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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024  
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**

This portion of the agenda may be utilized by any member of the public to address and ask questions of the Board of Directors on any matter not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Montecito Water District. Depending upon the subject matter, the Board of Directors may be unable to respond at this time, or until the specific item is placed on the agenda at a future MWD Board meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- \* A. Meeting Minutes
  - i. Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2024
  - ii. Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2024
- \* B. Payment of Bills for May 2024
- \* C. Investments & Holdings through May 31, 2024
- \* D. Unaudited Monthly Financial Report for May 2024
- \* E. Waterworks Reports for May 2024
- \* F. 2023 Annual Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report

\* Indicates attachment included for this item

- \*G. Extension of Agreement with Westwater Research LLC for Water Marketing Services
- \*H. Assistance Agreement between the District and Central Coast Water Authority in connection with the District's transfer of surplus SWP water to Homer LLC pursuant to the Water Management Program Agreement
- \*I. Amendment to the Utility Agreement for the Highway Widening Project Segment 4C water main crossing conflict at Romero Creek

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

- \*A. PUBLIC HEARING: Water Distribution System Capital Improvement Program; Annual continuation of the Water Availability Charge (WAC) with no proposed change in the assessment for the coming year, to be collected on the property tax roll as it has been collected since initiation in 1996. The Board of Directors will hear and consider objections and protests to the assessment and report.
  - i. INFORMATIONAL: Status report on Water Availability Charge (WAC) Program and Capital Improvement Program;
  - ii. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of Resolution 2275 continuing the existing Water Availability Charge to fund water distribution system upgrades and ordering the filing of a report establishing the Water Availability Charge for FY 2025.
- \*B. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed adoption of water rates and charges, including receipt of any protests to the water rate increase and study.
  - i. INFORMATIONAL: Water Rate Study dated May 1, 2024; Presented by Raftelis;
  - ii. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of Resolution No. 2286, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Montecito Water District Adopting Water Rates and Charges for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2025 through 2029;
  - iii. INFORMATIONAL: Introduction of Ordinance No. 100, an Ordinance of the Board of Directors of Montecito Water District Adopting Water Rates and Charges for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2025, through 2029.
- \*C. ACTION ITEM: Ordinance No. 99 Establishing Water Use Efficiency Policies and Recommendations
  - i. Waive the reading of Ordinance No. 99
  - ii. Adoption of Ordinance No. 99, an Ordinance Establishing Water Use Efficiency Policies and Recommendations
- \*D. ACTION ITEM: Receive and File the final *2024 Asset Management Plan*
- \*E. ACTION ITEM: Authorize a contract with American Pipeline Services for the Freehaven Lane and Las Tunas Road Water Main Replacement Projects for the not to exceed amount of \$1,816,299.55 and make a related determination that the project is subject to a CEQA exemption

- \*F. INFORMATIONAL: Discussion of the Administrative Building renovations as part of the Office Property Master Plan
- \*G. INFORMATIONAL: Customer Relations and Public Information Update
- \*H. INFORMATIONAL: General Manager Report

## **6. DISTRICT BUSINESS REPORT**

- \*A. ACTION ITEM: Authorize Payment of CalPERS Annual Unfunded Accrued Liability as of June 30, 2022 Actuarial Valuation
- \*B. ACTION ITEM: Annual Budget Resolutions
  - i. Resolution No. 2276 Determining that Charges, Rates and Fees Are Not “Proceeds of Taxes” Under Article XIII B of the Constitution of the State of California;
  - ii. Resolution No. 2277 Adopting the Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2025;
  - iii. Resolution No. 2278 Establishing an Updated Employee Classification and Salary Range Schedule Effective with the Pay Period Beginning July 13, 2024;
  - iv. Resolution No. 2279 Adopting an Updated Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees and Charges;
  - v. Resolution No. 2280 Establishing Capital Cost Recovery Fees and Connection Fees effective July 1, 2024;
  - vi. Resolution No. 2281 Adopting an Updated Fixed Asset Disposal Policy;
  - vii. Resolution No. 2282 Adopting a Reserve Policy for Fiscal Year 2025;
  - viii. Resolution No. 2283 Adopting an Updated Debt Management Policy;
  - ix. Resolution No. 2284 Adopting an Updated Capitalization Policy;
  - x. Resolution No. 2285 Adopting an Updated Water Loss Adjustment Policy
- \*C. ACTION ITEM: Resolution No. 2287 Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025
- \*D. ACTION ITEM: Resolution No. 2288 Adopting an Updated Discontinuation of Water Service for Non-Payment Policy
- E. INFORMATIONAL: Update on audit of 2020 Water Supply Agreement between the District and the City of Santa Barbara

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

- A. President’s Report: Director Coates
- B. Operations & Customer Relations Committee: Director Goebel
- C. Finance Committee: Director Plough
- D. Strategic Planning Committee: Director Coates
- E. Central Coast Water Authority: Director Coates

- F. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board: Director Hayman
- G. Cachuma Conservation Release Board: Director Plough
- H. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association: Director Wicks
- I. ACWA JPIA: Director Wicks
- J. CalDesal: Director Wicks
- K. Ad hoc Committee – Legislative Matters: Director Goebel
- L. Ad hoc Committee – Development of Water Transfer Agreement with Homer LLC:  
Director Goebel
- M. Ad hoc Committee – Water Rights Opportunities: Director Coates

## **8. LEGAL MATTERS**

- A. Recent and Pending Legal Matters Review – Oral Report
- B. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, City of Solvang Petition to Change Water Rights Permit 1587 before the State Water Resources Control Board Administrative Hearing Office.

## **9. DIRECTOR REQUESTS**

Requests from Directors for items other than regular agenda items for the next regular Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2024 or any future meeting.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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