

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, January 17, 2012.

**The meeting was called to order by Director Jensen at 8:35 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.**

There was no public comment.

For Board Action:

- 2. Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2011 Regular Meeting.**

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

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

After an explanation payments made toward GASB45, Entammen Rovin, Tritec and the SAVE program, the Board unanimously approved the warrants and claims for the month of December on a motion made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Jensen.

- 4. Presentation by Steve Campbell on Status of Sycamore Canyon slide.**

Chief Wallace reviewed the background and history of the Sycamore Canyon slide, and Steve Campbell provided an overview of the slide repairs. (Powerpoint slides attached to these minutes.) Mr. Manion advised that service to this area needs to be reviewed once the project is complete.

The Board took no action.

- 5. Draft Environmental Impact Report for Station 3. Receive public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Station 3 Site Acquisition and Construction Project.**

Mr. Manion announced that this is the public hearing where the public can speak to the board directly and submit comments. This comment period for the Draft EIR will end on February 6, 2012 at 5 pm. Any comments submitted will be reviewed and responses will be included in the final EIR.

Mr. Manion explained that a temporary grading impact was identified after the distribution of Draft EIR, which will require those portion of the Draft EIR affected by the grading impact to be recirculated, and an additional comment period will be added for the modified portions prior to the Board's consideration of the final EIR.

After a brief discussion on the DEIR contents and process, the Board asked for this item to be added to the February agenda so that an AMEC representative can answer any questions about the report.

**6. CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, conference with labor negotiator to review the District's position and instruct the District's designated representative regarding salaries/salary schedules/compensation.**

**District negotiator: John Venable**

**Employee Organization: Montecito Firemen's Association.**

- b. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.7.**

**District negotiator: John Venable**

**Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief**

- c. 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 went into closed session at 9:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m. Mr. Manion advised that Board took no reportable action.

**For Information Only:**

**7. Fire Chief's report.**

Chief Wallace reported on the cardiac arrest response on Christmas day; progress of SRA Fee; FDAC Conference; and the Officer and Staff Workshop in March.

**8. Board of Directors report.**

Director Newquist reported on the installation of the Don and Helen Hathaway memorial tree.

**9. Requests from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the February Regular Board meeting.**

Director Venable requested that AMEC attend the February meeting to discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Station 3 Site Acquisition and Construction Project.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



### Historical Site Overview

- Sycamore Canyon area has a long history of geologic problems, including slope failures during periods of prolonged rainfall.

Previous events during the winters of:  
1977/78 1982/83 1994/95 1997/98 2004/05

- The Canon View landslide was repaired by CalTrans after slide movement that occurred during or after the winter of 1994/95. The repair was primarily a dirt removal and relocation effort to attempt to stabilize the failure area.
- Campbell-Geo was contacted in the spring of 2005 after re-activation of the Canon View landslide, which damaged and destroyed residences, and resulted in the failure of Sycamore Vista/Canon View Roads.



### Role of Campbell-Geo

- The purpose of our work was to provide onsite geologic expertise and regular updates on site conditions to Price, Postal and Parma and to MFPD. This information helped the District to make informed decisions related to the fire code.
- The information also helped the District evaluate its ability to respond to emergencies or access residences in the area.
- On more than one occasion, Campbell-Geo responded in a "911" fashion to emergencies that occurred with the failing slope to consult with District personnel and meet with other agencies.
- Our monthly memos and site photos provide a record of MFPD's diligence in staying on top of the site conditions.

### Summary of Slope Improvements

Cotton, Shires & Associates designed and executed the following slope improvements:

- Tie-backs/Shear pins
- Slope Buttrressing
- Improved drainage/dewatering
- Dirt Removal/Relocation





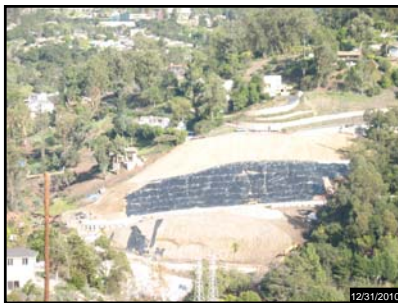
Canon View Vantage Point



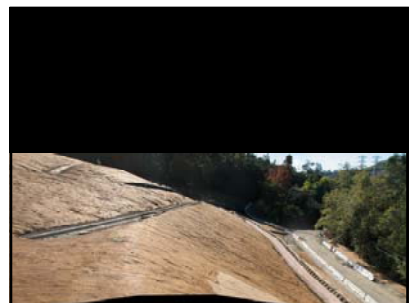












### Ongoing Work

Cotton Shires will continue to:

- Repair the driveway and retaining wall at 85 Canon View
  
- Monitor the remediated slope

Campbell-Geo has requested copies of future monitoring reports to forward to the District with our comments.