

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, June 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Present: Director Powell, Director Sinser, Director van Duinwyk, and Director Venable. Director Keller was absent. Fire Chief Hickman, and District Counsel M. 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 is allotted for this discussion.)**

There was no public comment.

- 2. Recognition of Dispatcher Scott Edwards as Employee of the Year, and recipient of the Montecito Rotary Club's 2015 Vocational Public Safety Service Award.**

Chief Hickman reviewed Mr. Edward's experience and contributions to Montecito Fire, including his previous assignment as a firefighter, training expertise, and personal interests.

The Board took no action.

- 3. Receive Report from Division Chief Kevin Taylor regarding the District's Annual Emergency Notification Testing Program.**

Jackie Jenkins reviewed the staff report, including the notification methods tested, and a summary of the results.

The Board took no action.

- 4. Report from the Finance Committee (copy of Agenda for Finance Committee Meeting attached).**

Public comment: Sylvia Easton expressed concern that the District may have difficulty qualifying for low interest loans for a third station if it reduces the reserves previously set aside for the project.

Director Sinser reviewed business covered at the June Finance meeting including the following recommendations:

- a. Consider recommendation to approve District's May 2015 financial statements.**

The District's May 2015 financial statements were unanimously approved on a motion by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Venable.

b. Consider recommendation to approve Resolution 2015-05, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-16.

On a motion made by Director Sinser, seconded by Director van Duinwyk, Resolution 2015-05, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-16 was approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: P. van Duinwyk, G.B. Sinser, J.A. Powell, and J. Venable
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: S. Keller

c. Consider recommendation to adopt price and population factors for establishing the appropriations limit for fiscal year 2014-15.

Ms Gil reviewed the process of this action and how it is only procedural due to the successful passing of the Proposition 4 override election.

On a motion made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Sinser, the Board adopted the price factor of 3.82% and the Santa Barbara County average population factor of 1.1% by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: P. van Duinwyk, G.B. Sinser, J.A. Powell, and J. Venable
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: S. Keller

d. Consider recommendation to approve the Publicly Available Pay Schedule.

On a motion by Director Venable, seconded by Director Sinser, the Board unanimously approved the revised Publicly Available Pay Schedule.

5. Reject claim for damages for vehicle accident claim from David Andreas.

On a motion made by Director Sinser, seconded by Director van Duinwyk, the Board unanimously approved rejection of the claim for damages for vehicle accident claim from David Andreas.

6. Approval of Minutes of the May 28, 2015 Adjourned Regular Meeting.

On a motion made by Director Venable, seconded by Director van Duinwyk, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the May 28, 2015 Adjourned Regular Meeting.

7. Approval of Paid Sick Leave Policy for Auxiliary Employees.

Ms. Gil reviewed the new law requiring sick leave pay for all employees, including part-time employees. On a motion made by Director Sinser, seconded by Director Venable, the Board unanimously approved the Paid Sick Leave Policy for Auxiliary Employees.

8. Approval of revised Sick Leave Policy for Non-Auxiliary Employees.

On a motion made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Sinser, the Board unanimously approved the revised Sick Leave Policy for Non-Auxiliary Employees.

9. Approval of Resolution 2015-06 for the election of Directors to the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors.

Chief Hickman reported that he researched the candidates and recommends Robert Swann, Ed Gray, and Sandy Seifert-Raffelson.

Public Comment: Sylvia Easton asked how this election is determined. Chief Hickman explained the SDRMA membership elects their Board of Directors.

On a motion made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Sinser, the Board adopted Resolution 2015-06 for the election of Directors to the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors, (voting for Robert Swann, Ed Gray, and Sandy Seifert-Raffelson) by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	P. van Duinwyk, G.B. Sinser, J.A. Powell, and J. Venable
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	S. Keller

10. Fire Chief's report.

The Fire Chief reported on personnel assigned to fires in other areas of the state; his assistance with removal of transient homesteader in Ennisbrook; LAFCO vacancy application extension; meeting with Kimball Griffith property owners and representatives; CWPP meeting; animal first aid training; Chief Mingee's interim replacement.

11. Board of Director's report.

Director Powell reported that he had attended the Carpinteria /Summerland Fire District Board meeting. He stated that they are currently looking into functional consolidation, or contracting services.

12. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the July 27, 2015 Regular Board meeting.

Director van Duinwyk asked for an update on the draft EIR.

The Board took a recess at 3:00, returning at 3:15 p.m.

13. Closed Session - Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code §54957)

a. Chip Hickman, Fire Chief

Public Comment: Warner Owens provided suggestions on evaluating a CEO.

The Board went into closed session at 3:15 p.m., and returned to open session at 3:45.

Mr. Manion advised that the Board took no reportable action during the closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46.