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

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026
9:30 A.M.

Attend in Person or Join by Teleconference:

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AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM**

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4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items are to be approved or accepted by vote on one motion unless a Board member requests separate consideration:

- *A. Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026
- *B. Ratification of Disbursements for May 2026
- *C. Investment of District Funds and Cash Position as of May 31, 2026
- *D. Unaudited Financial Statements as of May 31, 2026
- *E. Waterworks Reports for April and May 2026
- *F. Construction Contract Change Orders for the Freehaven and Las Tunas Pipeline Replacement Projects
- *G. Authorize Payment of the CalPERS Annual Unfunded Accrued Liability for Fiscal Year 2027 in the Amount of \$661,898; Based on the June 30, 2024 Actuarial Valuation

* Indicates attachment included for this item

5. DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

- *A. PUBLIC HEARING: Water Distribution System Capital Improvement Program; Annual Continuation of the Water Availability Charge (WAC) with no Proposed Change in the Assessment for the Coming Year, to be Collected on the Property Tax Roll as it has been Collected since Initiation in 1996. The Board of Directors will Hear and Consider Objections and Protests to the Assessment and Report
 - i. INFORMATIONAL: Status report on Water Availability Charge (WAC) Program and Capital Improvement Program;
 - ii. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of Resolution No. 2319 Continuing the Existing Water Availability Charge to Fund Water Distribution System Upgrades and Ordering the Filing of a Report Establishing the Water Availability Charge for Fiscal Year 2027
- *B. Proposed 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan
 - i. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed *2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan*
 - ii. BOARD ACTION: Adoption of Resolution No. 2320 Approving the District's *2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan*, and Authorizing Their filing with the California Department of Water Resources
- *C. BOARD ACTION: Authorize a Professional Services Contract with Pueblo Water Resources for Hydrogeologic Services in Connection with the Paden 2 Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Pilot Test Project
- *D. Highline Repair Project
 - i. BOARD ACTION: Make a Finding, Based on the Administrative Record Including the Final Initial Study – Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), that No Substantial Evidence Exists in the Record that this Project will have a Significant Effect on the Environment if the Mitigation Measures in the IS-MND and MMRP are Implemented
 - ii. BOARD ACTION: Adopt the IS-MND and MMRP, Prepared in Compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines, and Designate the District's office, Located at 583 San Ysidro Road, Montecito, California 93108 as the Custodian of Documents and Record of Proceedings
 - iii. BOARD ACTION: Authorize a Construction Contract with American Pipeline Services for the Highline Repair Project for the Not to Exceed Amount of \$743,250
 - iv. BOARD ACTION: Authorize Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract with Wood Rodgers for Construction Phase Services for the Highline Repair Project for the Not to Exceed Amount of \$116,823
- *E. BOARD ACTION: License Agreement with Montecito Fire Protection District Temporary Use of the District's East Valley Road Pump Station Property to Support Emergency Response Operations

- *F. INFORMATIONAL: Customer Relations and Public Information Update
- *G. INFORMATIONAL: General Manager Report

6. DISTRICT BUSINESS REPORT

- *A. ACTION ITEM: Annual Budget Resolutions
 - i. Resolution No. 2321 Determining that Charges, Rates and Fees Are Not “Proceeds of Taxes” Under Article XIII B of the Constitution of the State of California;
 - ii. Resolution No. 2322 Adopting the Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2027;
 - iii. Resolution No. 2323 Establishing an Employee Classification and Salary Range Schedule Effective with the Pay Period Beginning July 11, 2026;
 - iv. Resolution No. 2324 Adopting a Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees and Charges for Fiscal Year 2027;
 - v. Resolution No. 2325 Adopting Capital Cost Recovery Fees and Connection Fees Effective July 1, 2026;
 - vi. Resolution No. 2326 Adopting a Fixed Asset Disposal Policy for Fiscal Year 2027;
 - vii. Resolution No. 2327 Adopting a Reserve Policy for Fiscal Year 2027;
 - viii. Resolution No. 2328 Adopting a Debt Management Policy for Fiscal Year 2027;
 - ix. Resolution No. 2329 Adopting a Capitalization Policy for Fiscal Year 2027;
 - x. Resolution No. 2330 Adopting a Water Loss Adjustment Policy for Fiscal Year 2027
- *B. ACTION ITEM: Resolution No. 2331 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget And Capital Improvement Program Budget

7. LEGAL MATTERS

- A. Recent and Pending Legal Matters Review – Oral Report
- *B. BOARD ACTION: Amendment to the Contract with Wendelstein Law Group PC for General Counsel Services
- C. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a) Conference with Legal Counsel and AWIA Consultant – Public Services or Facilities
- D. 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
- E. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation; 1 case
- F. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) Anticipated Litigation – 2 cases.

G. 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

8. DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. President's Report: Director Goebel
- B. Operations & Customer Relations Committee: Director Wicks
- C. Finance Committee: Director Hayman
- D. Strategic Planning Committee: Director Coates
- E. Central Coast Water Authority: Director Coates
- F. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board: Director Hayman
- G. Cachuma Conservation Release Board: Director Plough
- H. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association: Director Wicks
- I. Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority: Director Wicks
- J. CalDesal: Director Wicks
- K. Ad hoc Committee: Water Rights Opportunities: Director Coates
- L. Directors' Compensable & Reimbursable Meetings; Gov. Code §53232.1 and 53232.3

9. DIRECTOR REQUESTS

Requests from Directors for items other than regular agenda items for the next regular Board meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2026, or any future meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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