

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

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

**The meeting was called to order by Director Jensen at 8:31 am.**

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

**1. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2012 Regular Meeting.**

The minutes of the May 21, 2012 Adjourned Regular meeting were unanimously approved on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable.

**2. Approval of District warrants and claims.**

After an explanation of payments made for wildland packs, lighting upgrades, the vegetation management program, Fire Prevention District-wide mail out, and State Compensation insurance, the warrants and claims for May were unanimously approved on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Jensen.

**3. Adopt Resolution 2012- 05 regarding the 2012-2013 preliminary budget.**

Mr. Cole asked how the public would access the preliminary budget. He was advised that District documents are available upon request.

Chief Hickman then provided information on District funding, items within the preliminary budget and projections for Station 3.

On a motion made by Director Jensen, seconded by Director Venable, Resolution 2012-05, Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Montecito Fire Protection District in the Matter of the Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year, was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	R.J. Jensen, J. Venable, D. Newquist
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

**4. CLOSED SESSION – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).**

**Name of Case: Montecito Agricultural Foundation, an Unincorporated Association vs. Montecito Fire Protection District; Board of Directors of the Montecito Fire Protection District; and DOES 1-10 Respondents, Petan Company, a California Limited Partnership; Palmer G. Jackson; and DOES 11-20, Real Parties in Interest, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1401924.**

**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 combined the closed session relating Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)) and the closed session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, conference with labor negotiator.

The Board went into closed session at 8:54 a.m. and reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

Mr. Manion advised that Board had no reportable action relating to the Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)): Name of Case: Montecito Agricultural Foundation, an Unincorporated Association vs. Montecito Fire Protection District.

Mr. Manion reported that the Board instructed the District negotiator to present a contract to the Montecito Firemen's Association, and Unrepresented Employees: Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Division Chief Operations, Battalion Chiefs, Accountant, Administrative Assistant, and Hourly Employees for execution. Further, the Board authorized the Board President to execute the MOUs after they have been executed by the represented and unrepresented employees. Upon execution by all parties the MOUs will be to the public.

**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).**

See report from closed session.

**7. Discuss Montecito Journal editorial.**

Chief Hickman reported on the events relating Director Newquist's involvement with the draft editorial written by Montecito Journal Associate Editor Bob Hazard that was submitted to the District on June 5, 2012 for "fact checking", and asked the Board to consider adopting a Code of Conduct Policy to provide guidelines for current and future Board members.

After additional discussion on the subject, Director Venable requested that this item be tabled for future discussion.

**8. Report on 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities.**

Montecito Fireman's Association representative Loren Bass reported on the Annual pancake breakfast fundraising event. He advised that all proceeds will directly benefit the Firefighter's Benevolent fund via the Montecito Firefighter's Charitable Foundation.

The Board took no action.

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

Chief Hickman reported on the following items: (1) there are currently two personnel members working on the Ozena Fire; (2) CalEDA Hazmat class was held at Station 1; (3) application to county planning for Station 3 is complete, story poles installation complete at Station 3 site; MBAR requested "agrarian" and "andalusian" features be considered for Station 3 design; upcoming County meetings for Station 3; (4) promotional process; and (5) status of the 5 member board;

The Board took no action.

**10. Board of Directors report.**

Director Venable advised that it was a pleasure working with the Montecito Firemen's Association negotiators.

The Board took no action.

**11. Requests from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the July Regular Board meeting.**

There were no additional items requested.

**Adjournment**

Director Jensen adjourned the meeting at 11:20.