



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ashley Sangster, President Brendin Beatty, Vice-President
 Rod Smiley, Director Owen Davis, Director

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M. Opened Session
SMCSD Boardroom 04-23-2026

- 1. **Call to Order:**
At 6:00 PM
- 2. **Roll Call:** *Rod Smiley, Brendin Beatty, Owen Davis*
ABSENT: *Ashley Sangster*

3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda:**

Motion By: Rod Smiley
Second By: Brendin Beatty
Motion: To Approve

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Brendin Beatty	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis	X			
Ashley Sangster				X

- 4. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
Lead by Director Davis
- 5. **Public Comment and Communications for items not on the agenda:** None
- 6. **Special Presentations/Public Hearings/Other:**

1. **Continued from January 22nd and March 26th Board Meeting.**
Originally approved the first reading of Ordinance 01-2026 by 3-1-1 vote at the January 22, 2026 regular Board Meeting. At the March 26, 2026 Public Hearing President Sangster requested a redline version, and continued the item to the April 23rd, 2026 Board Meeting by a vote of 2-1-1.
Waive reading, read by title only, and adopt an Ordinance of the San Miguel Community Services District Board of Directors adopting the 2025 California Fire

Code, 2025 California Building Code, 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code, and Local Ordinance 01-2026. (Approve by 3/5 vote) (Pg. 4-31)

Waive second reading, read by title only, and adopt an Ordinance of the San Miguel Community Services District Board of Directors adopting the 2025 California Fire Code, 2025 California Building Code, 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code, and Local Ordinance 01-2026.

Item was presented by Fire Chief Scott Young, this item was continued from the March 26th Board Meeting. It was explained that at the last meeting the Board requested a redline version of the proposed ordinance. Fire Chief Scott Young provided a background on this item and asked for questions.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: John Butler a San Miguel resident spoke about not being in favor the proposed changes.

General Manager Kelly Dodds read written comment aloud by Shaunna P.

Board Comment: Director Smiley asked Fire Chief Scott Young if he would like to respond to any of the public comments. Fire Chief Scott Young explained why the District modifies the code and adopts the local ordinance. The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) and San Miguel Fire knows what is going on in the local area, and that is why the State Fire Marshal requests that the AHJ modifies the fire code. Fire Chief Scott Young explained that the public comments do not specify a specific section that they would like to discuss, and that they are making random statements. The height restriction had not been altered as seen in the provided redline version and is the same as the 2022 Fire Code. Clarification on local ladder trucks ensued. Fire Chief Scott Young explained that the word substantial is obviously subjective, and that the Fire Code is subjective to interpretation. Discussion ensued.

After Motion failed, Director Beatty and Director Smiley requested that this item be continued to the May 28th Board Meeting.

Motion By: Owen Davis

Second By: Rod Smiley

Motion: To Approve Ordinance 01-2026

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Brendin Beatty	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis		X		
Ashley Sangster				X

7. Non- District Reports:

1. San Luis Obispo County Organizations

Verbal/Report

San Luis County Sheriff Commander Arauza arrived after item 10.4. With Board approval Commander Arauza provided the March 2026 calls for service report for San Miguel. The total of 142 calls for service for 2026, compared to 132 calls for service in 2025.

Board Comment: Rod Smiley discussed River Road four-way stop, and how people are running through it. Commander Arauza explained that she would make a note of that.

Public Comment: None

Motion By: Brendin Beatty

Second By: Rod Smiley

Motion: To Approve taking item 7.1 out of order, after item 10.4

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Brendin Beatty	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis	X			
Ashley Sangster				X

2. Community Service Organizations

Verbal

Kathy Shuder president of the San Miguel Senior Center gave an update on upcoming events and there is a Spring Vendor Fair is May 1st and 2nd. San Miguel Senior Center is looking for more participation. Information is available at:

<https://sanmiguelSeniorcenter.org/>

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

**3. Camp Roberts—Army National Guard Contact information: Keba Baird PIO CA
Camp Roberts/Camp San Luis - Email: keba.m.baird.nfg@army.mil Phone: 805-238-8286 Mobile: 805-610-6742**

none

Fire Chief Scott Young updated the Board that there will be training May 11th through 19th, with controlled burns scheduled.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

8. Staff & Committee Reports - Receive & File:

1. General Manager (Pg. 32)

Receive report.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds who submitted report and explained that there is required training due for the Board of Directors, and if they need help to contact Board Clerk Tamara Parent.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

2. District Counsel

Receive verbal report

Nothing to report **Board**

Comment: None **Public**

Comment: None

3. District Utilities (Pg. 33-36)

Receive and file

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds who submitted report and explained

that the District received the executed copy of the grant agreement for funding the upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. It was explained that there will be more items regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade in the future agendas.

Board Comment: Director Davis asked about the Household Hazards Waste facility item on the Director of Utilities report and the funding. Director Davis felt that the item was voted down already. General Manager Kelly Dodds clarified that the item was continued to the May meeting, and that the funding is through IWMA funds.

Public Comment: None

4. Fire Chief Report (Pg. 37-51)

Receive and File

Item was submitted as written and Fire Chief Scott Young asked for any question.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

9. Consent Calendar:

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

Motion By: Rod Smiley

Second By: Brendin Beatty

Motion: To Approve 9.1 and 9.2

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Brendin Beatty	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis	X			
Ashley Sangster				X

1. Continued from March 26th Board Meeting

2-26-2026 Draft San Miguel CSD Board of Directors regular meeting minutes (Pg. 52-66)

Receive and file

2. Declare hazardous weeds a public nuisance within the San Miguel

Community Services District by resolution. (Approve by 3/5 vote) (Pg. 67-72)

Review the attached resolution declaring hazardous weeds a public nuisance and direct the Fire Chief to proceed with mailing notices to abate.

