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 October 26, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Director Easton called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Present: Director Lee, Director Easton, Director Pennino, Director Copus and Director Williams. 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. **Approval of Minutes of the September 28, 2026 Regular Meeting.**

   Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2026 Regular meeting made by Director Lee, seconded by Director Pennino, and the motion unanimously passed.

3. **Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2026 Special Meeting.**

   Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2026 Special meeting made by Director Pennino, seconded by Director Copus, and the motion unanimously passed.

4. **Fire Chiefs' report.**

   Fire Chief Fallon called on Public Information Officer Atchison to present a video regarding Montecito Fire Department's recent educational outreach visits to the local schools during the month of October.

   The Emergency Go Bag program was launched last week, and the community has received 150 bags. Each bag includes the *Ready Set Go* pamphlet, which contains a checklist of suggested items that residents can use to personalize their evacuation go bag.

   Division Chief Hudley presented the Quarter 3 Operations Report and reported a total of 599 calls for service during the quarter spanning July through September. The report highlighted the partnership with Montecito Water District for the upstaffing trailer location, two trail rescues, multiple mutual aid fires, truck training with Santa Barbara City Fire, Joint Agency Tower Training, and years-of-service recognitions for personnel.

   Fire Chief Fallon thanked all the staff for coming together to assist with the Picacho Fire. Fire Chief Fallon commented on continuing to see the benefits of the RFCC in coordinating resources.

   Fire Chief Fallon reported on the prevention staff's recent work. He stated that the District had completed 15 days of roadside hazard abatement and seven defensible space inspections, and that fire danger was currently low following recent rainfall. He also reported that the 2027 Neighborhood Chipping program had been expanded to include 200 additional properties in the District.

5. **Board of Directors' report.**

   No items were reported at this meeting.

6. **Suggestions from Directors for items other than regular agenda items to be included for the November 16, 2026 Regular Board meeting.**

   No items were reported at this meeting.

The Board adjourned to closed session: 2:51 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Director Lee and Director Pennino
Montecito Professional Firefighters Association (Local 5563)

b. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Director Lee and Director Pennino
Members of Staff Unit

The Board reported out of closed session at 6:47 p.m. with no reportable action.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Sylvia Easton
President Easton

Secretary Lee