

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held at Montecito Fire Protection District, 595 San Ysidro Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 on May 26, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Director van Duinwyk called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Director van Duinwyk, Director Lee, Director Pennino, Director Copus. Fire Chief Fallon and District Counsel Mark Manion were also present.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District. (30 minutes total time allotted for this discussion.)**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Receive budget development presentation and review the recommended Preliminary Budget for FY 2026-27. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

Fire Chief Fallon and Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas provided a presentation regarding budget development and recommended the Preliminary Budget for FY 2026-27. Fire Chief Fallon reviewed the Budget Priorities with the Board. The District Budget for FY 2026-27 will be adopted at the June 22, 2026 Regular meeting.

- 3. Report from the Finance Committee. (Strategic Plan Goal 8)**

- a. Consider the recommendation to approve the April 2026 financial statements.**

Director Lee and Director Pennino provided a report regarding the April 2026 financial statements. Director Pennino made a motion to approve the financial statements for April 2026, seconded by Director Lee, and unanimously passed.

- b. Review PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statements for March and April 2026.**

Finance and Administrative Manager Nahas provided a report regarding the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust statement for March and April 2026.

- 4. Consider the request to terminate the Joint Station Acquisition and Development Agreement. (Strategic Plan Goal 1)**

Fire Chief Fallon presented a staff report regarding the request to terminate the Joint Station Acquisition and Development Agreement with Carpinteria-Summerland Protection District. The Board discussed maintaining the committee and reviewing the Resolution for the Fire Station Location Standing Committee. Motion to terminate the Joint Station Acquisition and Development Agreement made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Copus, and unanimously passed.

- 5. Approval of Minutes of the April 27, 2026 Regular Meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2026 Regular meeting made by Director Copus, seconded by Director Pennino, and unanimously passed.

- 6. Fire Chief's report.**

Fire Chief Fallon reported that the Montecito Fire Department crews sent to the Sandy Fire have returned. The two firefighter-paramedics who were deployed to the Santa Rosa Fire are expected to return in a couple of days.

Budget preparations for the fiscal year 2026-27 are currently underway.

Three firefighters from the Montecito Fire Department, Daniel Arnold, Nick Eubank, and Andrew Rupp, were recognized in a pin ceremony for their 10 years of service with Montecito Fire Department.

There will be a Community Wildfire Panel in collaboration with neighboring agencies on June 15th, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Santa Barbara City College.

7. Board of Director's report.

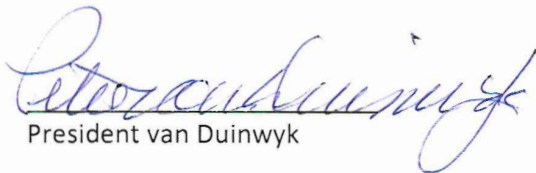
Director Pennino attended the Special District Leadership Academy in San Diego, reporting that the program was both enjoyable and valuable. The seminar included topics on artificial intelligence, social media, and legislative updates.

Director van Duinwyk thanked firefighters for their response during an emergency involving his daughter.

8. Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the June 22, 2026 Regular Board meeting.

Director Lee requested that staff review the sprinkler plan check fee schedules of neighboring agencies and discuss the possibility of implementing a fee.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:39 p.m.


President van Duinwyk


Secretary Lee