

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, December 19, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Director Jensen at 8:38 am.

Present: Director Jensen, Director Newquist and Director Venable. Chief Wallace and District Counsel M. Manion were also present.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any agenda matter or 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.**

Director Newquist announced that at 3:00 p.m. on December 21, 2011, there will be a ceremony to present the Donald and Helen Hathaway memorial tree at Upper Manning Park.

For Board Action:

- 2. Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2011 Regular Meeting.**

The minutes were unanimously approved on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Jensen.

- 3. Approval of District warrants and claims.**

After an explanation of District fund balances and the Board unanimously approved the warrants and claims for the month of November on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable.

- 4. Review Employee Housing Policy.**

Chief Wallace presented the draft Employee Housing Policy, which now allows for retirees to utilize the housing on a short term tenancy. Director Venable recommended that Director Newquist be on the housing committee if necessary in the future.

The revised Employee Housing Policy was unanimously adopted on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable

- 5. Election of Board officers for 2012 and Appointment of Board negotiator for 2012 were combined.**

On a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable the Board unanimously appointed the Board Negotiator to be Director Venable, and all Board Officers remain the same: Director Jensen, President, Director Newquist Vice President, and Director Venable Secretary.

6. Adopt Resolution 2011-17 determining time and place of regular board meetings.

On a motion by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2011-17 determining the time and place of regular board meetings by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: R. J. Jensen , J. Venable, D. Newquist
Noes: None
Absent: None

7. Adopt Annual Resolution 2011-18 regarding inventory of District lands and air space.

On a motion made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Jensen, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2011-18 regarding inventory of District lands and air space by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: R. J. Jensen , J. Venable, D. Newquist
Noes: None
Absent: None

8. Consider increase in Director's Compensation, Resolution 2011-19.

Mr. Manion advised that the resolution needed to be corrected relating to the previously adopted resolution and previous amount of compensation in paragraph 2.

On a motion by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2011-19 regarding Director's Compensation as amended to include corrections in paragraph 2, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: R. J. Jensen , J. Venable, D. Newquist
Noes: None
Absent: None

9. Adopt Resolution 2011-20 regarding its Deferred Compensation Plan.

Chief Wallace explained Hartford's requirement to update the District's Plan document.

On a motion by Director Venable, seconded by Director Newquist, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2011-20 regarding the District's Deferred Compensation Plan by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: R. J. Jensen , J. Venable, D. Newquist
Noes: None
Absent: None

10. CLOSED SESSION – Public Employee Appointment (Government Code section 54957)

Title: Fire Chief

The Board did not go into closed session and took no action.

11. CLOSED SESSION – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).

Name of Case: Rhonda Kauer Dalton, individually vs. Montecito Fire Protection District, a public agency; and DOES 1-10, inclusive, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1381564

The Board did not go into closed session, and continued this item to the January 2012 regular meeting.

For Information Only:

12. Station 3. Review conceptual proposed design for Station 3.

Chief Wallace reviewed the draft architectural drawings for Station 3 that will be presented to the Montecito Board of Architectural Review on January 9, 2012. Mr. Manion added that the Draft EIR will be distributed by AMEC on December 20, 2012 which will begin a 40 day public comment period.

The Board took no action.

13. Update on State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection proposed SRA Fees.

Chief Wallace reviewed the ongoing changes and emergency regulations that have been proposed to the new SRA Fees and advised that a link to the information has been added to the District's website.

The Board took no action.

14. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Wallace reported on his participation in a Fire Chief's Assessment testing process in Scotts Valley, USFS EIR for retardant dropping, and a mutual aid patient transfer request for the District's ambulance in the City.

The Board took no action.

15. Board of Directors report.

Director Venable reported on his participation during the MERRAG October District wide drill.

Director Newquist advised that he met with the Douglas foundation and they have offered to work with the District and/or MERRAG for possible needs that may be forthcoming.

16. Requests from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the January Regular Board meeting.

Director Newquist requested a closed session to review the Board's position for the upcoming negotiations.

Adjournment