

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held on June 27, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in person and via teleconference connection in accordance with the requirements set out in Government Code section 54953 (e) and pursuant to the findings and authority set out in Montecito Fire Protection District Resolution No. 2022-10.

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

Present: Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Ishkanian, Director van Duinwyk, 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. Receive presentation from Scott German of Fechter & Company regarding the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

Scott German of Fechter & Company provided a presentation regarding the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021.

- a. Consider recommendation for approval of the report.**

Motion to approve the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Easton, J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. A. Powell

- 3. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Consider recommendation to approve Resolution 2022-12, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2022-23. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

District Accountant Nahas provided a report regarding Resolution 2022-12, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2022-23. Motion to approve

Resolution 2022-12, Adoption of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2022-23 made by Director Ishkanian, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Easton, J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. A. Powell

4. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2022-11 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for a Period of 30 Days pursuant to the Brown Act. (Strategic Plan Goal 3)

a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Taylor.

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding Resolution 2022-11, Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for a period of 30 days pursuant to the Brown Act. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 made by Director Lee, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Easton, J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. A. Powell

5. Approval of Minutes of the May 31, 2022 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2022 Regular meeting made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Easton, J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. A. Powell

6. Fire Chief's report.

Division Chief Neels provided an update regarding the following projects: East Valley Road rebuild, Solar, Station 1 Loft, and Station 2 Cover/Gate. He provided an update regarding the redesign and purchase of Engine 92. He reported that fuel moisture levels are low. He stated that the Department continues to develop a more resilient communications network. He provided an update regarding Dispatch Center training focused on the simulation of a vegetation fire. Fire Marshal Briner provided an update regarding the following Fire Prevention Bureau projects: Weed Abatement, 2022 Neighborhood Chipping Program, Vent Retrofit Program, Evacuation Analysis, VTP Environmental

Analysis. He also stated that the Santa Barbara Fire Safe Council has received grants. He stated that Montecito Fire and Santa Barbara County will receive a Community Chipping Program grant, and Montecito Fire Department will receive \$350,000.00 over two fiscal years. In addition, Montecito Fire Department will receive a \$145,000 South Coast Herbivory grant. Chief Taylor stated the pancake breakfast is happening on July 4th. He stated the Wildfire Preparedness Community Meeting will be held on July 7th at 6:00 p.m. He indicated that an Emergency Alert test will be held on July 21st at 12:30 p.m. He also provided an update regarding the Hot Springs trails parking issue. He stated the final draft of the Evacuation Study will arrive tomorrow and will be presented at the July 22nd meeting.

7. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

8. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the July 22, 2022 Special Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors. Director Powell joined the meeting.

9. CLOSED SESSION:

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

- District negotiators: Abe Powell and Michael Lee
- Employee Organization: Montecito Firefighters' Association

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

- District negotiators: Abe Powell and Michael Lee
- Unrepresented Employees: Fire Marshal, Division Chief Operations, Battalion Chiefs, Accountant, Administrative Assistant, Public Information Officer.

D. COMPLAINT AGAINST EMPLOYEES [Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)]

**E. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code section 54957)
Title: Fire Chief**

The Board reported out of closed session at 3:25 p.m. with no reportable action.

10. Approve the terms and conditions of and authorize the Board President and Fire Chief to execute the following: (a) Memorandum of Understanding between the Montecito Firefighters' Association and the Montecito Fire Protection District; and (b) Memorandum of Understanding between Members of Staff and the Montecito Fire Protection District. (Strategic Plan Goals 1 and 8)

Motion to approve the terms and conditions of and authorize the Board President and Fire Chief to execute the MOU between the Montecito Firefighters' Association and the Montecito Fire Protection District; and the MOU between Members of Staff and the Montecito Fire Protection District made by Director Easton, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, S. Easton, J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

11. Approval of the Publicly Available Pay Schedule, effective July 1, 2022, as required by CalPERS. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)

a. Staff report presented by District Accountant Nahas.

Director Powell left the meeting. District Accountant Nahas provided a staff report regarding Publicly Available Pay Schedule, effective July 1, 2022. Motion to approve the Publicly Available Pay Schedule, effective July 1, 2022 made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Ishkanian and unanimously passed. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: S. Easton, J. Ishkanian, P. van Duinwyk, M. Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: J. A. Powell

Meeting Adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

President Michael Lee

Secretary Judith Ishkanian