

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

**November 10, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Governing Board of the MONTECITO SANITARY DISTRICT convened a regular meeting at 1:15 p.m. on November 10, 2014 at 1042 Monte Cristo Lane, Montecito, California.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Directors Thomas Kern, Jeff Kerns, Judith M. Ishkanian, Warner B. Owens, and Deirdre M. Cannata

**Also Present:** Diane M. Gabriel, MSD General Manager/District Engineer  
Toni M. McDonald, MSD District Administrator  
Alex Alonzo, MSD Operations Manager  
Caroline Martin, MSD Administrative Assistant

Robert Williams – In coming MSD Board Member  
Hillary Hauser – Heal the Ocean  
Tim Thompson – GSI Water Solutions  
Jeff Coffman – Bauer Water  
Floyd Wicks – H2Options, Inc. & Perc Water Corp  
Vicki Hazard - Resident  
Bob Hazard – Montecito Journal  
Donna Senauer - Resident  
Phil Bernstein - Resident  
Darlene Bierig – Montecito Water District – Board President  
Tom Mosby – Montecito Water District – General Manager

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

The minutes of October 13, 2014 were included in the agenda packet.

On MOTION by Director Owens and second by Director Cannata, the minutes were approved unanimously without abstention.

**3. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND PAYABLES**

On MOTION by Director Ishkanian and second by Director Owens, the Board approved unanimously without abstention the payroll and accounts payable expenses from October 17, 2014 through November 10, 2014:

Accounts Payable Expenses	\$ 143,463.70
Payroll and Related Expenses	<u>189,080.49</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 332,544.19

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Floyd Wicks of H2Options and Perc Water invited the Board and staff to tour The City of Santa Paula recycled water facility.

Bob Hazard addressed the Board and spoke about the need for a discussion with Montecito Water District. President Kern stated that would be item 6 B on the agenda, and Mr. Hazard could comment further at that time.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

The A & O Committee reported that the committee, along with the General Manager, District Administrator, and legal counsel, has prepared a lease agreement for UPRR at the Posilipo Lift Station which will be presented at the December 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting in open session for the Board’s review and approval to send to UPRR.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. SWEARING IN OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Caroline Martin, Administrative Assistant, led Robert Williams, Judith Ishkanian, and Warner Owens in taking the oath of office. Their terms are as follows:

Robert Williams	December 2014-December 2018
Judith Ishkanian	December 2014-December 2018
Warner Owens	December 2014-December 2016

ACTION: None

**B. MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT DRAFT CONCEPTUAL DESALINATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

General Manager, Diane Gabriel reported on the Montecito Water District's public meetings which she attended on the evenings of October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>. The meetings were conducted to present a Draft Conceptual Desalination Feasibility Study to the community. The study was prepared by RBF Consultants and it assumed the possible use of the Sanitary District's ocean outfall for the disposal of the brine from the desalination process. The capacity of the outfall to convey the estimated quantity of brine along with the treated wastewater effluent was not addressed in the presentation or in the written draft report. Ms. Gabriel hopes that the final report will include such information.

Ms. Gabriel also reported that a letter had been received on November 10<sup>th</sup> from the Montecito Water District and the letter was distributed. It is a formal request from the MWD Board of Directors requesting Montecito Sanitary District to analyze the MSD site master plan to determine if it could accommodate wastewater treatment to full tertiary standards and a desalination facility on the Sanitary District's property.

Public comment included the following:

**Hillary Hauser** suggested using MSD engineers to explore the project.

**Bob Hazard** stated water is a community problem, and MSD is not a state of the art facility. He is concerned about "turf" wars, and suggested the possibility of a Community Action Committee, or combining special districts into a single entity.

**Jeff Coffman** stated Perc Water Solutions is willing to collaborate with MSD staff.

**Vicki Hazard** attended the Santa Paula plant tour, and noted that the state of the art facility uses seventy percent less space than typical plants, which could be incorporated into the master plan analysis.

**Phil Bernstein** stated there needs to be conviction to solve the water issue.

**Tom Mosby** suggested two board members from each agency (MWD and MSD) create a committee with both general managers to work in a collaborative process.

**Tim Thompson** suggested using groundwater as a solution, and GSI Water Solutions would be willing to consult on this.

**Donna Senauer** stated the board should be looking at a sustainable water resource, not in the framework of a drought emergency, but as a long-term commitment.

**Darlene Bierig** stated the MWD is committed to locally controlled water sources. MWD would like MSD to re-analyze the master plan to see if the MSD location would be a viable one for desalination and tertiary treatment of wastewater.

The General Manager stated there may be a need for a board workshop to ensure MSD is continuing to fulfill the original purpose and direction of the treatment facility.

Director Ishkanian thanked MWD for the letter. Director Kerns also thanked MWD for the letter and noted the importance of siting a desalination facility properly. Director Cannata noted the importance of keeping the public informed.

On MOTION by Director Kerns and second by Director Cannata requesting that the General Manager return to the Board at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with a proposed approach to revising or updating the MSD site master plan to include both wastewater treatment to full tertiary standards as well as a desalination facility, the MOTION passed unanimously without abstention.

ACTION: Staff

**B. COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA LONG TERM SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SUPPLY ALTERNATIVES REPORT**

The General Manager reported attending a study on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the County of Santa Barbara. The County hired RMC consultants for \$500,000 to look at regional long term solutions to the water issue. Although attended by most water and sanitary districts in the south county, Montecito Water District did not attend. The RMC study was looking at projected demand in 2040, with possible solutions of new collaborations between sanitary and water districts. The meeting included staff of sanitary and water districts and representatives of the agriculture community and county water staff.

ACTION: None

**C. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- The General Manager reported on the activities of Montecito Beautification Day November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The General Manager reported the SBC CSDA awards will include Tracey Solomon from BPW as accountant of the year and Jon Turner from Phoenix Engineering as engineer of the year. The dinner will be Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriott at 5:45 PM. Several District staff will attend.

**D. AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED**

None.

**7. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

The Board reviewed the information in the agenda packet.

**8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

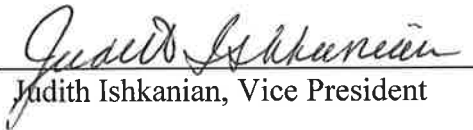
- Notice of Completion – EJS construction
- Lease Agreement with UPRR
- Proposed MSD site master plan revision / update
- Montecito Water District collaboration

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, on MOTION to adjourn by Director Ishkanian and second by Director Kerns, the MOTION passed unanimously without abstention and the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Thomas N. Kern, President

  
Judith Ishkanian, Vice President  
Warner B. Owens, Secretary  
Jeff Kerns, Treasurer

Retired  
Deirdre M. Cannata, Director