

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Held at Fire District Headquarters, 595 San Ysidro Road, January 16, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Jensen at 8:31 a.m. Present were Director Jensen, Director Venable and Director Newquist. Others present at the meeting: T. Edwards, K. Johnson, J. Langhorne, C. Lim, M. Manion, T. McElwee, J. Saley, G. Simmons, C. Vincent and K. Wallace.

1. Chief Wallace introduced new Division Chief of Operations, Terry McElwee, and our new Wildland Specialist, Jeff Saley.
2. On a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable, the minutes of the December 18, 2006 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved.
3. After a brief explanation of costs associated with business travel, CSDA renewal fees, and the chain link fence, the warrants and claims for the month of December 2006, were unanimously approved on a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable.
4. On a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Jensen, the Board voted to approve Resolution 2007-01 commending Battalion Chief Glen McLeod. The motion was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: R.J. Jensen, J. Venable, D. Newquist
Noes: None
Absent: None

5. Chief Wallace explained that at the last meeting, the Board directed him to develop an ordinance to charge a fee to all Heartsaver CPR students that would cover costs associated with providing the class, and bring the ordinance back to the board for consideration.

On a motion made by Director Newquist, seconded by Director Venable the Board unanimously approved the introduction of Ordinance 2007-01, as read by title only, Ordinance of the Governing Board of the Montecito Fire Protection District establishing a fee for Heart Saver CPR Classes, and set a public hearing on the adoption of the ordinance at the Board's regular February meeting, at 8:30 a.m. on February 20, with appropriate notice to be published, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: R.J. Jensen, J. Venable, D. Newquist

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Noes: None
Absent: None

6. Chief Wallace reported that KBZ Architects provided a draft plan for Station 3 for the property located at East Valley and Ortega Ridge Road. He also spoke with Victoria Greene, who didn't see any obvious red lights to prevent the project, but did advise that it will be difficult to complete.

Director Venable asked about access for apparatus on/off East Valley Rd. stating that he is concerned with the narrowness of East Valley in that location. Chief Wallace advised that it would work with the design provided by KBZ Architects.

Chief Wallace advised that he also met with a Sheffield property owner last week. He left the meeting with no commitments and was not confident that the property owner is interested in selling.

Director Jensen was concerned with the size of the parcel being too small and unusable. He suggested putting something in the Montecito Journal. Director Newquist also suggested that we put something in the wants/needs in the MLS listing.

Mr. Manion mentioned that there are benefits to selling to a public agency that can be addressed.

Director Venable advised that the Cynthia Woods stables are for sale and we should look into that as a possibility. He will call the business manager at that property to make an introduction for Chief Wallace.

The Board took no action.

7. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Wallace reported on several issues including: progress of the dispatch improvement project; progress on the computer aided dispatch program; Ventura County going out of fire season; upcoming meeting with homeowners affected by the Sycamore Canyon slide; repairs to the bridge in area of the San Ysidro Ranch; Montecito Association retreat here on January 23.

8. Director Venable asked to have a review of the PERS retirement system. Newquist asked for a tour of the station and identify changes for the February 20th, 2007 Regular Board Meeting.

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9. At 9:10 a.m. the Board went into closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) for a conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation and arbitration of Tom Morgan. Present were Director Jensen, Director Venable, Director Newquist, M. Manion and K. Wallace.

At 9:50 a.m. the Board reconvened in open session. Chief Wallace announced the Board gave instruction to legal counsel and that the Board had made no reportable decision.

10. Director Jensen adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Roland J. Jensen

John Venable