



MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

April 7, 2025, at 5:00 PM

Meeting Location: Palomares House, 1815 Stagecoach Lane, Fallbrook, CA

1 Call to Order and Roll Call (by observation):

Directors: T. Harrington ☑, P. Meehan ☑, J. Roskos ☑, Kerry Fisherkeller ☑, Jeff Walker ☑, Officer: Treasurer G. Harrington ☑

Community Attendees: Cindy Lemke, Jerry Sarnataro

Director Harrington called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm

2 Additions/Amendments to the Agenda (Government Code §54954)

Director Harrington asked if any additional modifications were requested. Hearing none, the agenda was moved on.

3 Open Forum for Public to Address Board

Director Harrington opened the floor to input from the public members in attendance. Director Harrington informed all present that the meeting was being recorded to utilize AI software (Zoom/Read) to generate the meeting minutes.

The public discussion centered on traffic safety concerns within the community, particularly at a sharp corner near Cindy Lemke's house where vehicles frequently cut the corner, posing risks to pedestrians. A personal near-collision experience was shared, prompting a conversation about potential safety measures such as speed tables, rock barricades, and additional signage to alert drivers of the curve. The urgency of addressing these issues was emphasized by Ms. Lemke, with various members contributing ideas to enhance safety and reduce speeding incidents.

Resident Cindy Lemke related an incident with a speeding vehicle near 4659 Sleeping Indian Rd. that struck her fence and knocked it down. The board recommended Ms. Lemke call the Highway Patrol regarding the leaning fence issue to ensure proper investigation and follow-up. Ms. Lemke also recounted how another speeding driver traveling southbound came close to striking her as she walked northbound at the curve near 4680 Sleeping Indian Rd.

Summarizing discussion, signage would be our first line of defense. Consider painting when we paint again. We're going to talk about painting again here in a minute.

Director Harrington made a motion to install three chevron signs at the bottom of that hill on Sleeping Indian Rd. for southbound traffic. Director Walker seconded, and the motion was approved.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Harrington moved the agenda on.

4 Consent Calendar (29:21+1:20)

[The consent calendar items are non-controversial matters voted on together by a single motion unless separate action is requested by a Board member or a member of the public.]

- a. Approval of Minutes from board meeting 1 January 2025
- b. Banking Account Report - fiscal year to date
- c. 2025-2026 insurance approval

Director Harrington presented the Consent Calendar, supplied copies of the Minutes and went over the banking activity report. He asked if there were any concerns with the Minutes, there were no concerns. Director Harrington informed the board that there was approximately \$121,758 in the account.

They discussed the insurance payment of \$14,814, which is lower than last year's amount, and a motion to approve this payment was made and seconded. Director Harrington made a motion to approve the insurance payment. Director Roskos seconded the motion, voted unanimously yes to approve.

Director Walker offered to contact 2-3 insurance companies he had been recently speaking with to obtain quotes for the 2026-2027 year and conduct market policy comparisons. Director Harrington approved and said he would forward a copy of the existing policy to Director Walker.

Director Harrington requested someone make a **motion** to approve the Consent Calendar, Director Roskos motioned, Director Harrington seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the board.

5 Road Matters (37:20)

The board reviewed the current state of road maintenance, noting budget constraints that would delay significant paving projects until the following summer. The need for striping in various locations was highlighted, along with a suggestion to contact the county for potential collaboration on paving efforts. Two bids for striping work were presented, with concerns raised about the interaction of the proposed striping with existing signage. The group agreed to evaluate the quality of previous work by the lower bidder before making a final decision, with a motion proposed to approve funding contingent on compliance with traffic control standards.

Further discussions included the placement of speed limit and radar signs to improve traffic management. A proposal was made to move the existing radar speed sign and potentially lower the speed limit in certain areas. The importance of clear visibility for these radar signs was stressed, along with the need to consider terrain impacts on speed. The group also discussed the effectiveness of mobile speed signs and the necessity of community feedback on proposed measures, aiming for data-driven decisions to enhance safety.

In addition to traffic safety, the board addressed community engagement issues, including ongoing trash problems and the need for follow-up communication with residents. They considered the implications of property management on fire hazards and the potential benefits of contacting local fire services.

