

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
of the  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
of the  
MONTECITO SANITARY DISTRICT**

**August 31, 2015**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Governing Board of the Montecito Sanitary District convened a regular meeting at 1:15 p.m. on August 31, 2015 at 1042 Monte Cristo Lane, Montecito, California.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Directors Thomas Kern, Judith M. Ishkanian, Warner B. Owens, and Bob Williams, Jeffrey Kerns

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Diane M. Gabriel, MSD General Manager/District Engineer  
Toni M. McDonald, MSD District Administrator  
Alex Alonzo, MSD Operations Manager  
Carole Rollins, MSD Laboratory & Pretreatment Manager

James Hawkins, Heal the Ocean  
Donna Senaur, Resident

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of July 27, 2015 and August 24, 2015 were included in the agenda packet.

On MOTION by Director Williams and second by Director Kerns, the Board approved unanimously without abstention the Minutes of July 27, 2015 and August 24, 2015.

**3. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND PAYABLES**

On MOTION by Director Ishkanian and second by Director Kern, the Board approved unanimously without abstention these payroll, accounts payable and capital improvement expenses from July 13, 2015 through July 27, 2015:

Accounts Payable Expenses	\$ 209,143.31
Payroll Expenses	145,694.46
Capital Improvement Expenses	<u>15,564.21</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 370,401.98

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Wastewater Rate Study – Professional Services – Contract With Water Consultancy, Inc.**

General Manager Gabriel discussed the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the professional services contract with Water Consultancy Inc for a Wastewater Rate Study. This study will be done on a time and materials basis of \$38,706. The direction of the rate study is to create fairness between commercial and residential customers. This rate study will include a separate and additional analysis of allocation of cost to taking all treatment to tertiary. A timeline has been created for a Proposition 218 hearing if required after study is completed. Tentative date for hearing would be April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Director Williams asked about grant monies available for tertiary treatment. General Manager Gabriel mentioned that the grant process would need partnership with Montecito Water District and the identification by MWD of possible recycled water customers. The combined meetings of MSD Administrative and Operations Committee and the MWD Operations committee will continue to meet and discuss recycled possibilities.

On MOTION by Director Williams and second by Director Ishkanian, the Board approved unanimously the Wastewater Rate Study contract with Water Consultancy Inc. in the amount of \$38,706, with additional extra services not to exceed \$5,000.

ACTION: Staff

B. **Water Recycling –Recap of Earle Hartling’s Presentation “Can Purple Pipes be the White Knight of the Next Water Crisis? The Role of Recycled Water”**

The Board discussed the presentation given by Mr. Hartling at the special board meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Laboratory and Pretreatment Manager Carole Rollins spoke about the Hartwell case that was mentioned by a community member at the presentation. The Hartwell case involved a suit against water purveyors brought because of contaminated wells due to industrial discharge. This suit did not involve recycled water, therefore it seemed irrelevant to the presentation given by Mr. Hartling. Mr. James Hawkins of Heal the Ocean thanked the District for arranging the presentation for the community. The Board decided to write a letter of commendation to Mr. Hartling and his supervisor thanking him for the presentation.

ACTION: Staff

**C. Sewer Main Rehabilitation –Insituform-Construction Status Report**

General Manager Gabriel and Operations Manager Alonzo reported on the continuing progress of the relining project. General Manager Gabriel noted that the work scheduled to be done at East Valley Road near Pierre la Fonde will be done at night to reduce impact to the community at large.

Operations Manager Alonzo noted that 13 miles of pipe have been lined in prior year projects, and upon completion of this current project a total of 20 miles of pipe will be lined. This will mean approximately 28% of District pipe will be lined.

ACTION: None

**D. Information Items**

- Director Ishkanian reported that the SBCSDA dinner meeting of 8/24 featuring Earle Hartling had a large turnout. Next month's dinner meeting in Buellton will feature Bob Geis, Auditor-Controller of SB County. October's dinner meeting will feature Christina Lokke as speaker. November's dinner meeting will feature Pedro Nava as the speaker. The SBCSDA board meeting for September has been cancelled.
- Director Kerns and General Manager Gabriel reported on the City of Santa Barbara Technology Advisory Committee meeting regarding recycled water.
- The Directors reported their pleasure with the Montecito Journal article about the slip lining project and intern Gio Goggia. Director Ishkanian stated she would like the journalist to correct the statement listing the Board Members as Montecito Water District Board of Directors.
- Director Owens and Williams reported on their attendance at the CASA Conference in San Diego 8/19-8/21. They distributed written reports on sessions attended to Board Members and staff.
- General Manager Gabriel stated Beautification Day will be November 7<sup>th</sup> in the Upper Village, and the MSD Holiday party will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at Café Stella.

**E. Agreements to be Signed**

None

**7. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**


The Board reviewed the information in the agenda packet.

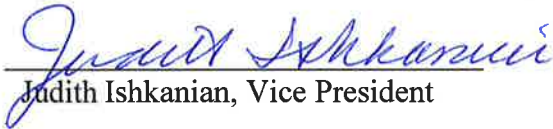
**8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**


There being no other business, on MOTION to adjourn by Director Kerns and second by Director Williams, the MOTION passed unanimously without abstention and the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

  
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Warner B. Owens, President

  
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Judith Ishkanian, Vice President

  
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Jeff Kerns, Secretary

  
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Thomas N. Kern, Treasurer

  
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Robert Williams, Director