presented the Lifesaver Award to 10 individuals for their heroic actions during the resuscitation of Mr. Karl Weis on July 22, 2019. The Board took a break at 2:10 p.m. to take photos with the award recipients. The Board reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

- 3. Introduction of new hire: Firefighter Paramedic Trevor Burch.**

Chief Taylor introduced new Firefighter Paramedic, Trevor Burch.

- 4. Recognition of new promotion: Division Chief Alan Widling. (Strategic Plan Goal 7)**

Chief Taylor recognized newly promoted Division Chief, Alan Widling.

- 5. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)**

- a. Consider recommendation to approve Resolution 2019-06, Adoption of the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-20.**

Director van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-20. Motion made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee to approve Resolution 2019-06, Adoption of the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-20. 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

**6. Consider recommendation for approval of the Annual Employee Reimbursement Disclosure report. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)**

District Accountant Nahas provided a report regarding the Annual Employee Reimbursement Disclosure report. Motion to approve the Annual Employee Reimbursement Disclosure report made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed.

**7. Consider approval of Resolution 2019-07, Establishing Appropriations Limit under Article XIII B of the State Constitution of the State of California for FY 2019-20. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)**

District Accountant Nahas provided a staff report regarding the Appropriations Limit for FY 2019-20. Motion made by Director Powell, seconded by Director van Duinwyk to approve Resolution 2019-07 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

**8. Approval of Minutes of the August 26, 2019 Regular Meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2019 Regular meeting made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Ishkanian and the motion carried. Director Powell abstained from the vote.

**9. Fire Chief's report.**

Division Chief Widling highlighted significant calls and Mutual Aid for the month of August. He also provided an update regarding significant weather events. Chief Taylor stated that the Public Safety Power Shut off Community Meeting was well attended. The Chief mentioned a recent article in the Montecito Journal regarding the Department's chipping program. Chief Taylor stated that the roofing project has been ongoing for the last three weeks and is on schedule. The Chief stated that on Tuesday, October 1, the Board of Supervisors will hear the Regional Fire EMS Dispatch report, as well as make a decision regarding the ground ambulance contract. Chief Taylor stated that the Randall Road debris basin project design workshop will be held on November 1, from 6 pm to 10 pm in the Board's hearing room. The Chief stated that MERRAG is hosting a full CERT class

beginning November 6 through November 9. Chief Taylor stated that Atkins engineering, developers of the debris flow map, were here last week for three days gathering information, and will be working on developing the map over the next several weeks. The Chief stated that starting tomorrow, the California Conservation Corps will be working on brush cutting and weed whipping projects on the western end of the District. Chief Taylor mentioned that Battalion Chief Ederer was presented with the National Award by the Military Order of World Wars.

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

Director Easton stated that she attended the Public Safety Power Shut off meeting and it was very interesting. Director Powell stated that he is currently serving on the Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council Board.

**11. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the October 28, 2019 Regular Board meeting.**

The Board requested an update from the PARS representatives regarding the status of the District's account.

**12. CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Government Code section 54956.9 (a))  
Southern California Fire Cases; Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No.  
JCCP4965**

The Board reported out of closed session at 3:28 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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President Sylvia Easton

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Secretary Michael Lee