



The voice of our community

**Board Meeting**  
**March 11, 2025 – 4:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**In-Person at the Montecito Community Hall/Library**  
**And Virtually Via Zoom**

**I. Call to Order 4:02 PM by Chair Black Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

**Present:** Babbitt, Black, Herting, Lundgren, Macfadyen, Miller, Newquist, Pennino,  
Prince, Rockenbach, Serrani, Trosky, White, Wittman

**Absent:** Bollay, Denson, Duran

**II. Approval of February 11, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

Trosky/Newquist  
Motion Approved

**III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda- None**

**IV. Community Reports**

**Montecito Fire Department**-Joined Supervisor meeting to support the Red Flag Restrictive Parking Program Initiative for no parking on Red Flag days. MFD is cohesive with Sheriff department. Latest storm received more rain than predicted, adding additional staff to have available.

**Sherrif Dept.-Lt. Rich Brittingham**-Received a \$25k award from Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors for managing no parking at Hot Springs and have more deputies. Not as much burglary activity recently.

**Montecito Sanitary District-John Weigold**-The manhole project delayed by one month. Starting in April, will go door to door to those that have manholes on their property. Gutters are not allowed to be connected to drain, more treatment of the water is required. They will restart tours for school children.

**Cold Spring School-Amy Alzina**-Currently has 198 students, 10 new students from the Los Angeles fires. Will add another teacher. Teacher education is focusing on AI.

**MUS-Anthony Ranii**-Currently have 397 students with 45 students from the Los Angeles fires. Adding two new teachers for next year. Receiving a grant from Montecito Community Foundation to make area of property to be safer and more beautiful. On March 24<sup>th</sup> they are putting their fences up to six feet. Added extra support for literacy. Lt. Brittingham made suggestions for changes on campus.

**Montecito Water District-Nick Turner**-The water supply from rain is 50% to date and if it continues to be lower, we will be in a draught. Will be retrofitting all the reservoirs to get them up to date for seismic code. Rolling out a tool that tells how much water each property needs. Residents will get information in their April bill.

## **V. Conference Agenda**

### **i. Flock Presentation – Brook Midgett, representative**

Based in Georgia to eliminate crime, operates in 45 states and solves 2,200 average crimes per week. Real-time alerts within seconds. They have license plate reader cameras and video cameras. Cost is \$2,500 per camera and \$650 to install. The video cameras are \$2,750 per camera and a \$750 one-time fee. Access to the portal all the time. Can give evidence to the authorities. Privacy-captures vehicle information only. Data is deleted in 30 days. The biggest differentiation is that it integrates with law enforcement. There is a 24-month contract. They will swap out new models of camera when available and software updates.

**VI. Executive Director Report- Houghton Hyatt** Thanked stakeholders and members brainstorming ideas for safety. Thanked anonymous donation of TVs for meetings.

**VII. Treasurer’s Report-Financials** above goal for January and February.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

a. Land Use / Transportation-Land Use-Presentation given by John Watson, President of MBAR. All are appointed and most are architects and landscape architects. Asked MA to be involved in advocating. Presented about FAR-Floor Area Ratio. New Senate bill SB79, increase density at transportation lines-up to multi-family housing.

b. History-Trish Davis received permission to use maps and pictures in the community hall

c. Outreach-Table at MUS, connected with people and had great interest. Calendared year of events with speaker series events.

e. Safety Response Subcommittee-Focus is on substation. Concern is the financing of it. Asked SBC to put in the budget. Would have to go to the county in November for July of the following year. Discussion about where to place substation and how to fund it.

f. Hands Across Montecito-Caltrans is doing a clearing on March 6 on north side of 101. There is no housing for people to move to, which is problematic.

**IX. Old Business-None**

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Adjourned 6:05 pm