



Montecito Sanitary District

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MINUTES

For the Regular Meeting of the Board on:

March 25, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Governing Board of the Montecito Sanitary District convened a regular meeting at 2:02 pm on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. The meeting was also broadcast using Zoom teleconferencing.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Directors Barrett, Johnson, Newquist, [Ohlmann](#), and Rockenbach

Board Members Absent:

None

Also Present and Participating:

John Weigold, MSD General Manager

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

Aleks Giragosian, District Legal Counsel

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public addressed the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Directors Jonson gave a verbal report on the Montecito Sanitary District Public Information Committee meeting of March 13, 2026 and March 24, 2026.
- B. Director Newquist gave a verbal report on the Montecito Sanitary District Finance Oversight Committee meeting of March 18, 2026.
- C. Director Barrett gave a verbal report on the Montecito Sanitary District Strategic Planning Committee meeting of March 25, 2026.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Board Meeting Minutes of the March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting
- B. Payables from February 1, 2026 through February 28, 2026

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

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Barrett, the Board voted to approve the Strategic Priorities and Goals and Objects with the following edits: change the title to add “3-Year”, adding “a” to item 1A, and updating item 1D to replace the word “sewer” with “collections.”

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

B. DISTRICT EMERGENCY FUND

ON Motion by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Barrett, the Board direct staff to initiate steps to formalize a new Emergency fund of \$1,150,000 and an additional \$1,000,000 in a line of credit.

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

C. DISCUSSION OF CONSOLIDATION DETERMINATION

PUBLIC COMMENT: Noah Boland, Heal the Ocean Program Manager, addressed the Board as it pertains to the agenda item.

ON MOTION by Director Rockenbach, Seconded by Director Ohlmann, the Board voted to suspend efforts to reorganize with Montecito Water District until a determination is made that it is financially feasible to recycle water in the Montecito area and to direct staff to return to the Board with next steps for Strategic Priority Item 2A within 45 days.

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

Motion does not carry.

ON MOTION by Director Rockenbach, Seconded by Director Ohlmann, the Board voted to suspend efforts to reorganize with Montecito Water District until a determination is made that it is financially feasible to recycle water in the Montecito area.

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

Motion does not carry.

ON MOTION by Director Ohlmann, Seconded by Director Johnson, the Board voted to pause efforts to reorganize with Montecito Water District until a determination is made that it is financially feasible to recycle water in the Montecito area and to direct staff to return to the Board with next steps for Strategic Priority Item 2A within 45 days.

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

Motion does not carry.

ON MOTION by Director Rockenbach, Seconded by Director Ohlmann, the Board voted to cease efforts to consolidate with Montecito Water District and focus our efforts on the Strategic Priorities this Board voted on.

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

Motion does not carry.

D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MONTECITO SANITARY DISTRICT, MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT, AND SUMMERLAND SANITARY DISTRICT FOR COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SPECIAL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Johnson, the Board voted to table this topic to the next Regular Board Meeting.

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

6. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date – April 8, 2026

B. Items for future Board meeting

- Discussion of treating Summerland Sanitary District’s influent and its impact on the Wastewater Treatment Plant design project
- Monte Cristo Lane Improvements project update
- Discussion on Ordinance No. 21

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

ON MOTION by Director Newquist, Seconded by Director Barrett, the meeting ended at 5:50 pm.

These minutes were presented for approval at the Regular Board Meeting on April 8, 2026.



Rock Rockenbach, President

Minutes taken and prepared by:



Stephen Williams
Business and Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board