

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, November 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Venable at 2:05 p.m.

Present: Director Venable, Director Sinser, Director van Duinwyk, Director Easton. Chief Hickman and Counsel, Mark Manion were also present.

Director Powell arrived at 3:15 p.m.

- 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 were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Approval of Resolution No. 2015-11 commending Geri Ventura for 22 years of service.**

Chief Hickman presented the resolution to Geri Ventura on behalf of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors also presented Ms. Ventura with a gift certificate. The Resolution passed by the following roll call vote:

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

- 3. Approval of Resolution No. 2015-10 fixing the employer's contribution under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act.**

The Chief stated that the Resolution will be signed after the Board of Directors category is removed from the document.

The motion to approve Resolution 2015-10 was made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Easton and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

- 4. Review and approve changes to Staff Vehicle Policy.**

Chief Hickman provided background information regarding the policy. The motion to approve the Staff Vehicle Policy was made by Director Venable, seconded by Director van Duinwyk, and unanimously passed.

5. Review and approve Surplus Property Policy.

Chief Hickman provided background information regarding the Surplus Property Policy. The Board suggested several minor changes. The motion was made by Director Easton, seconded by Director van Duinwyk, and unanimously passed.

6. Progress report from the ad hoc committee appointed to meet with representatives of the parties who submitted written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Station 3 Site Acquisition and Construction Project.

Director van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the discussions with a representative from the East Valley Preservation Association. Director van Duinwyk extended his appreciation to all who attended the meeting.

7. Report from the Finance Committee:

a. Consider recommendation to approve October 2015 financial statements.

Director Sinsler stated that the Finance Committee recommends that the Board approve the financial statements. Director Sinsler asked that a PARS representative provide a report at the next Board Meeting. The motion to approve financial statements ending October 31, 2015 was made by Director Easton, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and unanimously passed.

President Powell arrived.

8. Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Director Easton requested the spelling change from Caldwell to Coldwell Banker. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Sinsler and unanimously passed.

9. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Hickman provided a synopsis regarding the Gibraltar fire. The Chief stated that the suppression efforts will come in at approximately \$2,000,000.00. He added that the District's portion will be approximately \$40,000.00. Chief Hickman stated that the District will place a full page ad/article in the Montecito Journal thanking the community for their continued awareness regarding fire danger. The Chief indicated that the District is entering into discussions with the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District regarding a trial period for dropping District boundaries. Chief Hickman stated that sand has been ordered and should arrive next week. The Chief stated that Division Chief Taylor and Fire Marshall Gregson will be present at the Montecito Planning Commission meeting on Dec 3rd regarding the Casa Dorinda project. Chief Hickman mentioned the Christmas party to be held on December 6th, at 3:30 p.m. The Chief stated that the large eucalyptus tree at the end of the District property had a spontaneous limb drop. He noted the opinion of a professional arborist stating the tree should come down.

10. Board of Director's report.

Director Venable stated that the chairperson of the Beautification Day had praises for those who responded to the Gibraltar Fire.

11. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the December 14, 2015 Regular Board meeting.

Director Easton suggested that the District approach the owner of the former Cynthia Wood Stable for a possible location for the fire station.

Director Sinser requested that a discussion item of Station 3 alternatives be placed on the next agenda. Director Powell seconded the request. It was determined that this item will be placed on an upcoming agenda, possibly January, 2016.

The Board convened in closed session at 3:18 p.m. Reported out of closed session at 3:53 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Sec. 54956.8)

- a. Property: portions of APN 009-203-011, 1510 San Leandro Road, Montecito.**
- b. Agency Negotiators: Director Venable and Director Sinser.**
- c. Negotiating Party: John Bochino**
- d. Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.**

District Counsel reported that there were no reportable actions taken.

13. CLOSED SESSION. Performance evaluation of a public employee pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b): No reportable action

- a. Employee: Fire Chief Chip Hickman**

District Counsel reported that this matter was continued to the December meeting.

14. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute a Vacant Land Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions for the acquisition of vacant property by the Montecito Fire Protection District from Design & Build Concepts, LLC located at 1510 San Leandro Lane, Montecito, California.

The motion to approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute a Vacant Land Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrows Instructions was made by Director Venable, seconded by Director Sinser and unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

President Abe Powell

Secretary Gene Sinser