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 July 27, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Director Easton called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Present: Director Easton, Director Lee, Director Copus. Fire Chief Fallon 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.)**

   A Public Affairs Field Coordinator from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), Richelle Noroyan, thanked the Board of Directors for the District's continued membership with CSDA.

2. **Consider recommendation for approval of Financial Summary Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

   Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas provided a staff report regarding the Financial Summary Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The District remains in a positive financial position. Motion to approve the Financial Summary Report for FY 2025-26 made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Copus, and unanimously passed.

3. **Review PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for April and May 2026.**

   Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas provided a report regarding the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statement for April and May 2026.

4. **Authorize the Fire Chief to spend up to $150,000 for the purchase of an upstaffing trailer and associated logistical equipment to support the district's east-side emergency response deployment site. (Strategic Plan Goal 3)**

   Fire Chief Fallon presented a staff report authorizing the Fire Chief to spend up to $150,000 for the purchase of an upstaffing trailer for the eastern side of the District. The upstaffing trailer will be fully implemented on September 14, 2026. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase an upstaffing trailer and associated logistical equipment, in an amount not to exceed $150,000.00 made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **That the Board of Directors authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Underwood Management Resources, Inc. (Strategic Plan Goal 5)**

   Fire Chief Fallon presented a staff report on an agreement for professional services with Underwood Management Resources, Inc. to assist with various improvement projects. The contract will expire on June 30, 2027, and includes a $5 increase per hour. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Underwood Management Resources, Inc, made by Director Copus, seconded by Director Easton. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Consider recommendation for approval of Resolution 2026-08, calling for a General District Election for the purpose of electing two Directors to terms of office and requesting consolidation of the District Election with the statewide General Election on November 3, 2026. (Strategic Plan Goal 4)**

   Fire Chief Fallon provided a staff report regarding Resolution 2026-08, calling for a General District Election for the purpose of electing two Directors to terms of office and requesting consolidation of the District Election with the statewide General Election on November 3, 2026. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-08, calling for a General District Election for the purpose of electing two Directors to terms of office and requesting consolidation of the

District Election with the statewide General Election on November 3, 2026 made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: M. Lee, S. Easton, J. Copus
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: J. Pennino

7. Consider declaring four AED units as surplus and authorizing the Fire Chief to donate the items as specified in the Surplus Property policy. (Strategic Goal 5)

Fire Chief Fallon presented a staff report regarding the surplus and donation of AEDs to various agencies. Motion to declare AEDs as surplus and authorize the Fire Chief to sell, donate, or dispose of the AEDs as specified in the Surplus Property policy made by Director Copus, seconded by Director Lee, and unanimously passed.

8. Approval of Minutes of the June 22, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026 Regular meeting made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton, and the motion unanimously passed.

9. Approval of Minutes of the July 13, 2026 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026 Special meeting made by Director Copus, seconded by Director Easton, and the motion unanimously passed.

10. Fire Chief's report.

Division Chief Hudley presented the Quarter 2 Operations Report and reported a total of 617 calls for service during the quarter spanning April through June. The report highlighted expanded Advanced Life Support coverage, the addition of new video laryngoscopes to District equipment, trail rescues, an ABC special featuring District personnel intended to educate the public, noteworthy incidents, two mutual aid fires, the swearing in of the new Fire Chief, Brian Fallon, years-of-service recognitions for personnel, Firefighter/Paramedic Gamm's receipt of the 2026 Rotary Club Public Service Award, and community outreach events.

11. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

12. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the August 24, 2026, Regular Board meeting.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Sylvia Easton
President Easton

Secretary Lee