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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024
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 Coates called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Directors present:

Directors Ken Coates, Brian Goebel, Cori Hayman, and Floyd Wicks participated in person.
Director Tobe Plough participated remotely via Zoom.

Staff present (In Person and via Zoom):

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

Counsel present (In Person):

Walt Wendelstein, Wendelstein Law Group PC, District Counsel

Members of the Public:

Jasmine Showers, City of Santa Barbara
Madeline Wood, City of Santa Barbara

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comments were made.

Director Goebel moved to modify the implementation of the District *Water Use Efficiency Plan* as recommended in the staff report. The modifications included increasing existing rebates and adding additional rebates and audit programs offered to customers. 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 recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m. and returned at 12:40 p.m.

- D. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of Resolution No. 2271 updating the District's Procurement Policy

District Counsel requested that "i.e." be changed to "e.g." in the resolution.

Director Hayman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2271 as modified. The motion was seconded by Director Goebel and carried after a roll call vote, with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks in favor.

- E. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of Resolution No. 2272 updating the District's Signatory Authority Policy

Director Hayman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2272. The motion was seconded by Director Goebel and carried after a roll call vote, with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks in favor.

- F. ACTION ITEM: Special District Consolidation with Montecito Sanitary District

After discussion by the Board, this item was tabled for future consideration.

- G. INFORMATIONAL: LAFCO Independent Special District Regular Member Election
President Coates received input from the Board.

- H. INFORMATIONAL: Customer Relations and Public Information Update

Ms. Camp provided the update and responded to questions from the Board.

- I. INFORMATIONAL: General Manager Report

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

6. DISTRICT BUSINESS REPORT

- A. INFORMATIONAL: Unaudited Quarterly Financial Report through December 2023

Mr. Turner and Ms. Rojas responded to questions from the Board.

The Montecito Water District Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

7. MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT FINANCING CORPORATION

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

- L. Ad hoc Committee - Director Goebel provided an update regarding the ongoing development of a transfer agreement.

9. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Recent and Pending Legal Matters Review – Oral Report

District Counsel reported that the District's opt-outs (requests for exclusion) for the 3M and DuPont PFAS Class Action Lawsuit Settlements have been confirmed as received.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 2:43 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:50 p.m.

B. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, 1 cases

As to item 9.B, the Board provided direction to staff and counsel and no action was taken.

10. DIRECTOR REQUESTS

Director Goebel requested that an update on the analysis of costs incurred for the desal contract be presented at an upcoming committee meeting.

President Coates proposed updating the District's Strategic Plan in conjunction with the Urban Water Management Plan update slated for June 2026.

11. ADJOURNMENT

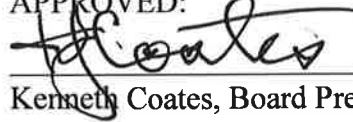
The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



Nicholas Turner, Secretary

APPROVED:



Kenneth Coates, Board President