



Montecito Sanitary District

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MINUTES

For the Regular Meeting of the Board on:

August 26, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Governing Board of the Montecito Sanitary District convened a regular meeting at 2:00 pm on Thursday, August 26, 2021 using Zoom teleconferencing in accordance with the State Executive Order No. N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

President Dorinne Lee Johnson, Vice President Woody Barrett, and Treasurer Don Eversoll, and Director Gary Fuller

Secretary Dana Newquist joined the meeting at 2:08pm

Board Members Absent:

Also Present and Participating:

Brad Rahrer, P.E., MSD General Manager
Carrie Poytress, P.E. MSD Engineering Manager
Mark Manion, MSD General Counsel, Price Postel & Parma
Rico Larroude, MSD Collections & Maintenance Supervisor
Betsy Byrne, MSD Clerk of the Board & District Administrator
Carole Rollins, MSD Laboratory & Pretreatment Manager
Jeff Kerns
Nick Panofsky
Ken
Jim Salvito
Bob Hazard
KScott
Bryce Ross
Guest

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION by Director Barrett, Second by Director Eversoll, the Board voted to approve the Minutes from Board Meeting held on August 12, 2021.

AYES:	Directors Barrett, Eversoll, Fuller, and Johnson
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Director Newquist

4. **APPROVAL OF PAYABLES**

ON MOTION by Director Barrett, Second by Director Eversoll, the Board voted to approve the District payables for checks dated August 7th, 2021 through August 16th, 2021.

AYES: Directors Barrett, Eversoll, Fuller, and Johnson
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Newquist

Secretary Dana Newquist joined the meeting at 2:08pm

5. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)**
No reportable Action.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **HIGHWAY 101 SEWER MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT**

General Manager Rahrer recused himself from this discussion due to a disqualifying conflict of interest, and was placed in the (zoom) waiting room.

The Board received report from General Counsel Mark Manion of Price, Postel & Parma: A lift station was constructed at the Miramar; there were two easements granted. They are still in effect. The grant of easement expressly contemplates the ability of the District to expand the lift station on two grounds: being forced to do so, or technological advancements in the future. In summary, the District has the ability to discharge to that lift station.

Public Comment: from Mr. Bryce Ross, Sr. Vice President Miramar; I was on staff at the time of construction when the lift station was built. It was definitely clear that the lift station was designed to serve the Miramar. The document describes that it was constructed to treat wastewater from the Miramar. Our interest comes in, we have a big investment in the community, big investment in the Miramar. Want to make sure the Miramar has its full capacity to treat the wastewater. It was designed based on the flows and calculations exclusively coming from the Miramar. Our aim is to ensure that the capacity is there. We haven't seen the full capacity coming from the Miramar. Just getting up to speed & getting there. It would be terrific to sit down with Staff & look at all different options & alternatives and have some of our professionals join that conversation as well to ensure this is a success for everyone.

Director Johnson read into record, an email from Bryce Ross of the Miramar of August 24th to Brad Rahrer, GM and Engineering Manager Poytress: *I hope that you are both well. Following up on our recent meeting at the Miramar regarding the districts "101 Sewer Main Relocation Project", we are proceeding with our diligence as we discussed to facilitate the district. As we had discussed in our meeting, it was our understand that the Miramar lift station was designed by the district to only serve the needs of the Miramar, and given that 2019 was a slow ramp up year, and then in*

2020 the pandemic hit, we are concerned that the full operational demands of the Miramar relative to the lift station may not be represented in the flows you have and are receiving, and therefore we would like to ensure that the Miramar be able to operate properly.

We would like to have our engineering team look at the following documents for the lift station: The districts basis of design used to design the life station, specifications, and engineering/construction drawings. It would also be helpful for us to have the historical flow reports for the Miramar from February 2019 – July 2021. Our team will begin our review quickly upon receipt of these documents from the district.

We appreciate your help.

The Board received a status report including [summary presentation](#) of the opportunities and challenges to each of three alternative alignments to the Sewer Main Relocation project, and an update on the work completed, the draft technical memo flows, and the future project schedule from Engineering Manager Poytress. Presentation can be found on our website at: <https://www.montsan.org/2021-08-26-board-of-directors-meeting>

The Board discussed the Sewer Main Relocation project; no action taken.

General Manager Rahrer was admitted to the meeting from the waiting room.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. INFLUENT CHANNEL GRINDER REPLACEMENT

ON MOTION by Director Eversoll, Second by Director Barrett, the Board voted to authorize the General Manager to issue a purchase order to JWC Environmental in the amount of \$23,430.98 to replace one of the influent channel grinders.

AYES: Directors Barrett, Eversoll, Fuller, Newquist, and Johnson
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

9. DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

A. INFORMATION ITEMS

General Manager Bradley Rahrer P.E., provided informational, nonactionable updates regarding matters before the District.

- i. Bradley Rahrer attended the CASA Conference where presentations included an update on American Rescue Plan Act and noted that he saw Board members from other agencies at the conference.

- ii. In the process of executing the Enhanced Recycled Water Feasibility Study contract with Carollo and Montecito Water District. Expect a kick-off meeting in September.
- iii. The State Water Resources Control Board notified the District that they are working on our NPDES permit renewal.
- iv. Board room is under construction, will be completed in the coming weeks.
- v. There will be a zoom Board Training on Monday August 30, 2021 at 12:30pm
- vi. The Pfizer vaccine has been officially approved; however, still no anticipated return to in-person Board or committee meetings.

B. AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED

None

C. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS

10. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA


The next regular Board meeting will be on September 9, 2021 at 2:00 pm, agenda items may include but not limited to:

- i) Further discussion of the Highway 101 Sewer Main Relocation project contract
- ii) An update from General Counsel on an Ordinance to collect deferred construction costs on the County Tax Roll
- iii) Award Contract for roof repair
- iv) Renew a Purchase order: SmartCover Manhole monitors
- v) Assignment of committees
- vi) \$8,400 Connection Fees: to be discussed at next Finance Committee meeting, and the subsequent regular Board meeting.


11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10pm ON MOTION by Director Newquist, second by Director Eversoll.

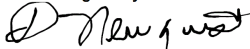
These minutes were presented for approval at the Board Meeting on September 9, 2021.

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 Dorinne Lee Johnson, President

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 Ellwood T. Barrett II, Vice President

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 Dana Newquist, Secretary

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