



Montecito Sanitary District

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MINUTES

For the Special Meeting of the Board on:

May 26, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Governing Board of the Montecito Sanitary District convened a regular meeting at 12:01 pm on Friday, May 26, 2023. The meeting was also broadcast using Zoom teleconferencing.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Director Hogan, Johnson, Martin, Ohlmann, and President Ellwood Barrett

Board Members Absent:

None

Also Present and Participating:

John Weigold, MSD General Manager
Stephen Williams, MSD Clerk of the Board & District Administrator
Bryce Swetek, MSD Engineering Manager
Carole Rollins, MSD Laboratory & Pretreatment Manager
Tobe Plough, Montecito Water District President
Ken Coates, Montecito Water District Vice President

Reportable Action: During the Agenda Changes/Deletions portion of Agenda Item #1 Item 4B was moved to the June 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public addressed the Board.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

ON MOTION by Director Barrett, Second by Director Hogan, the Board voted to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

A. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Unaudited Quarterly Financial Reports – March 31, 2023

AYES: Directors Hogan, Martin, Johnson, Ohlmann, and Barrett

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY COST REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE

The Board received a report from Stephen Williams, District Administrator, and Bryce Swetek, Engineering Manager, related to the current progress on the FEMA Emergency Projects that arose from the Early January Winter Storm.

B. DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS ON MSD/MWD DRAFT CONSOLIDATION REPORT

The Board discussed the options for how to move forward reviewing and ascertaining the need to meet with Raftelis regarding the Joint MSD/MWD Consolidation Feasibility Study. After discussion it was determined that the Board would hold a Special Meeting on June 15, 2023 on this topic alone to go over their questions and comments as well as to determine whether to have a presentation from Raftelis at a future meeting.

C. BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Board discussed the current Board Policies and Procedures as it relates to the process in which members can contact legal counsel. After discussion no changes were made to the existing policy.

ON MOTION by Director Barrett; Second by Director Hogan, the Board voted to update the verbiage in the Board Policies and Procedures that references specific Director Compensation to the current Ordinance that dictates those amounts.

AYES: Directors Hogan, Martin, Johnson, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

D. EASEMENTS (DISTRICT RIGHT-OF-WAYS)

The Board discussed at length with District Staff and Legal Counsel regarding the attached updated Amendment to Ordinance 10 and the Draft Ordinance to Establish Policies and Standards for District Easements and Regulating Eastement Encroachments. Several suggestions were made, mostly to what types of structures were listed in the appropriate sections of the Policies and Standards. Legal Counsel was instructed to make the updates and bring back the Ordinances to a future Board Meeting.

5. CLOSED SESSION

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public addressed the Board prior to going into Closed Session.

B. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS (GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6)

Name of District Negotiator to Attend Closed Session: John Weigold, General Manager

Name of Employee Organization: Montecito Sanitary District Management Group

6. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

NOTE: Director Hogan left the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

7. **LABOR NEGOTIATIONS (GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6)**

ON MOTION by Director Barrett, Second by Director Ohlmann, the Board of Directors voted to approve the updated labor agreement with the Montecito Sanitary District Management Group.

AYES: Directors Johnson, Martin, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Hogan

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Barrett gave a brief report on the Finance Committee meetings of April 10, 2023 and April 25, 2023, detailing that those meetings went over the Unaudited Quarterly Financial Reports that the Board had approved at the last meeting and this current meeting.

9. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

The next Board meeting will be a General Meeting of the Board on June 8, 2023. Topics the Board brought up as potential Agenda Items are as follows:

- Septic-to-Sewer Strategic Plan discussion
- Lilac-Oak-Grove Agreement Update

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm ON MOTION by Director Jonson, Second by Director Barrett.

These minutes were presented for approval at the General Board Meeting on June 22, 2023.



Ellwood T. Barrett II, President

Minutes taken and prepared by:



Stephen Williams
District Administrator/Clerk of the Board