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DISTRICT APPOINTS JOHN MURPHY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MONTECITO, CA - May 15, 2026 – The [Montecito Sanitary District](#) Board of Directors has appointed Montecito resident and finance executive John Murphy to fill a vacancy on the District's Board of Directors. Murphy was sworn in during the Board's May 13, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Murphy is the Founder and Managing Partner of [Montecito Capital Finance](#) in Santa Barbara and brings more than 30 years of experience in mortgage lending, capital markets, and private debt financing. The vacancy arose following the resignation of former Director Dana Newquist.

After [announcing the vacancy](#) to the community on April 23, 2026, the District received two applications from qualified community members interested in serving on the Board. Following interviews and discussion at the May 13 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Murphy to the position.

"I'm honored to serve the community in this role," said John Murphy. "I look forward to working collaboratively with the Board and District staff to support the District's mission, help the District thoughtfully plan for the future, and continue to serve the community responsibly and effectively."

The Montecito Sanitary District is governed by a [five-member Board of Directors](#) responsible for establishing District policies, adopting the annual budget, approving major contracts and purchases, and overseeing the General Manager. The Board also guides long-term planning related to wastewater infrastructure, environmental compliance, and financial sustainability.

Murphy will serve on the Board through December 4, 2026, and may choose to run for the seat in the November 2026 General Election to serve a subsequent four-year term. The District will share additional information about the November 2026 election process and candidate nomination period in the coming months.

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About the Montecito Sanitary District

Since 1947, the [Montecito Sanitary District](#) has served the Montecito community by managing wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal across an 8.9-square-mile service area. The District serves approximately 9,000 residents and 3,185 properties. Its mission is to protect public health and safety and to preserve the natural environment through the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater in the most cost-effective way possible.
