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**General Manager and  
Board Secretary**  
Nick Turner

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026**  
**9:30 A.M.**

**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, Cori Hayman, and Floyd Wicks participated in person. Director Tobe Plough participated remotely via Zoom at the location noted on the agenda.

Staff present (In Person and via Zoom):

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

Counsel present (In Person):

Walt Wendelstein, Wendelstein Law Group PC, District Counsel

Special Counsel present (via Zoom):

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

Consultants present (via Zoom):

Karl Meier, Wood Rodgers, Inc.  
Ethan Knox, Rincon Consultants, Inc.  
Rosaly Prickett, Rincon Consultants, Inc.  
Lora Nichols, Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates  
Brett Bovee, Westwater Research

Others present (In Person and via Zoom):

Ashlee Mayfield, Montecito Trails Foundation (via Zoom)

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present for this item.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- A. Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2026
- B. Payment of District Bills for February 2026
- C. Investment of District Funds as of February 28, 2026
- D. Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 28, 2026
- E. Waterworks Reports for February 2026

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, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks in favor.

**5. DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS**

- A. INFORMATIONAL: Review of Wildfire Hydraulic Modeling Analysis and Results

Mr. Kanold introduced the item. Karl Meier of Wood Rodgers, Inc. presented the Wildland Fire Resiliency Analysis. Staff and Mr. Meier responded to questions from the Board.

- B. INFORMATIONAL: 2025 Urban Water Management Plan: Review of Supply and Demand Projections and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Mr. Kanold introduced the item. Rosalyn Prickett of Rincon Consultants, Inc. presented the Montecito Water District 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) – Supplies and Demands and WSCP report. Ethan Knox of Rincon Consultants, Inc. was also present for the item. Staff and Ms. Prickett responded to questions from the Board.

**Item 6-A was moved for consideration before Item 5-C**

**6. DISTRICT BUSINESS REPORT**

- A. ACTION ITEM: Proposal from American Riviera Bank for a Revolving Line of Credit to be used in connection with the ASADRA Reservoir Seismic Retrofit and Replacement Project

Mr. Turner introduced the item. Ms. Godinez presented the American Riviera Bank Proposal — ASADRA Reservoir Seismic Retrofit & Replacement Project. Lora Nichols of Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates was also present for the item. Staff and Ms. Nichols responded to questions from the Board.

Director Hayman moved to authorize the General Manager to:

1. Authorize a Revolving Line of Credit Agreement (“Credit Agreement”) with American Riviera Bank (“ARB”) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, in accordance with the Expression of Interest dated March 16, 2026; and
2. Engage Bond Counsel, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, to prepare the required Credit Agreement in the form of an Installment Purchase Agreement, and to coordinate with District Counsel for the preparation of any additional required documents for the transaction, including an Opinion Letter confirming tax-exempt status of the transaction and compliance with Article XIII(D) of the California Constitution; and
3. Authorize the General Manager to execute all related documents and take all actions necessary to complete the transaction.

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

**The Board paused for a break at 11:17 a.m. and returned at 11:30 a.m.**

**5. DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS (continued)**

C. ACTION ITEM: Development of a Montecito Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

Mr. Kanold presented on the development of a Montecito Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board directed staff to engage a qualified consultant to prepare the ASR Pilot Injection Permit Application and return to the Board for further action.

D. ACTION ITEM: Update on the Water Use Efficiency Program and Discussion of Proposed Program Modification

Mr. Kanold introduced the item. Water Conservation Specialist Steven Cognac presented an update on the implementation of the District Water Use Efficiency Program. Staff responded to questions from the Board.

Director Coates moved to increase the landscape conversion rebate for all properties participating under the program to \$3 per square foot and to establish a maximum rebate of \$10,000 for single-family residential properties and \$15,000 for commercial, institutional, and multi-family residential properties. The increases would be effective immediately and the current limit of one rebate per property would remain in effect.

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

E. ACTION ITEM: Authorization for Remote Teleconference Meetings by Eligible Subsidiary Bodies of Montecito Water District

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

Director Coates moved to make the required findings under Government Code §54953.8.6 and as listed in the staff report, and to authorize the use of remote teleconferencing for standing committees of Montecito Water District. The motion was seconded by Director Wicks and carried after a roll call vote, with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks in favor.

**The Board paused for lunch at 12:14 p.m. and returned at 12:52 p.m.**

F. INFORMATIONAL: Customer Relations and Public Information Update

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

G. INFORMATIONAL: General Manager Report

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

**6. DISTRICT BUSINESS REPORT (continued)**

B. INFORMATIONAL: Alder Creek Flume Reconstruction FEMA Status Update

Mr. Kanold presented an update on the Alder Creek Flume Reconstruction Project. Robert Donlan of Wanger Jones Helsley PC was also present for this item. Staff responded to questions from the Board.

**7. LEGAL MATTERS**

A. Recent and Pending Legal Matters Review – Oral Report

No report.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 1:23 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:07 p.m.

B. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation; 1 case

As to Item 7-B, the Board received an update from Counsel and no action was taken.

C. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Montecito Water District v. Miradero LLC, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No.26CV00403

As to Item 7-C, the Board received an update from Counsel and no action was taken.

D. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) Anticipated Litigation – 1 case.

As to Item 7-D, the Board received an update from Counsel 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 7-E, the Board received an update from the Real Property Negotiator and no action was taken.

**8. DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. President's Report: Director Goebel reported that relevant items were previously addressed.
- B. Operations & Customer Relations Committee: Director Wicks reported that relevant items were previously addressed.
- C. Finance Committee: Director Hayman reported that relevant items were previously addressed.
- D. Strategic Planning Committee: Director Coates reported that relevant items were previously addressed.
- E. Central Coast Water Authority: Director Coates reported that a risk of spill of San Luis Reservoir will not affect District resources. Additionally, Director Coates and Mr. Turner met with the incoming CCWA Executive Director Peter Thompson.
- F. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board: Director Hayman reported that she did not attend the March meetings.
- G. Cachuma Conservation Release Board: Director Plough reported that CCRB is assisting in the finalization of the Cachuma Project Biological Assessment.
- H. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association: Director Wicks reported that he did not attend any recent meetings.
- 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 Board meeting on May 6, 2026.
- K. Ad hoc Committee - Water Rights Opportunities: Director Coates reported that relevant items were previously addressed.
- L. Directors' List of Compensable and Reimbursable Meetings (Government Code §53232.1 and §53232.3): Directors Coates and Goebel reported meetings attended in March.

**9. DIRECTOR REQUESTS**

None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

APPROVED:



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Brian Goebel, Board President

ATTEST:



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Nicholas Turner, Secretary