

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

September 26, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Governing Board of the MONTECITO SANITARY DISTRICT met in regular session on the 26th day of September 2011 at 1042 Monte Cristo Lane, Montecito, California, at 1:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Directors Charles C. Arnold, Deirdre M. Cannata, Judith M. Ishkanian, Jeff Kerns, Edward P. McAniff

Absent: None

Also Present: Diane Gabriel, General Manager; Debbie Hughey, Office Manager

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the prior Board meeting were included in the agenda packets for Board review. Upon MOTION by Director Cannata, and seconded by Director Ishkanian, the minutes of August 29, 2011 were approved as submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND PAYABLES

Upon MOTION by Director Ishkanian, and seconded by Director Arnold, the Board approved the PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE EXPENSES for the District through September 26, 2011 as follows:

Accounts Payable (9/7/11)	\$45,792.77
Accounts Payable (9/15/11)	\$32,090.86
Accounts Payable (9/21/11)	\$32,023.66
Payroll (9/8/11)	\$38,375.70
Payroll Related (9/8/11)	\$11,182.73

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Payroll (9/22/11)	\$40,565.87
Payroll Related (9/22/11)	\$32,542.32

TOTAL **\$232,573.91**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of the public was present to address the Board on non-agenda items.

5. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST FROM PROPERTY OWNER – REDUCTION IN CONNECTION FEES – 1779 GLEN OAKS

Manager Gabriel reported that the District received a request from Rebecca Riskin owner of 1779 Glen Oaks (copy of e-mail from Ms. Riskin was enclosed with the agenda packet).

President Kerns welcomed Ms. Riskin who was present at the meeting to formally present her request to the Board. Ms. Riskin requested that the Board refund the connection fees she paid for her bathroom remodel as part of the permit process with the District. She did not feel that the additional 40 square feet for a bathroom remodel (new vanity) was in keeping with the spirit of Resolution No. 2010-861 regarding property improvements on currently connected parcels.

The Board reviewed the District's fee resolution (Resolution No. 2010-861, Section 8.2) relevant to the project. After discussion the Board agreed that the intent of the Resolution is not to penalize people for small additions. A MOTION was made by Director Ishkanian, and seconded by Director Cannata that Ms. Riskin be reimbursed \$4,050 for the connection fees she previously paid to the District and to interpret the wording in Section 8.2, paragraph 2 without the "or" in this particular instance. The MOTION was approved unanimously.

A second MOTION, made by Director McAniff, and seconded by Director Ishkanian, was made directing the Administration & Operations Committee to review Resolution No. 2010-861 to modify as necessary in order to clear up any ambiguity and add clarification. The MOTION was approved unanimously.

B. SANTA BARBRA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56133

On September 13, 2011 the District received a letter from Bob Braitman, Executive Director of LAFCO, regarding proposed amendments to Government Code Section 56133. The proposed changes in this legislation would require (with certain exceptions) all cities and special districts to receive LAFCO approval before providing services outside their boundaries. A copy of the LAFCO letter was enclosed in the agenda packet. The LAFCO Board is interested in the views of local agencies in the County when it considers this potential legislation at their meeting on November 3, 2011.

After some discussion the Board stated that they would like to understand how the District will be affected by these changes and how it may affect how the District conducts business in the future. The General Manager was directed to contact Jeff Moorhouse, LAFCO Representative, and invite him to the next Board meeting to discuss and answer questions the Board may have about the proposed amendments.

C. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-869 – RETIREMENT OF MIKE SULLIVAN

Manager Gabriel related to the Board Mike Sullivan’s retirement effective September 17, 2011. Mr. Sullivan has been employed by the District for 31 years.

A MOTION was made by Director Cannata, and seconded by Director McAniff, that the Board, in recognition of Mr. Sullivan’s longevity and dedication of service, adopt Resolution No. 2011-869, Honoring Mr. Michael Sullivan Upon His Retirement from the District. The MOTION passed by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Arnold, Cannata, Ishkanian, Kerns, McAniff
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ACTION:	Board Officers

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board was given the SB County Financial Highlights informational newsletter for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011 for their review.

E. AGREEMENT(S) TO BE SIGNED

No Agreements.

7. **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

The Board reviewed the Operations and Maintenance information included in their agenda packets.

8. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**


No items.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**


There being no further business to come before the Board, it was MOVED by Director Cannata, and seconded by Director Ishkanian, that the meeting be adjourned. The MOTION carried, and the meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.




Jeff Kerns, President



Judith M. Ishkanian, Vice-President

Edward P. McAniff, Secretary

Charles C. Arnold, Treasurer

Deirdre M. Cannata, Director