



# Montecito Sanitary District

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## MINUTES

For the Regular Meeting of the Board on:

**October 28, 2021**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Governing Board of the Montecito Sanitary District convened a regular meeting at 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 28, 2021 using Zoom teleconferencing in accordance with the State Executive Order No. N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020.

#### ATTENDANCE

##### *Board Members Present:*

President Dorinne Lee Johnson, Vice President Woody Barrett, Treasurer Don Eversoll, Director Gary Fuller, and Director Dana Newquist

##### *Board Members Absent:*

Director Eversoll left the meeting at 4:05 pm

##### *Also Present and Participating:*

Brad Rahrer, P.E. MSD General Manager  
Mark Manion, MSD General Counsel, Price Postel & Parma  
Betsy Byrne, MSD Clerk of the Board & District Administrator  
Rico Larroude, MSD Collections & Maintenance Supervisor  
Carole Rollins, MSD Laboratory & Pretreatment Manager  
Jeff Menelli  
Frank Blue  
iPhone  
Thomas Widroe  
Travis Lee  
Sandy  
Anne-Marie  
Jeff Kerns

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Member of the public Frank Blue addressed the Board: “My name is Frank Blue, Madam President and District Board members, I live at 2165 Alisos Dr., and it’s the road between Oak Grove and Romero Canyon. I made public comment to this Board before on the subject of extending the sewer line from Orchard road to our street, to Alisos Drive. Today I’m happy to say there are others who have joined and who are also going to be speaking to that subject, of the approval of that line. The Orchard road line has been in place for some time, and it’s about 20 feet from the back of our property, frankly we’re kind of surprised that as long as it’s been there, we haven’t heard anything from the District about the possibility of extending that line to include us and to include our neighbors on our street. So it seems to us that this is a terrific opportunity that has been sitting there hiding in plain sight, so to speak. There must be some kind of a civics lesson that I need to learn in this regard because I do understand there has been a project that the Sanitary District Board is considering for the Lilac & Oak Grove interchange area, which is fine, although it seems to me the project that would focus on our area should also be given valid consideration; there are 3 existing

line terminations so close to our street to our 2100 block. One at Orchard rd, one at Tabor lane, and the third one a little ways down on Romero Canyon Rd. So we believe, our neighbors 12 homeowners on our street, have already expressed doing something about extending the sewers. We come to you recognizing there is terrific value and positive benefits to us, and to the community in having the sewer line extended to our street as we would propose. We believe that this line extension would serve multiple purposes, insofar as we're concerned all to the good. And it would serve to satisfy the many manifold purposes for which the District exists, not least the extension of first class sanitary services to residential customers. Thank you very much, appreciate it."

Member of the public Jeff Menelli on 2135 Alisos Dr. addressed the Board: "I'm in support of the sewer line system. Our neighborhood most of the houses have been built in the 1960s so most of us have 50+ year old septic tanks that are going to need to be replaced at some point if they don't already. Another problem for our neighborhood is we're littered with hundred year old oak trees; which make septic tank replacement more costly and more problematic. I'm in the construction business and it's an issue trying to replace these septic tanks. No one argues that it's environmentally its best to get rid of 12 septic tanks in this area. It would be fabulous for the mission of the County and the City. And also, my urgency is that as people need to replace their septic tanks, they're going to do it and they're going to spend a small fortune doing it, and they're going to be more reluctant to change it to spend more money to get a sewer line later. And I just think it would be a real missed opportunity since we have everyone in the neighborhood I talked to is extremely excited about doing this. It would be a great time, we have willing people to spend the money to get it done. That's all I have, Thanks."

District Administrator read an email submitted by Alan Weiss: "Greetings, I am unable to participate in your upcoming meeting but I wanted to express my strong support for the sewer line extension on Alisos Drive. We live at 2190 Alisos, located on the northwest corner of Alisos and Romero. We have lived at this address since July 2020 when we purchased the home. One of the first things we did upon moving to 2190 Alisos was to cover the old pit/cesspool that we learned was on our property located underground not far from the existing septic tank. We worked with County Sanitation to fill the pit with rock and otherwise make it safe for ourselves, neighbors, and guests.

I write about this old pit as an example of a relic of the past, and a potentially dangerous one, that required attention and had been neglected for many years. I view septic in a similar vein, as a relic of the past that may have been the best alternative available at one time. I would very much like to see the sewer line extension so that we and our neighbors on Alisos would be part of the public sewer system and no longer have to rely on an antiquated form of sanitation.

I understand that the extension is broadly supported by the majority of my neighbors on Alisos. Furthermore, there is an existing line nearby (Orchard) that can be accessed for the extension. Finally, it makes practical and economic sense to maximize the District customer base when those affected support the extension, and there are no difficult engineering issues that would stand in the way of the extension.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Alan M. Weiss & Cheryl Burke; 2190 Alisos Drive"

District Administrator read an email submitted by Eric Robison: "Hello. My name is Eric Robison. I own a home at 2160 Alisos Dr. in Montecito. That homes my primary residence.

