

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road,
June 17, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Director Venable at 3:08 p.m.

Present: President Venable, Vice President Keller, Secretary Powell, Director Jensen, and Director Sinsler. Chief Hickman and District Counsel S. Basham 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 is allotted for this discussion.)

There was no public comment

2. Fire Chief's report.

(1) Reviewed significant calls from May; (2) Hands only CPR at South Village on 6/4; (3) Traffic control training on 6/13; (4) MERRAG participation with traffic control during the Amgen event; (5) Casa Dorinda emergency preparedness training; (6) Communication system installation at Gibraltar Peak; (7) repeater installation on Diablo Peak; (8) Progress of Tea Fire rebuild research with Director Powell and Chief Gregson; (9) Strike team response to Powerhouse incident; (10) mailing of fire prevention and hazard abatement notices; (11) Fire Prevention Officer's subcommittee of Santa Barbara County Fire Chief's Association; (12) grant funding application for fire prevention; (16) Fire Chief's vacation from 7/27 – 8/7; and (13) explanation of false alarm responses.

3. Board of Director's report.

Director Venable reported that he and Director Sinsler attended the MERRAG traffic control training where they learned about safety concerns, directing traffic, cone placement and how to light flares. He felt it was a worthwhile training session.

4. Report from the Finance Committee (Copy of Agenda for Finance Committee Meeting Attached).

Director Venable advised that there were no conclusions or specific findings made at the last Finance Committee meeting, and he requested that Director Sinsler meet with the Chief and Accountant before they schedule another Finance Committee meeting. Director Sinsler reported that he is meeting independently with experts in the field.

Chief Hickman reviewed the direction that CalPERS is taking to address their previous investment losses which contributed to the District's unfunded liability.

Director Sinsler requested up to three months for the Finance Committee to better understand the unfunded liabilities before they can make a recommendation to the Board on how to proceed.

5. Adopt price and population factors for fiscal year 2012-2013 appropriations limits.

District Counsel Susan Basham explained that this decision is required by the Government code to accept certain factors which ultimately set the appropriation limits.

Chief Hickman and Charlene Lim reviewed how this action affects the revenues the District is allowed to spend, and advised that there are two options to select from to determine what the limit should be. Chief Hickman recommended that the Board choose the percentage change in population within the “unincorporated” area.

On a motion by Director Keller, seconded by Director Venable, the Board unanimously adopted the percentage change in California per Capita personal income of 3.77% and the .063% change in population within the unincorporated area for the price and population factors to be used in computing of the District’s Proposition 4 limit for fiscal year 2012-13 by the following roll call vote:

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

Adopt price and population factors for fiscal year 2013-2014 appropriations limits.

On a motion by Director Keller, seconded by Director Jensen, the Board unanimously adopted the percentage change in California per Capita personal income of 5.12% and the 1.07% change in population within the unincorporated area for the price and population factors to be used in computing of the District’s Proposition 4 limit for fiscal year 2013-14 by the following roll call vote:

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

6. Adopt Resolution 2013- 10 regarding the Preliminary Budget for FY 2013-14.

Chief Hickman reviewed the current proposed preliminary Budget and reviewed some of the differences compared to the previous year’s final budget. He stated that only essential mission critical items are included in the preliminary budget, and it is based on zero percent increase on the District’s assessed value.

On a motion made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Sinsler the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2013- 10 regarding the Preliminary Budget for FY 2013-14 by the following roll call vote|:

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

The Board took a recess at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened at 4:37 p.m.

7. Provide direction regarding Community Outreach Committee recommendation that the Board of Directors volunteer monthly to attend the meetings of the Montecito Water District, the Montecito Sanitary District, the Montecito Association and MERRAG if possible.

Director Keller explained that it was the Community Outreach Committee's recommendation that Directors voluntarily attend the Montecito Water District, Montecito Sanitary District, Montecito Association and MERRAG meetings as a means of having a better exchange of information.

Public Comment:

Sally Jordan stated while it is desirable for the District to do outreach at other organizations, Directors should only represent themselves at other meetings, not the entire Board.

After the Board discussed the recommendation, Director Keller made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Community Outreach Committee to have Board of Directors volunteer monthly to attend the meetings of the Montecito Water District, the Montecito Sanitary District, the Montecito Association and MERRAG when possible. The motion was seconded by Director Sinser. The motion failed 3 to 2. Aye votes: Director Keller, Director Sinser. Nay votes: Director Venable, Director Jensen. Abstention: Director Venable.

8. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2013 Regular Meeting.

After reviewing the minutes and recommending punctuation corrections, and the addition of the word "Minutes" to the header, the Board approved the Minutes of May 20, 2013 Regular Meeting as amended on a motion made by Director Sinser, seconded by Director Sinser. Aye votes: Director Sinser, Director Powell, Director Venable, and Director Jensen. Abstention: Director Keller.

9. Approval of Minutes of May 29, 2013 Special Meeting.

On a motion made by Director Jensen, seconded by Director Powell, the Board approved the Minutes of May 29, 2013 Special Meeting. Aye votes: Director Sinser, Director Powell, Director Venable, and Director Jensen. Abstention: Director Keller.

10. Approval of District warrants and claims.

After an explanation of how payments are processed and how funds are transferred, as well as payments for Branch out tree care, Pauletto Electric, business expenses, gas charges, household supplies, fire assignments, reimbursements, CalPERS, and Aflac, the Board unanimously approved the District's warrants and claims on a motion made by Director Keller, and seconded by Director Powell.

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

Director Powell asked that a report on his research regarding the Upper Hyde Road rebuilding issues be added.

**12. 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.

The Board did not meet in closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26.