

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held on February 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via teleconference connection in accordance with the requirements set out in Government Code section 54953 (e) and pursuant to the findings and authority set out in Montecito Fire Protection District Resolution No. 2022-04.

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

Present: Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Ishkanian, Director van Duinwyk, 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. Receive 2021 Operations Report from Division Chief Neels. (Strategic Plan Goal 2)**

Division Chief Neels presented the 2021 Operations Report, the Board received and filed the report.

- 3. Receive 2021 Fire Prevention Bureau Report from Fire Marshal Briner. (Strategic Plan Goal 2)**

Fire Marshal Briner and his staff presented the 2021 Fire Prevention Bureau Report, the Board received and filed the report.

- 4. That the Board of Directors authorize the Fire Chief to enter a contract with Dudek to complete the Cal VTP Programmatic Environmental Support for Montecito Fire Protection District Vegetation Treatment Program for \$93,938.25. (Strategic Plan Goals 1, 2 and 3)**

- a. Staff report presented by Fire Marshal Briner.**

Wildland Fire Specialist Juarez provided a staff report regarding the Montecito Fire Protection District Vegetation Treatment Program. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into contract with Dudek to complete the Cal VTP Programmatic Environmental Support for Montecito Fire Protection District Vegetation Treatment Program for \$93,938.25 made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

5. Election of Special District LAFCO representative, and vote regarding future Independent Special District Election procedures.

a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Taylor.

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding the election of Special District LAFCO representative, and vote regarding future Independent Special District Election procedures. Motion to nominate Edward Fuller, from the Goleta Sanitary District made by Director Ishkanian, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, P. van Duinwyk, J. Ishkanian, S. Easton, M. Lee
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion for approval of All Mailed Ballot Process for Nomination and Election of Special District Members of Santa Barbara LAFCO made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Easton, M. Lee, P. van Duinwyk, J. A. Powell
Nays: J. Ishkanian
Abstain: None
Absent: None

6. Presentation regarding Long Term Financial Outlook by Accountant Nahas. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)

Accountant Nahas provided a presentation regarding the District's Long Term Financial Outlook. The Board received and filed the Long Term Financial Outlook.

7. Approval of Minutes of the January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 Regular meeting made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: P. van Duinwyk, J. Ishkanian, S. Easton, M. Lee, J. A. Powell
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8. Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2022 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Special meeting made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Ishkanian. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

9. Fire Chief's report.

Division Chief Neels stated the Department is preparing for Academy 124, starting March 21st, with a graduation date of May 31st. He stated the Board will receive a quarterly detailed statistical operations report beginning in April. Division Chief Neels provided an update regarding the East Valley Road project. He also stated the Communications Infrastructure Analysis is complete. Fire Marshal Briner provided an update regarding the Neighborhood Chipping Program. Chief Taylor stated the Strategic Planning Committee meeting is on March 2nd, and the full strategic planning process with internal staff is March 9th through March 11th, with a final draft document presented at the April Board meeting. The Chief stated the Evacuation Study is going well and should be presented to the Board at the May meeting. Chief Taylor provided an update regarding the U. S. Forest Service burn ban. Chief Taylor mentioned the information regarding the Insurance Commissioner's proposal sent electronically to the Directors. The Chief stated that a community member has appealed the decision of the Fire Marshal and Fire Chief as it relates to an existing non-conforming driveway approved in 2005. He stated that the gentleman would like to appear when the Board is back in person at the Fire Station. He also noted that the March agenda will include the review of the Montecito Fire Department Development Standard #3, at the request of a community member during public comments at the February 14th Special meeting.

10. Board of Director's report.

11. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the March 28, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

12. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: 100 Innovation Place, Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Agency negotiators: Directors Powell and Ishkanian

Negotiating party: QAD
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

The Board reported out of closed session at 4:06 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

President Michael Lee

Secretary Judith Ishkanian