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APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT
583 SAN YSIDRO ROAD, MONTECITO, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026
9:30 A.M.

Remote Meeting Location:
Reef House, Crown Point, Bequia Island
St Vincent and the Grenadines VC400, West Indies

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

President Goebel called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Directors present (In Person and via Zoom):

Directors Ken Coates, Brian Goebel, and Floyd Wicks participated in person. Director Cori Hayman joined the meeting in person at 9:45 a.m. Director Tobe Plough participated remotely.

Staff present (In Person and via Zoom):

Nick Turner, General Manager	Laura Camp, Public Information Officer
Adam Kanold, Asst. GM/Engineering Mgr.	Christina Perry, Administrative/HR Assistant
Emma Godinez, Business Manager	Ray Willefert, Financial Analyst/IT Specialist

Counsel present (In Person):

Walt Wendelstein, Wendelstein Law Group PC, District Counsel

Special Counsel present (via Zoom):

Guillermo Frias, Best Best & Krieger LLP
Robert Donlan, Wangler Jones Helsley PC

Consultants present (via Zoom):

Karl Meier, Wood Rodgers, Inc.
Brett Bovee, WestWater Research

Others present (In Person and via Zoom):

Corinne Doherty (via Zoom)
Diantha Glaser, Summerland Sanitary District (In person)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comments were made.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were approved or accepted by vote on one motion:

- A. Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025
- B. Meeting Minutes of December 23, 2025
- C. Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2026
- D. Payment of Bills for November and December 2025
- E. Investment of District Funds as of December 31, 2025
- F. Unaudited Monthly Financial Report for November 2025
- G. Unaudited Monthly Financial Report for December 2025
- H. Waterworks Reports for November and December 2025
- I. Proposed Termination of Water Main Extension Agreement for 810 Cima Del Mundo

Director Wicks moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Coates and carried after a roll call vote with Directors Coates, Goebel, Plough, and Wicks in favor and Director Hayman absent.

5. DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

- A. INFORMATIONAL: Review of the Highline Preliminary Design Report Methodology

Mr. Kanold presented the item with consultant Karl Meier of Wood Rodgers, Inc. Staff and Mr. Meier responded to questions and received feedback and direction from the Board.

- B. ACTION ITEM: Consideration and Possible Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Montecito Water District, Montecito Sanitary District, and Summerland Sanitary District for Coordination and Collaboration for the Advancement of Special District Reorganization

Director Coates provided introductory comments, and Mr. Turner presented the item. The Board provided direction to staff and Counsel with recommended edits to the MOU.

The Board received comments from Diantha Glaser, Business Manager at Summerland Sanitary District.

Director Coates moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Montecito Water District, Montecito Sanitary District, and Summerland Sanitary District with edits as directed by the Board.

The motion was seconded by Director Hayman and carried after a roll call vote, with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks in favor.

The Board paused for a break at 11:27 a.m. and returned at 11:42 a.m.

C. INFORMATIONAL: Quarterly Water Supply Update

Mr. Turner presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

Item 5-E was moved for consideration before Item 5-D

E. INFORMATIONAL: General Manager Report

Ms. Turner presented the item with contributions from Mr. Kanold. Staff responded to questions from the Board.

D. INFORMATIONAL: Customer Relations and Public Information Update

Ms. Camp presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

6. DISTRICT BUSINESS REPORT

A. Discussion of Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Mr. Turner presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. The Board provided direction to staff.

The Board paused for lunch at 12:16 p.m. and returned at 12:55 p.m.

The Montecito Water District Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

7. MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT FINANCING CORPORATION

A. ACTION ITEM: Adjourn to the Annual Meeting of the Montecito Water District Financing Corporation

The Annual Meeting of the Montecito Water District Financing Corporation was held and actions were recorded in the Financing Corporation meeting minutes.

The Montecito Water District Board of Directors meeting was recalled to order at 12:59 p.m.

8. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Recent and Pending Legal Matters Review – Oral Report

Counsel noted updates to the Ralph M. Brown Act and reported his reappointment to the ACWA Legal Affairs Committee.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 1:01 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:29 p.m.

B. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation; 2 cases

As to Item 8-B, the Board received an update, direction was given to Staff and Counsel, and no action was taken.

- C. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) Anticipated Litigation – 4 cases.

As to Item 8-C, the Board received an update, direction was given to Staff and Counsel, and no action was taken .

- D. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representative: Nicholas Turner, General Manager

Employee organization: SEIU

As to Item 8-D, a conference was conducted with the labor negotiator and no action was taken.

- E. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54959.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Property: State Water Project assets

Agency negotiator: Nicholas Turner, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: Solomon Hills Developer

Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

As to Item 8-E, the Board received an update from the Real Property Negotiator and no action was taken.

5. DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS (CONT'D)

- F. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of the 2026 Employee Handbook

Director Coates moved to adopt the 2026 Employee Handbook. The motion was seconded by Director Wicks and carried after a roll call vote with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks in favor.

- G. INFORMATIONAL: Update on Cachuma Conservation Release Board Activities

Mr. Turner presented the item and responded to questions from the Board

9. DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. President's Report: Director Goebel reported discussions about the Strategic Plan which is due to be revised in 2027.

- B. Operations & Customer Relations Committee: Director Wicks reported that relevant items were previously addressed.

- C. Finance Committee: Director Goebel reported that relevant items were previously discussed.

- D. Strategic Planning Committee: Director Coates reported that relevant items were previously addressed.

- E. Central Coast Water Authority: Director Coates reported that Executive Director Ray Stokes requested that CCWA members write letters to Monique Limón requesting support for state or local funding for subsidence issues impacting the California Aqueduct.

- F. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board: Director Hayman reported on: the availability of surplus water beginning on January 1, 2026, required Table 2 releases starting February 15th, the occurrence of the second earliest controlled release spill at Bradbury Dam in the history of the dam by one day (the earliest was December 25, 1983), critical valve replacement at Carpinteria Control Station, and tagging of steelhead trout swimming up river on Hilton Creek.
- G. Cachuma Conservation Release Board: Director Plough reported no new items.
- H. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association: Director Wicks reported he was unable to join a meeting held on Monday, January 26th.
- I. ACWA JPIA: Director Wicks reported that he will attend an ACWA JPIA Board meeting at the Spring conference in May.
- J. CalDesal: Director Wicks reported that he will attend the annual conference on February 12th.
- K. Ad hoc Committee: Water Rights Opportunities: Director Coates reported meetings with Solstra.
- L. Directors' List of Compensable and Reimbursable Meetings (Government Code §53232.1 and §53232.3): Directors Goebel, Wicks, and Coates reported meetings attended in January.

10. DIRECTOR REQUESTS

No requests were made.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

APPROVED:



Brian Goebel, Board President

ATTEST:



Nicholas Turner, Secretary