Discussion on Traffic Safety Measures and Road Improvements: Issues regarding speeding traffic and accidents in the area were raised, with advocacy for a speed table to mitigate these problems. The importance of visibility for such measures was emphasized, and it was suggested that the board clarify their stance on allowing protective stones near fences. The discussion included potential solutions like signage and road painting to improve safety, with a proposal to install turn signs to alert drivers.

a. Report on Ad-Hoc Committee Report and Recommendations

No activities to report from the ad-hoc committee members.

b. Striping Bids (36:40)

Two striping bids were obtained, highlighting a significant price difference between a local veteran-owned business and a more expensive option. The discussion included concerns about the visual effectiveness of the striping in relation to existing signage and bumps. The group emphasized the need to comply with federal traffic control guidelines while considering the bids.

Of the two bids received, a contractor we have worked with in the past estimated at \$12,000. A second bid from Fallbrook, a veteran-owned business, estimates \$2,400 to do the striping job. Director Harrington will compare the bids for services included and determine the best value for MHCSD that complies with federal traffic control guidelines.

The motion by Director Roskos to approve up to \$12,000 for striping was seconded by Director Meehan and unanimously approved.

c. Paving and Speed Tables

The need for speed control measures was discussed, with an advocacy for less dramatic speed humps that would allow for speeds of 25 to 35 miles per hour. Concerns were raised about potential disruptions to traffic flow, and feedback from the community regarding these changes was requested. The importance of visual warnings and signage to enhance safety was e by a conference room participant.

d. Drainage

No issues with drainage were identified for discussion.

e. Speed Sign Report

Traffic speed monitoring and data analysis the findings from the speed sign monitoring were discussed, highlighting that vehicle counts and average speeds have risen since March. However, the data showed that most drivers are adhering to speed limits, with average speeds around 35 to 40 mph. There was also a discussion about the potential relocation of speed signs to address problem areas in the community.

f. Traffic Incident Report

A revised Traffic Incident Form has been added to the welcome documents on the MorroHillsCSD.com website

g. Overall Signage

6 DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

a. Meeting with South Morro Hills Association Report

Directors Jeff Walker and Jeanine Roskos met with Laura Flynn to establish a connection and discuss community issues, particularly traffic concerns stemming from local nurseries. They noted that some community members were unaware of their public agency status and expressed ongoing concerns about truck traffic and noise. The discussion revealed a desire for collaboration, although some members felt

the community was resistant to new ideas. The board approved a motion for Jeanine to become the Morrill Hill representative at a membership rate of \$150 per year.

7 Adjournment

The meeting concluded with a proposal for the next board meeting on July 7th, despite some scheduling conflicts among members. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

8 Action Items

a) Action Items from January 6, 2025, Board Meeting

- ✓ Director Harrington will contact the supervisor's office to discuss road certification and speed limit regulations.
- ✓ Director Harrington will pursue getting bids from painting companies for road striping and signage improvements.
- ✓ Director Roskos will draft a letter to the property owner regarding the hazardous tree situation.
- ✓ Director Roskos will research property lines and owner information to clarify title details for the project.
- ✓ Director Harrington will inform community member Phil Koogan about providing painted road striping for further evaluation.
- ✓ Director Fisherkeller will submit another request to Google Maps to update their maps to our new 35 mph speed limits.
- ✓ Director Fisherkeller will contact the speed radar sign manufacturer to ask at what distance the radar sign starts measuring the speeds of vehicles.

b) Action Items April 7, 2025, Board Meeting

1. Community member Cindy Lemke agreed to contact the Highway Patrol regarding the leaning fence issue to ensure proper investigation and follow-up.
2. Director Harrington made a motion to install three chevron signs at the bottom of the hill for southbound traffic near the Lemke property
3. Director Roskos offered to follow up with the city of Oceanside regarding potential resources for paving operations.

4. The board authorized up to \$12,000 to hire a contractor for striping work, ensuring compliance with traffic guidelines. Director Harrington will select and hire the contractor.
5. Director Harrington will coordinate the movement of the radar signs to new locations and ensure the necessary preparations are made for installation. Placement is expected to move one of the signs back where it was originally located at 5022 Sleeping Indian Rd. and the second sign will be sight-survey evaluated for moving to the curve near the Lemke property.
6. Director Fisherkeller to collaborate with Webmaster Stewart Griffith on transitioning to a .gov domain with email accounts for each board position.
7. Director Harrington will follow up with the Reeds home on installing a mirror to improve visibility exiting their driveway
8. Director Meehan will follow up on the communication regarding trimming the cactus and the neighbor's tree.
9. (The conference room participant) will follow up with the property owner regarding the eucalyptus trees and their maintenance.
10. Treasurer Harrington will prepare and submit the insurance payment to SDRMA before the due date.