

# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on October 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Director Easton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** Director Easton, Director van Duinwyk, Director Lee, Director Ishkanian, Director Powell. Chief Taylor and District Counsel Mark 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 allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Presentation of Transparency Certificate of Excellence by California Special Districts Association Field Coordinator, Steven Nascimento. (Strategic Plan Goal 9)**

California Special Districts Association Field Coordinator, Steven Nascimento presented the Transparency Certificate of Excellence to the Board and Staff.

- 3. Receive presentation from Briana Rodriguez from Carpinteria High School and Madeline Rogers from Santa Barbara High School regarding "The Science of Recovery". (Strategic Plan Goal 3)**

High School students, Briana Rodriguez and Madeline Rogers provided a power point presentation titled "The Science of Recovery".

- 4. Receive presentation from PARS/Highmark representatives, Tory Milazzo and Mitch Barker, regarding the Fire District's post-retirement plan trust investment strategies. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)**

PARS/Highmark representatives, Tory Milazzo and Angela Tang provided a presentation regarding the Fire District's post-retirement plan trust investment strategies. After thorough discussion, motion made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Easton and motion carried to place an action item on the next agenda to re-evaluate the current investment strategy. Director Powell left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

- 5. Consider approval of Resolution 2019-08, establishing the Fire Station Location Planning Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 4)**

- a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Taylor.**

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding Resolution 2019-08, establishing the Fire Station Location Planning Committee. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-08 made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee. The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, S. Easton, M. Lee  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: J. A. Powell

Motion to appoint Directors van Duinwyk and Easton to the Fire Station Location Planning Committee made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously passed.

**6. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)**

**a. Consider recommendation to approve July, August and September 2019 financial statements.**

Director van Duinwyk provided a report regarding the July, August and September 2019 financial statements. Motion made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Easton and unanimously passed to approve the July, August and September 2019 financial statements.

**b. Review PARS OPEB Trust Program statement for June, July and August 2019.**

Director van Duinwyk stated that the PARS OPEB Trust Program statements were thoroughly reviewed.

**7. Approval of Minutes of the September 23, 2019 Regular Meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Regular meeting made by Director Lee, seconded by Director van Duinwyk and unanimously passed.

**8. Fire Chief's report.**

Division Chief Widling highlighted significant calls and Mutual Aid for the month of September. Chief Taylor provided an update regarding the roof, generator, rental property and Solar/Battery projects. The Chief stated that the Montecito Beautification Day is this Saturday. Chief Taylor stated that the Debris Flow scientist will meet at the Department tomorrow. The Chief stated that Division Chief Widling, the Sheriff's Office and the Montecito Association have partnered to provide the community with Active Shooter Training on Monday, November 4 at MUS at 6:00 p.m. He added that on that same evening, in the Board of Supervisors chambers at 6:00 p.m., there will be a Randall

Road Debris Basin public hearing. Chief Taylor stated that MERRAG will host a CERT Class on November 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Department. The Chief mentioned that the new Shift Battalion Chief, David Neels will begin this Friday, November 1. Chief Taylor stated that Andy Rupp received the Medal of Valor award from Firehouse magazine, recognizing his actions during the Debris Flow. He added that Maeve Juarez received an honorable mention. Chief Taylor stated that on October 1, the Board of Supervisors voted 3 to 2 to select the Office of Emergency Management as the new location for a Regional Fire/EMS Dispatch Center. He added that the Board of Supervisors also voted 5 to 0 to direct Public Health to go out to competitive bid for the ground ambulance contract. Chief Taylor noted that the Montecito Charitable Foundation performed weed abatement, at a cost of \$25,000, for properties impacted by the Debris Flow that have not been rebuilt.

**9. Board of Director's report.**

Director Ishkanian provided a report regarding the Community Services District Task Force meeting.

**10. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the November 25, 2019 Regular Board meeting.**

Director van Duinwyk requested that staff consider innovative ways that the Montecito Fire Department can harden the community against fire.

**11. CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – (EXISTING LITIGATION)  
(Government Code section 54956.9(a))  
Southern California Fire Cases; Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No.  
JCCP4965**

The Board reported out of closed session at 4:30 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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President Sylvia Easton

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Secretary Michael Lee