



Montecito Sanitary District

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MINUTES

For the Regular Meeting of the Board on:

December 18, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Governing Board of the Montecito Sanitary District convened a regular meeting at 12:07 pm on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. The meeting was also broadcast using Zoom teleconferencing.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Directors Glaser, Johnson, Ohlmann, and Ellwood T. Barrett II

Board Members Absent:

None

Also Present and Participating:

John Weigold, MSD General Manager

Stephen Williams, MSD Business and Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board

Aleks Giragosian, MSD General Legal Counsel

Bryce Swetek, MSD Engineering Manager

Ricardo Larroude, MSD Collection & Maintenance Superintendent

Tracey Solomon, Bartlett Pringle & Wolf, LP

Sean Edwards, Bartlett Pringle & Wolf, LP

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public addressed the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Directors Johnson and Ohlmann gave a report on the Montecito Sanitary District Finance Committees December 16, 2024, meeting.

4. PRESENTATION

A. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 PRESENTED BY BARTLETT, PRINGLE, & WOLF

The Board received a presentation from Ms. Tracey Solomon and Sean Edwards of Bartlett, Pringle, and Wolf, LF on its Fiscal Year 2022-23 Financial Audit. ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Ohlmann, the Board voted to receive and file the Montecito Sanitary Districts' 2022-23 Financial Statements Audit Report and Letter of Required Communication.

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Johnson, the Board voted to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

- A. Payables from November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024
- B. Board Meeting Minutes of the November 20, 2024 Regular Meeting
- C. Award of Contract – Collection System Master Plan
- D. Award of Contract – Septic-to-Sewer Strategic Plan
- E. Resolution 2024-979 – Declaring 2025 Holidays
- F. Resolution 2024-980 – Excess Land and Air Space
- G. Retroactive Authorization – Dorinne Johnson Attendance at CSDA Training Webinar

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6. ORGANIZATIONAL DECISIONS

ON MOTION by Director Ohlmann, Seconded by Director Newquist, the Board voted to elect Director Barrett as President of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ON MOTION by Director Johnson, Seconded by Director Ohlmann, the Board voted to elect Director Newquist as Vice President of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Johnson, the Board voted to elect Director Glaser as Secretary of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Glaser, the Board voted to elect Director Johnson as Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ON MOTION by Director , Seconded by Director, the Board voted to appoint the following Committee and Committee Members (chairs listed first):

- A. Finance Committee: Directors Newquist and Johnson
- B. Administration & Operations: Directors Ohlmann and Glaser
- C. Personnel: Directors Glaser and Barrett
- D. Public Information: Directors Newquist and Ohlmann
- E. Strategic Planning: Directors Barrett, Johnson, and Ohlmann

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ON MOTION by Director Ohlmann, Seconded by Director Glaser, the Board voted to continue the appointment of John Weigold as General Manager.

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ON MOTION by Director Ohlmann, Seconded by Director Johnson, the Board voted to continue the appointment of Aleks Giragosian, Colantuono, Highsmith, & Whatley PC as General Counsel.

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ON MOTION by Director Glaser, Seconded by Director Newquist, the Board voted to continue the appointment of Melissa Fassett, Price, Postel, & Parma as HR Legal Counsel.

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Johnson, the Board voted to hold regularly scheduled Board Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. for Calendar Year 2025.

AYES: Directors Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: Director Glaser
ABSENT: None

President Ellwood T. Barrett II dissolved the Salary Study Ad Hoc Committee.

7. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

This item was moved to a future meeting.

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public addressed the Board regarding the Closed Session items.

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION (GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957)

Title: General Manager

Reportable Action: None

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6)

Name of District Negotiator to Attend Closed Session: Aleks Giragosian, Legal Counsel

Name of Employee Organization: Montecito Sanitary District General Manager

Reportable Action: None

D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6)

Name of District Negotiator to Attend Closed Session: John Weigold, General Manager

Name of Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 620

Reportable Action: None

NOTE: Director Newquist left the meeting during Closed Session at 3:50 p.m. and Director Glaser left the meeting during Closed Session at 4:00 p.m.

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL MANAGER’S CONTRACT

ON MOTION by Director Ohlmann, Seconded by Director Barrett, the Board voted to approve the Third Amendment to the General Manager’s Contract with an annual salary of \$212,000.

AYES: Directors Johnson, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: Directors Glaser and Newquist
ABSENT: None

B. ORDINANCE NO. 24 – EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES PROCEDURE

This item was continued to a future meeting.

C. DISTRICT HOLIDAY ADJUSTMENT

ON MOTION by Director Ohlmann, Seconded by Director Glaser, the Board voted to approve a one time adjustment to the 2024 holiday schedule by allowing two additional holiday days to be used. These days will not be carried over into 2025.

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

D. STANDING COMMITTEES ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This item was continued to a future meeting.

E. DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

ON MOTION by Director Johnson, Seconded by Director Newquist, the Board voted to direct Legal Counsel to draft an updated Director Compensation Ordinance incorporating a 10% increase to Director Stipends.

AYES: Directors Glaser, Johnson, Newquist, and Barrett
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: Director Ohlmann
ABSENT: None

F. DISCUSS CONTRACT CONTINGENCIES FOR DISTRICT PROJECTS

This item was continued to a future meeting.

G. DISTRICT INVESTMENT COUNCIL PRESENTATION

This item was continued to a future meeting.

10. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Items for future Board meeting – No items were discussed
- B. Next Regular Board Meeting Date – December 18, 2024

NOTE: President Ellwood T. Barret II formed an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of himself and Director Ohlmann to look at the Districts' Benefits and make recommendations to the Board.

11. ADJOURNMENT

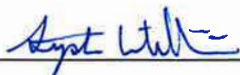
The meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm ON MOTION by Director Johnson, Seconded by Director Ohlmann.

These minutes were presented for approval at the Regular Board Meeting on January 13, 2025.



Ellwood T. Barrett II, President

Minutes taken and prepared by:



Stephen Williams
Business and Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board