

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

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, November 21, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Director Jensen at 8:33 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.**

Travis Ederer reported that the Montecito Firemen's Association participated in Beautification Day; donated funds to Breast Cancer last month; and they are currently participating in "Movember" to raise funds for men's health awareness.

For Board Action:

- 2. Approval of Minutes of October, 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.**

The Board unanimously approved the warrants and claims for the month of October on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable.

- 4. Appoint Board Member to attend and vote in the presiding officer's place for the Special District's LAFCO Representative Election.**

Chief Wallace reviewed the requirements for electing a Special District's LAFCO representative.

On a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Jensen, the Board unanimously elected Director Venable as MFPD's special district's LAFCO representative.

- 5. Review Employee Housing program and consider new property management company.**

Chief Wallace reviewed the process necessary to consider new property management companies. Justin Cochran of Cochrane Properties presented their company profile to the board, adding that their fee would be 6% of the gross income. Ms. Lim advised that Coastal Properties is currently paid 6.5% of the gross income.

On a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable the Board unanimously approved changing property management companies to Cochrane Properties effective January 1, 2012.

Retired Captain Van Homer thanked the Board for allowing him to reside in one of the District's units since his retirement from the District. He asked the Board to consider allowing him to stay in the employee housing unit until the end of the school year.

Mr. Manion advised that the policy should be amended if the Board wants to allow retirees to utilize employee housing.

The Board directed staff to amend the policy for the Board's consideration in order to allow retirees to live in the employee housing.

6. Approve draft letter of appreciation to Former County Supervisor Willy Chamberlin, Bret Matthews, Congressman Elton Gallegly and Congresswoman Lois Capps for their assistance in getting the full service Air Tanker Base

Chief Wallace reviewed the process of getting the full service Air Tanker Base, which was accomplished with the assistance of Former County Supervisor Willy Chamberlin, Bret Matthews, Congressman Elton Gallegly and Congresswoman Lois Capps.

The Board directed staff to send the letter to each person who assisted with the process as it was presented.

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

Title: Fire Chief

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

MERRAG Board President Phyllis Marble presented a letter to the Board asking them to consider continued support of MERRAG from the future Fire Chief.

The Board Combined the closed session for the Fire Chief's Employee Performance Evaluation and the Conference with Legal Counsel for Existing Litigation.

The Board went into closed session at 9:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Mr. Manion advised that the Board discussed a settlement proposal for the Rhonda Kauer Dalton, individually vs. Montecito Fire Protection District, a public agency; and DOES 1-10, inclusive, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1381564 and instructed counsel to respond.

Director Jensen announced that the Board has selected Chief Hickman as the Montecito Fire Protection District's future Fire Chief.

For Information Only:

8. Station 3. Update on conceptual proposed design for Station 3.

Chief Wallace reviewed the last meeting with the land use committee, and advised that District will be allowed to keep two entrances to the station.

The Board took no action.

9. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Wallace reported on the proposed SRA Fees, and the Montecito Firemen's Association "Movember" fundraising project.

The Board took no action.

10. Board of Directors report.

There were no reports from the Board of Directors.

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

The Board asked that the following be added to the December Agenda: Ethics training on December 12, 2011 at 8:30 am and a Board workshop at the January meeting to review the budget development process.

Adjournment

Director Jensen adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.