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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT
583 San Ysidro Road, Montecito, California

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

AGENDA

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

President Goebel called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Directors present (In Person):
Directors Ken Coates, Brian Goebel, Tobe Plough, and Floyd Wicks participated in person. Director Cori Hayman participated remotely via Zoom at the location noted on the agenda.

Staff present (In Person and via Zoom):
Nick Turner, General Manager
Ray Willefert, Chief Financial Officer
Laura Camp, Public Information Officer
Christina Perry, Administrative/HR Assistant
James Algert, Senior Office Technician/Staff Accountant

Counsel present (In Person):
Walt Wendelstein, Wendelstein Law Group PC, District Counsel

Consultants present (In Person and via Zoom):
Mike Husted, Converged
Morgan Peterson, Converged

Others present (In Person):
Nicholas Solakian
Randy Solakian

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Comment was received from Nicholas Solakian and Randy Solakian.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2026

B. Ratification of Disbursements for September 2026

C. Investment of District Funds and Cash Position as of September 30, 2026

D. Unaudited Financial Report as of August 31, 2026

E. Unaudited Financial Report as of September 30, 2026

F. Waterworks Reports for September 2026

G. Modified Job Description and Salary Range for the Water Conservation & Utility Data Specialist Position

The Board adopted the updated Water Conservation & Utility Data Specialist position with a biweekly pay range of $4,079.21 to $4,958.30, Salary Range 255 in Schedule A of Resolution No. 2323.

H. Resolution No. 2332 Adopting an Updated Maximum Contribution Cap for District Coverage of Dependent Health Insurance Premiums for 2027

The Board updated and adopted the Maximum Contribution Cap for District coverage of dependent health insurance premiums at $883 for two-party coverage and $1,496 for family coverage for plan year 2027.

I. Resolution No. 2333 Authorizing Signatories for the District Checking and Money Market Accounts at American Riviera Bank

J. Resolution No. 2334 Designating the District's Authorized Agent for Obtaining Federal Financial Assistance

K. Amendment No. 5 to the Professional Services Contract with Wood Rodgers for Construction Phase Services Related to the Highline Repair at Bella Vista in the amount of $23,943

L. Amendment No. 6 to the Professional Services Contract with Wood Rodgers for Construction Phase Services Related to the Highline Repair at Bella Vista in the amount of $19,187

Director Plough 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. ACTION ITEM: Award of a Professional Services Contract to Carollo Engineers for Design of a pH Adjustment System at Bella Vista Water Treatment Plant

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

Director Plough moved to authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Contract with Carollo Engineers for the design of a pH Adjustment System at Bella Vista Water Treatment Plant for the not-to-exceed amount of $239,014. The motion was seconded by Director Wicks and carried after a roll call vote with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks in favor.

B. INFORMATIONAL: Semiannual Water Supply Update

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

C. ACTION ITEM: Resolution No. 2335 Supporting the Association Of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) Vision For Our Water Future Initiative

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

Director Plough moved to adopt Resolution No. 2335 supporting the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Vision for Our Water Future Initiative and transmit the adopted resolution to ACWA with a cover letter urging aggressive advocacy to advance statewide desalinated and recycled water supplies. The motion was seconded by Director Coates and carried after a roll call vote with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks in favor.

D. INFORMATIONAL: Status of the 2022 Strategic Plan and Discussion of the 2027 Update

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

E. INFORMATIONAL: Customer Relations and Public Information Update

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

F. INFORMATIONAL: General Manager Report

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

The Board paused for a break at 11:12 a.m. and returned at 11:28 a.m.

6. DISTRICT BUSINESS REPORT

A. No Items

7. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Recent and Pending Legal Matters Review – Oral Report

No report.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 11:28 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:28 p.m.

B. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation; 3 cases

As to Item 7-B, the Board conferred with District Counsel and no action was taken.

C. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Olson v. Montecito Water District, Santa Barbara Superior Court case Number 26CV06073

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

D. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), Anticipated Litigation – 3 cases.

For two cases in Item 7-D, the Board received an update, and no action was taken.

As to the remaining Item 7-D, the Board voted 4-1 to reject the claim, and the claim will be available pursuant to the requirements of the Government Code.

E. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8 (corrected) Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Property: 2770 Bella Vista Drive
Agency Negotiator: Nicholas Turner, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: District and Potential Buyers
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

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

F. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54957(a)(1): Public Services or Facilities - Conference with Cybersecurity Consultant

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

G. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1): Public Employee Employment – Assistant General Manager / Engineering Manager

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

8. DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. President's Report: President Goebel reported that all relevant items were previously addressed.

B. Operations & Customer Relations Committee: Director Wicks provided an update on a customer rebate request.

C. Finance Committee: Director Hayman reported no new items. Mr. Turner noted that the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 are on schedule for presentation at the November Board meeting.

D. Strategic Planning Committee: Director Coates reported that no meeting was held.

E. Central Coast Water Authority: Director Coates and Mr. Turner provided an update from CCWA regarding the CCWA Water System Revenue Bond Debt Service Billing Project.

F. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board: Director Hayman reported that no meeting was held.

G. Cachuma Conservation Release Board: Director Plough reported that local stakeholders and Reclamation continue to draft chapters of the Biological Assessment.

H. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association: Director Wicks reported that he did not attend the meeting on October 26.

I. ACWA JPIA: Director Wicks reported that he will attend the ACWA JPIA Membership Summit starting November 30th, followed by the ACWA 2026 Fall Conference.

J. CalDesal: Director Wicks reported that he is scheduled to attend the CalDesal Board meeting at the ACWA 2026 Fall Conference.

K. Ad hoc Committee: Water Rights Opportunities: Director Coates reported that all relevant items were previously addressed.

L. Directors' List of Compensable and Reimbursable Meetings (Government Code §53232.1 and §53232.3): President Goebel and Directors Coates, Plough, and Wicks reported meetings attended in October.

9. DIRECTOR REQUESTS

Director Wicks requested an evaluation of the Doulton Tunnel's structural integrity and consideration of buying land in Carpinteria to bank water.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

APPROVED:

Brian Goebel, Board President

ATTEST:

Nicholas Turner, Secretary