

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, February 25, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Director Venable at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Director Venable, Director Powell, Director Sinser and Director Jensen. Director Keller was absent. Chief Hickman.

- 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.)**

Kaj Hoffman stated that he was thankful for the brush chipping program and requested more advance notice to allow residents to plan for the chipping.

- 2. Award contract responsible low bidder for the District's Defensible Space Chipping Projects.**

Chief Hickman reviewed the two bids that were submitted and proposed that the Board approve entering into a contract with Branch Out Tree Care Service.

After a discussion about the differences between the two bids, the Board authorized the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with Branch Out Tree Care Service for the District's Defensible Space Chipping Projects on a motion by Director Powell, seconded by Director Jensen. Directors Venable, Powell and Jensen voted in favor of the motion; Director Sinser voted against the motion.

- 3. Fire Chief's Report.**

Fire Chief reported that the next Board meeting will be on March 24 at 2 pm; request for his participation at the MWD Water Conservation Workshop; and upcoming predicted rain events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.