

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 24, 2023 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. Chief Neels and District Counsel Cameron Goodman were also present.

Absent: Director Powell

- 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. Reject claim for damages for vehicle accident claim from Noah Kovacs (claimant). (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Staff report presented by Division Chief Ederer.**

Chief Ederer provided a staff report regarding the rejection of claim for damages for vehicle accident claim from Noah Kovacs. Motion to reject claim for damages for vehicle accident claim from Noah Kovacs made by Director Easton, seconded by Director Lee, and unanimously passed.

- 3. Receive Fire Prevention Bureau reply to public comment regarding assessment of District creeks, culverts, and potential chokepoints prior to the storm season. (Strategic Plan Goal 2 and 3)**

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

Fire Marshal Briner provided a staff report in response to the public comment received at the June 26, 2023 Board of Directors meeting regarding the fall weed abatement and assessment of creeks, stream beds, culverts, and chokepoints within the District prior to the winter storm season.

4. Approval of Minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular meeting made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Dougherty, and unanimously passed.

5. Fire Chief's report.

Division Chief Ederer presented the Quarterly Operations Report, highlighting response data, significant incidents, training, Operational Area updates, personnel accomplishments, community engagement and department housing tenant selection. Fire Marshal Briner and Wildland Specialist Juarez provided an update regarding the Fire Prevention Bureau Fuels Reduction Projects. Chief Neels stated that he and Chief Fish met with UC Investments last Friday and look forward to receiving additional information, and hopefully meet with the Joint Fire Station Committee towards the end of August.

6. Board of Director's report.

There were no items to report at this meeting.

7. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the August 28, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

There were no additional suggestions from the Directors.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

President Peter van Duinwyk

Secretary Sylvia Easton