

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 February 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Present: Director van Duinwyk, Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Dougherty, Director Powell. Chief Neels 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 iSimulate presentation from Battalion Chief Chapman.**

The Board adjourned and proceeded to the apparatus bay for the iSimulate presentation.

- 3. That the Board of Directors authorize the Fire Chief to approve the Pueblo Construction Change Order Proposal for the Loft Office Remodel at Station 91, in the amount of \$16,868.36 plus a contingency not to exceed 15% of that amount to be used in the discretion of the Fire Chief. (Strategic Plan Goal 5)**

- a. Staff report presented by Chief Neels.**

Chief Neels provided a staff report regarding the Pueblo Construction Change Order Proposal for the Loft Office Remodel at Station 91. Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to approve the Change Order Proposal for the Loft Office Remodel at Station 91, in the amount of \$16,868.36 plus a contingency not to exceed 15% of that amount to be used in the discretion of the Fire Chief made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

- 4. Presentation regarding Long Term Financial Outlook by Accountant Nahas. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Staff report presented by Accountant Nahas.**

Accountant Nahas provided a presentation regarding the District's Long-Term Financial Outlook. The Board received and filed the Long-Term Financial Outlook.

5. Approval of Minutes of the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Regular meeting made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Lee, and unanimously passed.

6. Fire Chief's report.

Chief Neels provided an update regarding the ambulance project and Regional Fire Communications Center. The Chief highlighted correspondence from CSDA and LAFCO. Chief Neels noted that the CSDA will recognize Assemblymember Gregg Hart as the Legislator of the year on March 1st at 9:00 a.m. at Montecito Fire District.

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 March 22, 2024 Special Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

9. CLOSED SESSION:

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

- District negotiators: Peter van Duiwyk and Michael Lee
- Employee Organization: Montecito Firefighters' Association

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

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

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (d) (4): (One potential case)

The Board reported out of closed session at 3:50 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 Lee, and unanimously passed.

11. Approval of the Publicly Available Pay Schedule, effective January 1, 2024, as required by CalPERS. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)

a. Staff report presented by Accountant Nahas.

District Accountant Nahas provided a staff report regarding the Publicly Available Pay Schedule, effective January 1, 2024. Motion to approve the Publicly Available Pay Schedule, effective January 1, 2024 made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Easton, and unanimously passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

President Peter van Duinwyk

Secretary Sylvia Easton