



Montecito Sanitary District

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MINUTES

For the Regular Meeting of the Board on:

January 14, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Governing Board of the Montecito Sanitary District convened a regular meeting at 2:02 pm on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. The meeting was also broadcast using Zoom teleconferencing.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Directors Barrett, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Rockenbach

Board Members Absent:

None

Also Present and Participating:

Stephen Williams, MSD Business and Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board
Taylor Anderson, District Legal Counsel
Steve Mermell, Jacob Green and Associates

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public addressed the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Director Barrett gave a report on the Montecito Sanitary District Joint Strategic Planning Committee meeting with Montecito Water District and Summerland Sanitary District on January 9, 2026.
- B. Directors Newquist and Johnson gave a report on the Montecito Sanitary District Finance Committee meeting of January 12, 2026.
- C. Directors Rockenbach and Johnson gave a report on the recent activities of the Personnel Ad Hoc Committee.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

ON MOTION by Director Rockenbach, Seconded by Director Johnson, the Board voted to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

- A. Payables from December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025
- B. Board Meeting Minutes of the December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting
- C. Board Meeting Minutes of the December 17, 2025 Special Meeting

AYES: Directors Barrett, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Rockenbach
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

At the request of Director Barrett, Consent Calendar Items D, E, and F were removed from the Consent Calendar, discussed individually, and voted on individually.

The Board discussed Consent Calendar Item D – Purchase Order – Ford F-150 Hybrid.

ON MOTION by Ohlmann, Seconded by Director Newquist, the Board voted to approve Consent Calendar Item D – Purchase Order – Ford F-150 Hybrid.

AYES: Directors Barrett, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Rockenbach
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The Board discussed Consent Calendar Item E – Reappointment of General Manager and Legal Counsel.

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Barrett, the Board voted to defer Consent Calendar Item E – Reappointment of General Manager and Legal Counsel to a future Board Meeting. Not enough votes were received to approve the motion.

AYES: Directors Barrett and Newquist
NAYES: Directors Johnson, Ohlmann, Rockenbach
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ON MOTION by Director Ohlmann, Seconded by Director Rockenbach, the Board voted to approve Consent Calendar Item E – Reappointment of General Manager and Legal Counsel.

AYES: Directors Barrett, Johnson, Ohlmann, and Rockenbach
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: Director Newquist
ABSENT: None

The Board discussed Consent Calendar Item F – Meeting Authorization – Legislative Advocacy Days – President Rockenbach.

ON MOTION by Director Barrett, Seconded by Director Johnson, the Board voted to approve Consent Calendar Item F – Meeting Authorization – Legislative Advocacy Days – President Rockenbach.

AYES: Directors Barrett, Johnson, Newquist, and Ohlmann
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: Director Rockenbach
ABSENT: None

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. AWARD OF CONTRACT – JACOB GREEN AND ASSOCIATES

The Board received a presentation from Jacob Green and Associates on their proposal to provide Bylaw and Board Policies and Procedures Updates services.

ON MOTION by Director Johnson, Seconded by Director Ohlmann, the Board voted to authorize the General Manager to award a contract with Jacob Green and Associates in the amount of \$22,800 to assist with the creation of best practice Bylaws and Policies and Procedures as outlined in the proposal with the condition of receiving a proposed timeline for deliverables as well as staff sharing with Jacot Green the most recent version of the updated Board Policy and Procedures Manual.

AYES: Directors Johnson, Ohlmann, and Rockenbach
NAYES: Directors Barrett and Newquist
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

B. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Barrett, the Board voted to vote for Director Johnson to fill the vacant Regular Special District Board Member seat on LAFCO.

AYES: Directors Barrett, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Rockenbach
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

C. AD HOC COMMITTEE FORMATION

President Rockenbach detailed the charter of two Ad Hoc Committees and appointed members. They are as follows:

1. Local Legislative Liaison – Director Johnson
2. Intergovernmental Relations and Funding – Director Rockenbach

6. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date – January 28, 2026
- B. Items for future Board meeting
 - Committee Reporting Practices (Next Regular Meeting)
 - Director-led consolidation discussion (February Meeting)
 - Status update on Monte Cristo Lane road improvements
 - Closed Session for General Manager and Legal Counsel evaluation

7. ADJOURNMENT


ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Johnson, the meeting ended at 3:44 pm.

These minutes were presented for approval at the Regular Board Meeting on January 28, 2026.



Rock Rockenbach, President

Minutes taken and prepared by:



Stephen Williams
Business and Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board