I'm writing to share that I support the line extension on the 2100 block of Alisos Drive. I support this for several reasons including: that it's environmentally responsible, elimination of dated sanitation methodology is important.

I'm happy to provide additional support context. Best, Eric Robison Cell: 415-450-5904"

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ON MOTION by Director Barrett, Second by Director Eversoll, the Board voted to approve the Minutes from Board Meetings held on September 23 and September 30, 2021.

AYES:	Directors Barrett, Eversoll, Fuller, Newquist, and Johnson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

**4. APPROVAL OF PAYABLES**

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Second by Director Barrett, the Board voted to approve the District payables for checks dated September 10, 2021 through October 22, 2021.

Accounts Payable	\$297,733.46
Capital Improvement Projects	\$99,126.43
Payroll	\$261,647.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$658,507.05</b>

AYES:	Directors Barrett, Eversoll, Fuller, Newquist, and Johnson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Barrett gave a summary of the Finance Committee meeting held on October 19, 2021.

Director Barrett gave a summary of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on September 30, 2021.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTION 2021-937; REMOTE MEETINGS CONTINUING ADOPTION**

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Second by Director Barrett, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 2021-937 authorizing the continuance of remote public meetings in accordance with California Assembly Bill 361.

AYES:	Directors Barrett, Eversoll, Fuller, Newquist, and Johnson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

**B. FERNALD POINT EMERGENCY SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

General Manager Rahrer provided a status update on the project.

**C. LILAC/OAK GROVE SEWER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT**

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Second by Director Fuller, the Board voted to award the contract to Tierra Construction Inc. in the amount of \$2,036,855 and authorized the General Manager to approve expenditures up to 10% for a change order allowance of \$203,686.

AYES: Directors Barrett, Eversoll, Fuller, Newquist, and Johnson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ORGANIZATIONAL DECISIONS**

The Board accepted the following changes to the standing committee assignments:

- i) Finance Committee: Directors Eversoll and Johnson
  - Director Eversoll will remain the Committee Chair (Treasurer)
  - Director Johnson will be added as a signatory to MBT accounts
- ii) Administration & Operations Committee: Directors Eversoll and Newquist
- iii) Personnel Committee: Directors Barrett and Fuller
  - Director Barrett will take Director Johnson's place as Committee Chair

**B. ENGINEERING MANAGER POSITION RECRUITMENT**

The updated Personnel Committee members will meet at 2:00 pm on Thursday, November 4, 2021.

**C. FY2021-22 UNAUDITED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Second by Director Barrett, the Board voted to approve and accept as presented the unaudited quarterly financial statements for period ending September 30, 2021; and to revise the Capital Improvement Projects Budget for FY21-22 with three additions:

- \$30,000 New FY21-22 Projects Budget for Boardroom renovation, Audio-visual equipment and installation.
- \$46,867 carryover for the completion of Riven Rock Sewer Main Extension project.
- Update the FY21-22 Budget for Enhanced Recycled Water Feasibility Study from \$75,000 to \$220,000 per approved MWD/Carollo Contract.

AYES: Directors Barrett, Eversoll, Fuller, Newquist, and Johnson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**8. DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

**A. INFORMATION ITEMS**

General Manager Brad Rahrer P.E., provided informational, nonactionable updates regarding matters before the District.

- i. MSD implemented a new bidding software called PlanetBids to assist with advertising projects and managing bidding process.
- ii. The Roofing Project Bid was re-advertised using Planet Bids. Five contractors attended mandatory pre-bid meeting. Bids due next Wednesday (November 3) at 10:00 am.
- iii. Submitted grant application for Recycled Water Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board.
- iv. Kicked off project with Carollo and have collaboration meetings scheduled with neighboring agencies scheduled for week of November 1.

**B. AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED**

None

**C. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS**

For the period of September 13, 2021 through October 18, 2021.

**9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**


- i) The November Board meeting will be held on Thursday November 18, 2021:
  - a. Director Johnson has coordinated hearing a presentation from Kristen Ayres of CalTrans and Fed Luna of SBCAG related to the Highway 101 widening project.
  - b. A resolution to amend the District's Connection fees
  - c. Riven Rock low pressure force main sewer main extension project: Notice of Completion.
  - d. Alisos Sewer Main Extension Project


Member of the public Frank Blue addressed the Board: you have a very busy agenda, please don't forget about the Alisos sewer main linkage potential project.

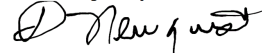
**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm ON MOTION by Director Barrett, seconded by Director Newquist.


These minutes were presented for approval at the Board Meeting on November 18, 2021.

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