



# Montecito Sanitary District

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## MINUTES

For the Regular Meeting of the Board on:

**September 10, 2025**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Governing Board of the Montecito Sanitary District convened a regular meeting at 1:10 pm on Wednesday, August 13, 2025. The meeting was also broadcast using Zoom teleconferencing.

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Board Members Present:

Directors Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, Rockenbach, and Ellwood T. Barrett II

##### Board Members Absent:

None

##### Also Present and Participating:

John Weigold, M\$D General Manager

Stephen Williams, MSD Business and Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board

Aleks Giragosian, MSD General Legal Counsel

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public addressed the Board.

### 3. DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Johnson gave a report on her attendance of the CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase.

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

ON MOTION by Director Ohlmann, Seconded by Director Johnson, the Board voted to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

- A. Board Meeting Minutes of the August 13, 2025 Regular Meeting
- B. Approval for Director Rockenbach to attend the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy Conference
- C. Channel Drive Lift Station Generator Purchase

AYES:	Directors Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, Rockenbach, and Barrett
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. AWARD OF CONTRACT – INVESTMENT GRADE AUDIT – PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT**

ON MOTION by Director Rockenbach, Seconded by Director Newquist, the Board voted to approve a professional services contract with Southland Industries in the amount of \$1,675,230 to perform and Investment Grade Audit (IGA) as the first phase of development of a comprehensive plant upgrade project.

AYES: Directors Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, Rockenbach and Barrett  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**B. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Rockenbach, the Board voted to direct the General Manager to cast a ballot for Dorinne Johnson to fill the for the vacant LAFCO Regular Special District Board Member on behalf of the District.

AYES: Directors Johnson, Newquist, Ohlmann, Rockenbach and Barrett  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**C. ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASE UPDATE**

ON MOTION by Director Rockenbach, Seconded by Director Ohlmann, the Board voted to authorize the General Manager to execute a Purchase Order with National Auto Fleet in the amount of \$63,794.27 for the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-150 Lightning truck.

AYES: Directors Johnson, Ohlmann, Rockenbach and Barrett  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: Director Newquist  
ABSENT: None

**D. LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT SCOPE**

The Board discussed the scope for a potential letter of engagement with a CPA firm with no action being taken.

President Barrett formed an Ad Hoc to determine scope comprised of Director Rockenbach and Director Barrett.

**6. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date – September 24, 2025
- B. Items for future Board meeting – No items were discussed by the Board

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

ON MOTION by Director Rockenbach, Seconded by Director Newquist, the meeting ended at 2:21 pm.

These minutes were presented for approval at the Regular Board Meeting on September 24, 2025.



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Ellwood T. Barrett II, President

Minutes taken and prepared by:



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Stephen Williams  
Business and Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board