MINUTES

For the Regular Meeting of the Board on:

January 27, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Governing Board of the Montecito Sanitary District convened a regular meeting at 2:00 pm on Thursday, January 27, 2022 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, Treasurer Don Eversoll, Director Gary Fuller and Director Dana Newquist

Board Members Absent:

None

Also Present and Participating:

Brad Rahrer, P.E. MSD General Manager Mark Manion, MSD General Counsel, Price Postel & Parma Rico Larroude, MSD Collections & Maintenance Supervisor Carole Rollins, MSD Laboratory Manager

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public addressed the Board.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended that the Board consider approving the minutes from Board Meetings held on January 13, 2021.

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Second by Director Barrett, the Board voted to approve the Minutes from Board Meeting held on January 13, 2022.

AYES:

Directors Barrett, Eversoll, Johnson and Newquist

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN:

Fuller

ABSENT:

None

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

It is recommended that the Board receive and file a report provided by the following committee(s):

i) Director Eversoll gave a summary of the Finance Committee meeting held on January 19, 2022

ii) Director Barrett gave a summary of the Finance Committee meeting held on January 24, 2022. General Manager gave a short presentation on the proposed restructuring of the Operations Manager.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. HWY 101 SEWER MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Second by Director Eversoll, the Board voted to authorize the General Manager to proceed with a contract with Earth Systems to conduct additional geological investigation to support the Highway 101 Sewer Main Relocation design.

AYES:

Directors Barrett, Eversoll, Fuller, Newquist and Johnson

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

None

B. ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The General Manager gave an update on the roof replacement project.

C. MARBORG TRAILERS

The General Manager reviewed the use of the rental facilities and the District Administrator reported the rental fee for trailers is approximately \$2,600 per month. Director Barrett encouraged the Board of Directors to consider modifying maintenance building facilities to eliminate rental facility cost.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. <u>COLLECTIVE BARGANING PROCESS - SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL</u>

General Manager Rahrer provided an overview of the timeline and work completed to date.

Director Barrett reached out to Grant Burton from Cohen & Burge LLP for special legal counsel for future collective bargaining and recommended to the board to consider soliciting a proposal from Grant Burton from Cohen & Burge LLP.

ON MOTION by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Barrett the board voted to seek an additional proposal from Grant Burton of Cohen & Burge LLP to provide the District with special legal counsel for the future collective bargaining process.

AYES:

Directors Barrett, Eversoll, Fuller, Newquist and Johnson

NAYS:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

None

7. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors entered closed session at 3:37 p.m. and returned from closed session at 4:24 p.m.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager

No reportable action.

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Counsel, Price Postel & Parma

No reportable action.

8. <u>DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE</u>

A. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

General Manager Brad Rahrer P.E. provided an update on the Maintenance Building Tree Damage and COVID-19 policy.

Director Newquist offered to provide a COVID-19 Policy for staff's review.

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The next Board meeting will be a regularly scheduled board meeting on February 10, 2022 at 2:00 pm; to discuss the following items (but not limited to):

- Annual Report for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
- Review of Legal Counsel, legal expenditures and discussion of searching for new legal counsel.
- Consideration of an Annual Barbeque between Board and Staff (Director Barrett)
- Review of a COVID-19 Policy (Director Newquist)

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. ON MOTION by Director Barrett, seconded by Director Newquist.

These minutes were presented for approval at the Board Meeting on February 10, 2022.

Dorinne Lee Johnson, Board President

Minutes taken and prepared by:

Stephen Williams

District Administrator/Clerk of the Board