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**REGULAR MEETING  
of the  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT  
583 SAN YSIDRO ROAD, MONTECITO, CALIFORNIA**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023  
9:30 A.M.**

**Attend in Person or Join by Teleconference:**

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**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM**

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- 4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Following items are to be approved or accepted by vote on one motion unless a Board member requests separate consideration:

- \* A. Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2023
- \* B. Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2023
- \* C. Payment of Bills for August 2023
- \* D. Investment of District Funds as of August 2023
- \* E. Unaudited Monthly Financial Reports for August 2023
- \* F. Waterworks Report for August 2023

\* indicates attachment included for this item

## **5. DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS**

- \* A. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of Resolution 2268 Updating the *Water Loss Adjustment Policy*
- \* B. INFORMATIONAL: Smart Meter Program Customer Portal Launch
- \* C. INFORMATIONAL: Customer Relations and Public Information Update
- \* D. INFORMATIONAL: General Manager Report

## **6. DISTRICT BUSINESS REPORT**

- \* A. ACTION ITEM: Authorization of a Contract with Raftelis to Prepare a 2024 Water Rate Study
- \* B. INFORMATIONAL: Anticipated Delayed Reimbursements for FEMA Funded projects

## **7. DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. President's Report: Director Plough
- B. Central Coast Water Authority: Director Coates
- C. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association: Director Wicks
- D. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board: Director Hayman
- E. Cachuma Conservation Release Board: Director Plough
- F. Operations & Customer Relations Committee: Directors Wicks & Goebel
- G. Finance Committee: Directors Plough & Hayman
- H. Strategic Planning Committee: Directors Coates & Plough
- I. Legislative Ad hoc Committee: Directors Goebel & Wicks
- J. Ad hoc Committee for Development of Water Transfer Agreement with Homer: Directors Goebel & Wicks

## **8. LEGAL MATTERS**

- A. Recent and Pending Legal Matters Review – Oral Report
- B. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, 3 cases
- C. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Central Coast Water Authority et. al. v. Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, et. al, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 21CV02432
- D. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (Personnel Exemption), Employee Performance Evaluation - General Manager

## **9. DIRECTOR REQUESTS**

\* Indicates attachment included for this item

Requests from Directors for items other than regular agenda items for the next regular Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 31, 2023 or any future meeting.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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