



The voice of our community

**Board Meeting  
October 14, 2025 – 4:00 PM  
MINUTES**

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

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

**Present:** Black, Bollay, Denson, Duran, Herting, Lundgren, Macfadyen, Miller, Newquist, Prince, Rockenbach, Serrani, Trosky, White, Wittman

**Absent:** Hedrick, Pennino

**II. Approval of September 9, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Abstained:** Densen, Lundgren, Newquist, Trosky

Newquist/Miller Motion Approved

**III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda-**Coeta and Donald Barker Foundation representative presented the MA board with a check for Beautification Day.

**IV. Community Reports**

**Chief Neels-MFD-**Gave update on weather and rain. The district will be updating the fire code. Shared information on the new Zone Zero and more information from the State Board of Forestry to come in the next few months.

**Sheriff Dept.-Lt. Rich Brittingham-** Update on recent events. Many events were held on the same day and strained the staffing. A report of a predator on Hot Springs Trail was false, there was an attempted catalytic converter theft. Recent press release about Hot Springs Trail, will soon start towing when correct signage is there. Ongoing enforcement of illegal beach camping below the cemetery bluff.

**Montecito Union School-Anthony Ranii-**Continuing work on safety and the sheriff has been supportive and attending their events. MUS is proud to host Beautification Day. The ongoing lawsuit came to conclusion with no admission of guilt or confidentiality clauses. No current employees were employed from 1972-1978. A trial would be expensive. Announced that Montecito Union and Cold Spring School achieved record high state test scores. Clarified that ICE cannot come into public areas without paperwork and public schools are required to notify parents of ICE activity.

**Montecito Sanitary District- General Manager, John Weingold-**Reported that 2,800 manholes, mostly in backyards, were repaired. Planning has begun for a treatment plant renovation, expected to take about a year for design and engineering. Roughly 300 parcels remain unconnected to the sewer system, mainly in hillside areas where hookups are technically challenging and costly.

## **V. Agenda**

### **County Updates and Key Accomplishments –Roy Lee, 1st District Supervisor with Aida Thau, Chief of Staff**

Provided detailed update. Recent rain caused no major incidents. Completion of San Leandro Path, upcoming work on Santa Rosa Lane and reopening of the San Ysidro Trail are progressing well. Supervisor Lee highlighted several county initiatives: the Red Flag Warning Closure Program, new cannabis regulations requiring odor-control scrubbers by March 2026, and countywide efforts to streamline permit processes.

**VI. President's Report-**Doug Black-Thanked Dorinne Johnson for service on Land Use Committee. Raised the question of printing ballots for the board election. Andrea Newquist made motion to keep the written, mailed ballots. Leslie Lundgren Seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

**VII. Executive Director Report-** Houghton Hyatt-Reported received over \$3,000 in sponsorships for Beautification Day, continuing ongoing meetings with Supervisor Lee and Aida Thau. The MA lease with the county will be renewed and the MA is paying approximately \$250-300 monthly rent. Membership contributions of \$130,713 to date with a budget of \$145,000. The credit card processing fees have decreased from about \$6,000 to \$530 annually. The MA is in good financial standing with membership contributions ahead of budget.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

- A. Events-Mindy Denson-Beautification Day will be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at Montecito Union School and will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event. Theme will be Montecito Renaissance.
- B. History-Leslie Lundgren-Images are at the printer and will soon be displayed in the meeting room. Included will be images of Montecito, the original Montecito map and history of Beautification Day.
- C. Outreach Committee-Jan Rockenbach-Ongoing efforts to organize an outdoor movie night by the end of year. A company has been identified to provide equipment and copyright issues have been addressed. Locations considered are Upper Green, MUS, or Cold Spring School.
- D. Safety Response Committee-Meeting-Jacqueline Duran-Attended a meeting at Ennisbrook with Houghton Hyatt and the Sheriff. Noted there is interest from community members in funding license plate readers. Board discussion would be needed before involvement with license plate readers.
- E. Hands Across Montecito-Andrea Newquist-Ongoing camp scouting and outreach with Andrew Velikanje (Earthcomb) and his team. Proposed increasing his monthly payment from \$500. to \$1,000. Discussion on his work and what it entails, collecting half a million pounds of trash. Motion to approve Andrew Velikanje's monthly payment from \$500. to \$1,000 for one year to be reviewed annually. Newquist/Duran Motion Approved unanimously

## **IX. Old Business-None**

## **X. New Business-Looking into fiber optics.**

**Adjourned 5:04 pm**