



The voice of our community

Board Meeting
June 9, 2026 – 4:00 PM
MINUTES

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

I. Call to Order at 4:03 PM by Chair Macfadyen. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Present: Bode, Bollay, Craigie, Denson, Duran, Gherson, Hedrick, Herting, Lundgren, Macfadyen, Pennino, Rockenbach, Serrani, White

Absent: Albertson, Prince, Wittman

II. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda- 1) Resident on Olive Mill Road is advocating for a stop sign at Olive Mill Road, Olive Mill Lane and San Benito way due to speeding. Houghton Hyatt reported that the county is conducting a traffic study. 2) Dorinne Lee Johnson with the Montecito Sanitary Board gave update regarding rate increase and invited all to the meeting on June 10 regarding rates.

III. Community Reports

Montecito Fire Department-Brian Fallon reported significant wildfire mitigation efforts, including vegetation removal, defensible space surveys, and a 72-acre grazing program. Residents are encouraged to attend a regional Community Wildfire Panel on June 15.

Roy Lee, 1st District Supervisor-Aida Thau, Deputy Chief of Staff, shared updates including county budget discussions where there is no change in this year's budget, the Open Space Element survey, railroad siding proposals, beach oil seep activity which should get better as the days get warmer, and upcoming corridor cleanups. Thau told the board that a letter of support regarding leaf blowers can be sent to County Supervisors through their office. Discussion regarding managing expectations took place including challenges of enforcement and the board's commitment to hear all sides of the issue before making a recommendation in a letter.

Montecito Water District announced that water quality continues to meet or exceed all standards, they are in the process of a \$25M major reservoir seismic retrofit project funded with a 0% loan, are progressing, and a scheduled 5.75% rate increase will take effect July 1. Encouraged the use of Water Smart especially for summer travel.

Montecito Union School-Anthony Ranii shared that they celebrated the graduation of 52 sixth graders and shared outstanding community survey results, reflecting exceptionally high levels of parent and community satisfaction.

IV. Executive Director Report-Houghton Hyatt-Reported The new Sheriffs Substation at the Miramar is scheduled to open on June 17, marking a major milestone in the Association's ongoing community safety efforts.

V. Approval of May 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Denson/Duran Motion Approved

VI. Treasurer Report-Outreach efforts are doing well to increase membership revenue. Discussion included categories of expenses and clarification on expenditures; chairs were largely from a donation, and advertising expenses were the cost of ads.

VII. Agenda: 4th Of July Participation The 30th Annual Village 4th of July Celebration, one of Montecito's most beloved traditions with community parade, live music, family-friendly activities and local food vendors. New additions this year include the first-ever beer and wine garden, performances by musicians from the Music Academy of the West, and live entertainment throughout the day. Supervisor Roy Lee will be in attendance.

VIII. Committee Reports

History Committee: announced the opening of the new "I Love Montecito" exhibit at the Montecito Country Mart, featuring photographs and stories from Montecito's past. The exhibit will remain open through at least September and coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Montecito History Office.

IX. Old Business-None

X. New Business-None

Adjourned 6:10 p.m.