

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, June 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Powell at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Director Sinser, Director Powell, and Director Jensen. Director Keller was absent. Chief Hickman and District Counsel M. Manion were also present. Director Venable arrived late.

- 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.)**

Ivana Noell reported that the minutes from the previous meeting did not accurately reflect her comments.

- 2. Review current status of Upper Hyde Road Community Facilities District (CFD):**

- a. Report from Director Powell regarding meetings with Upper Hyde Road residents.**

Director Powell advised that he has not met with Upper Hyde Road residents, and that they are still working on getting a permit for the road improvements. They hope to make a proposal at the July meeting.

- b. Provide direction on how to proceed with Tea Fire Rebuilds and Upper Hyde Road Community Facilities District.**

Public Comment: Ms. Noell stated her concern with delays in moving forward with the dissolution of the Mello-Roos CFD.

The Board discussed the timeline and costs related to dissolving the Mello-Roos CFD.

Mr. Manion explained that there are two agreements: one between the property owners regarding the shared costs of maintenance on the private road which was negotiated between the property owners, noting that the District is not a party to that agreement. The second agreement relates to the issuance of Fire Protection Certificates (FPC's). The District can change the standards and requirements of the road, and has done so throughout the process. Director Powell pointed out that this has reduced the original estimate from \$1.2 million down to \$500,000.

The Board took a recess at 2:35 p.m. and returned at 2:40 p.m.

Director Venable asked for a written presentation from Roger Collis for the next meeting.

Public Comment: Sally Jordan stated that it should be the District's responsibility to ensure that the engineering specs for the road provide the necessary access for the District's fire equipment to get up the road, but the responsibility should stop there.

The Board took no action.

3. Report from the Finance Committee (copy of Agenda for Finance Committee Meeting attached).

a. Consider recommendation to accept Fechter & Company's Audited Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2013. (Craig Fechter to report via conference call.)

A conference call with Craig Fechter was initiated at 2:51 p.m.

Mr. Fechter provided an overview of the District's audit which indicates that the District is in a very strong financial position.

On a motion made by Director Sinser, seconded by Director Jensen, the Board unanimously accepted Fechter & Company's Audited Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2013.

b. Consider recommendation to approve District's warrants and claims.

On a motion made by Director Sinser, seconded by Director Jensen, the Board unanimously approved the District's warrants and claims.

c. Consider recommendation to approve Salary and Benefit schedule for FY 2014/15.

On a motion made by Director Sinser, seconded by Director Jensen, the Board unanimously approved the Salary and Benefit schedule for FY 2014/15.

d. Consider recommendation to adopt "unincorporated" calculation for the Price and Population factors for FY 2014/15 Appropriation Limits.

Director Jensen left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

On a motion made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Sinser, the Board adopted the "unincorporated" calculation for the Price and Population factors for FY 2014/15 Appropriation Limits by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	G.B. Sinser, J.A. Powell, J. Venable
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	S. Keller and R.J. Jensen

e. Consider recommendation to approve Resolution 2014-07, Preliminary Budget for FY 2014/15.

Chief Hickman reported the preliminary budget is based on a zero percent increase in assessed value as a conservative approach to cover the minimum expenses to meet the District's mission.

On a motion made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Sinsler, the Board approved Resolution 2014-07, Preliminary Budget for FY 2014/15 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	G.B. Sinsler, J.A. Powell, J. Venable
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	S. Keller and R.J. Jensen

4. Report from the Community Outreach Committee (copy of Agenda for Community Outreach Committee Meeting attached).

Director Sinsler reported that the Committee spent some time looking at the website, and feels that there are many updates that need to be made before it is ready to go live.

The Board took no action.

The Board took a recess at 3:27 pm. and returned at 3:31 p.m.

5. Approval of Resolution 2014-08 Requesting the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Authorize the Elections Official of the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office to Render Specified Services to the District Relating the Conduct of a General Election on November 4, 2014.

On a motion made by Director Sinsler, seconded by Director Powell, the Board approved 2014-08 Requesting the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Authorize the Elections Official of the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office to Render Specified Services to the District Relating the Conduct of a General Election on November 4, 2014, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	G.B. Sinsler, J.A. Powell, J. Venable
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	S. Keller and R.J. Jensen

6. Approval of Resolution 2014-09 regarding Candidates Statements.

On a motion made by Director Sinsler, seconded by Director Powell, the Board approved Resolution 2014-09 regarding Candidates Statements by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	G.B. Sinsler, J.A. Powell, J. Venable
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	S. Keller and R.J. Jensen

7. Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting.

The minutes were corrected to better reflect Ms. Noel's public comment in Item 2b. The corrected Minutes of May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved on a motion by Director Sinser, seconded by Director Powell. Director Venable abstained. Directors Keller and Jensen were absent.

8. Fire Chief's report.

The Fire Chief reported on Measure M; 4th of July pancake breakfast; and the progress of the EIR 3.

9. Board of Director's report.

Director Venable advised that he made spoke to the Montecito Community Foundation about the District's financial report, and they indicated that they want to work on giving funds to the District for additional wildland suppression efforts.

10. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the July 28, 2014 Regular Board meeting.

Director Sinser asked for a trend report on incident responses and to have an agenda item that will allow for Board discussion on drone detection systems.

Director Venable asked for a written report from Roger Collis on the Upper Hyde Road progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.