

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held on December 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 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. 2021-11.

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. **Election of Board Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary) for 2022.**

Director van Duinwyk nominated Director Lee as President, seconded by Director Easton. Director Easton nominated Director van Duinwyk as Vice President, seconded by Director Powell. Director Lee nominated Director Ishkanian as Secretary, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. **Appointment of Board Labor Negotiators for 2022.**

Director van Duinwyk nominated Directors Powell and Lee as Labor Negotiators, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. **Appointment of Board Real Property Negotiators for 2022.**

Director van Duinwyk nominated Directors Powell and Ishkanian as Real Property Negotiators, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Appointment of Committee members.

a. Finance Committee

Director Ishkanian nominated Directors van Duinwyk and Lee as Finance Committee members, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

b. Strategic Planning Committee

Director Powell nominated Directors Easton and Lee as Strategic Planning Committee members, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

c. Personnel Committee

Director Powell nominated Directors van Duinwyk and Ishkanian as Personnel Committee members, seconded by Director Lee. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Adopt Resolution 2021-12 determining time and place of regular board meetings.

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding Resolution 2021-12. Motion to designate 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Montecito Fire Protection District Headquarters, as the time and place of its regular meeting made by Director van Duinwyk, seconded by Director Easton. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Adopt Resolution 2021-13 regarding inventory of District lands and air space.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-13 regarding inventory of District lands and air space made by Director Powell, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. Adopt Resolution 2021-14 increasing Director's Compensation.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-14 increasing Director's compensation made by Director Powell, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

9. Consider approval of Resolution No. 2021-15 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for a Period of 30 Days pursuant to the Brown Act. (Strategic Plan Goal 1)

a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Taylor.

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding Resolution 2021-15, Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for a period of 30 days pursuant to the Brown Act. Motion to approve Resolution 2021-15 made by Director Powell, seconded by Director van Duinwyk. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

10. That the Board of Directors nominate their preferred candidate and direct staff to submit the nomination to LAFCO no later than January 14, 2022. (Strategic Plan Goal 4)

a. Staff report presented by Fire Chief Taylor.

Chief Taylor provided a staff report regarding the Board of Directors nomination for and Election of Regular Special District Member to LAFCO. There were no candidates presented.

11. Approval of Minutes of the November 15, 2021 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021 Special meeting made by Director Powell, seconded by Director Easton. The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Ayes: J. A. Powell, S. Easton, P. van Duinwyk, J. Ishkanian, M. Lee
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

12. Fire Chief's report.

Division Chief Neels highlighted significant calls for the month of November. He also mentioned two structure fires that occurred over the weekend. He stated the Department participated in the tree lighting event, as well as the holiday parade. He also noted the Annual Operations Report will be presented at the January meeting. Fire Marshal Briner stated the first draft update for the Santa Barbara County Multijurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan has been submitted to the committee for review. Fire Marshal Briner highlighted the upcoming meeting for the Evacuation Analysis. He provided an update regarding the meeting with Alchera. He stated the Chipping RFP is open, closes on December 29, and a recommendation to the Board will be forthcoming at the January meeting. He also noted the Annual Fire Prevention Report will be presented at the February meeting. Chief Taylor provided an update regarding Senate Bill 9 and how it relates to the Montecito community. Chief Taylor stated he and Chief Fish will meet with the principal planner this week regarding the Joint Fire Station. The Chief stated staff is in the "final moments" of negotiations with Pueblo Construction and anticipates an early January construction start date for the building and repair of the rental property. Chief Taylor stated the auditor, Craig Fechter will be here remotely this week. The Chief stated the Annual Report will be published January 15, 2022. Chief Taylor stated a grand jury report was received last week regarding Cyber Security Threats. He added the District IT Consultant will review best practices. Chief Taylor stated the January 7 Special Meeting

will begin at 2:00 p.m., only agenda item is to consider the adoption of the Remote Teleconferencing Resolution. The Chief provided an update regarding the incoming storm.

13. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

14. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the January 24, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

President Michael Lee

Secretary Judith Ishkanian