

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 April 22, 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 Powell, Director Lee, Director Ishkanian. Chief Hickman 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. Staff update regarding construction project. Introduction of Project Manager, Dan Underwood. (Strategic Plan Goal 6)**

Battalion Chief Scott Chapman introduced Project Manager Dan Underwood, and provided a status of projects.

- 3. Recognition for 5 years of service: Accountant Araceli Nahas and Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Bennewate.**

Chief Hickman commended and thanked Araceli Nahas for 5 years of service. He also commended and thanked Brandon Bennewate for 5 years of service.

- 4. Staff update regarding Barker Pass vegetation management. (Strategic Plan Goal 2)**

- a. Staff report presented by Prevention Bureau.**

Wildland Specialist Maeve Juarez provided a power point presentation regarding Barker Pass vegetation management.

- 5. Consider recommendation to approve the Montecito Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Amendment. (Strategic Plan Goal 2)**

- a. Staff report presented by Fire Marshal Aaron Briner.**

Fire Marshal Aaron Briner provided a staff report regarding the CWPP amendment. Motion to approve the Montecito Community Wildfire Protection

Plan Amendment made by Director Ishkanian, seconded by Director Powell and unanimously passed. Carl Palmer of the Legacy Works Group stated he appreciated the opportunity to work on this project and commended the collaborative effort of team.

6. Motion to authorize Fire Chief to enter into an annual contract for computer network services with new vendor, Latitude 34. (Strategic Plan Goal 9.1)

a. Staff report presented by Division Chief Kevin Taylor.

Division Chief Kevin Taylor and Accountant Araceli Nahas provided a staff report regarding computer network services with new vendor, Latitude 34. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into an annual contract for computer network services with Latitude 34 made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously passed.

7. Approval of Minutes of the March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 Regular meeting made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously passed.

8. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Hickman highlighted significant calls for the month of March. The Chief stated that Maeve Juarez was recognized as a leader in the community by Girls Inc. Chief Hickman stated that he recently met with Chubb Insurance regarding home insurance in California specifically, Montecito. The Chief stated that staff has started the preliminary budget process. Chief Hickman mentioned that the Annual Report was mailed on Friday. The Chief provided information regarding a fireworks display held off land. He added that an after action review was held, and after careful deliberation, it was determined that the Department would halt any further fireworks until the Fire Protection Plan is re-addressed. Chief Hickman provided information regarding a topic within the community, to rebuild the San Ysidro Bridge.

9. Board of Director's report.

Director Ishkanian provided a legislative report to the Board. Director Powell stated he attended a CERT training at UCSB. He also suggested that the District reach out to MERRAG to consider providing a certified CERT training within the District.

10. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the May 23, 2019 Special Board meeting.

Director Powell suggested that at some point, staff talk about goals for the MERRAG organization. He also requested a discussion regarding the escape routes within the community.

11. CLOSED SESSION -

- A. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code section 54957) Title: Fire Chief**
- 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.**

The Board reported out of closed session at 4:40 p.m. with no reportable action.

12. **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.**

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 van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Ishkanian and unanimously passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

President Sylvia Easton

Secretary Michael Lee