10. Board Action Items:

1. Monthly claim detail and investment reports for March 2026 (Recommend receive and file by Board consensus) (Pg. 73-114)

When ancillary reports area provided, they are for reference only and are subject to change.

(Pg. xx-xx)

Please *Review, Receive and File* the claim detail and investment reports.

When ancillary reports area provided, they are for reference only and are subject to change.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds who submitted reports as written and recommending the Board receive and file the Claims Detail and Investment reports for March 2026.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

Consensus of the Board is to receive and file March 2026 Financials

2. Award a contract to Electricraft Inc in a fixed fee amount of \$489,040.80 for the installation of switchgear and associated equipment in per the RFP and authorize the General Manager to approve change orders in a cumulative amount not to exceed 10% (\$48,904) of the initial contract price. (Approve by 3/5 vote) (Pg 115-162)

1) Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Electricraft Inc in a fixed fee amount of \$489,040.80 per their bid proposal received March 27th, 2026.

2) Authorize the General Manager to approve change orders up to a total of 10% of the initial contract price.

3) Authorize a budget adjustment in an amount of \$537,944.88 to object 40-588 (WWTF Construction) for the FY25-26 budget.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds who read the staff report aloud. It was explained that it is recommended that the Board approve the proposal by Electricraft Inc. as the lowest responsive bid for this project and authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Electricraft Inc. In addition to authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract with Electricraft Inc. it is requested that the Board authorize the General Manager to approve change orders up to a total of 10% of the original contract amount. This project is within the scope of the Construction Grant Award and staff will be requesting reimbursement for these costs through that grant. General Manager Kelly Dodds clarified that this is a different project than the sludge removal approved at the March Board Meeting.

Board Comment: Director Davis commented that the General Manager already got 489k last month, and that he is not in favor of the 10% contingency, and that everything that is asks for always comes back to ask for more and more money and stated that it needs to stop. General Manager Kelly Dodds clarified that it is a Board decision, and that if the Board wants to approve the contingency that is fine, or the Board can decide to have him bring it back with changes as needed.

Director Smiley explained that with any project there is always unexpected expenses, and this request is no difference. Director Smiley said that he has read the information and that it is understandable as written.

Director Beatty asked for any information on why the proposal's costs are so substantially different, stating that it does not look like they were trying to get the contract. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that he was not sure but did explain that they are a much smaller company and that it could have played a part in the cost difference.

Public Comment: Gregory Campbell a San Miguel resident spoke about the cost difference and suggested that it be rebid.

Raynette Gregory a San Miguel resident spoke about this project needing to be done in a timely manner, and has been discussed for years.

General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that anything that goes out to bid; expressly anything over 250k is more stringent and explained the process. Discussion ensued on project responses.

Board Comment: Director Smiley said that it has been hard to get people to come to San Miguel for projects, and spoke about the time restraints on this project. General Manager

Kelly Dodds discussed the NEM 2.0 deadline, discussion ensued.

Director Beatty asked for clarification that the equipment has already been approved by the Board, and purchased. General Manager Kelly Dodds said that the equipment has been approved, and discussed the solar.

Director Davis explained that he feels that there is enough funds, without the contingency.

After two motions failed, Director Beatty had a request to reopen public comment.

Public Comment: John Butler a San Miguel resident spoke about moving the project forward without contingency, and asked clarifying questions about Board approval to the General Manager. General Manager Kelly Dodds responded to questions and provided comments.

Gregory Campbell a San Miguel resident asked questions about what the Switchgear was, and how it worked with the solar and the WWTF. General Manager Kelly Dodds responded to questions and provided comments.

Raynette Gregory a San Miguel resident spoke about keeping this project moving forward to meet the NEM 2.0 deadline, and the cost savings to the community.

Motion By: Rod Smiley

Second By: Brendin Beatty

Motion: To Approve Failed

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Brendin Beatty	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis		X		
Ashley Sangster				X

Motion By: Owen Davis

Second By: Brendin Beatty Failed

Motion: To Approve as Amended without 10% contingency

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Brendin Beatty	X			
Owen Davis	X			
Rod Smiley		X		
Ashley Sangster				X

Motion By: Brendin Beatty

Second By: Rod Smiley

Motion: To Approve as Amended without 10% contingency and bring change orders back to the Board for approval.

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Brendin Beatty	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis	X			
Ashley Sangster				X

3. Establish the dates for applications and sales of "Safe and Sane" fireworks, for the 2026 calendar year by Resolution (Approve by 3/5 vote) (Pg 163-169)

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt a Resolution establishing the dates for applications and sales duration of "Safe and Sane" fireworks during the 2026 calendar year. Item was presented by Fire Chief Scott Young who read staff report aloud.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: Raynette Gregory a San Miguel resident spoke about the 250th Anniversary of America and how everyone in the community is excited, and explained that she is in favor of the Safe and Sane Fireworks.

Board Comment: Director Smiley explained that he feels that if there are no Safe and Sane Fireworks the community will just use the more dangerous fireworks.

Fire Chief Scott Young explained the Fiscal Impact portion of the report, and how the Safe and Sane Fireworks application fees pay for the extra staffing during the weekend.

After Motion failed, Director Beatty and Director Smiley requested that this item be continued to the May 28th Board Meeting.

Motion By: Rod Smiley

Second By: Brendin Beatty

Motion: To Approve Failed

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Brendin Beatty	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis		X		
Ashley Sangster				X

4. Review and approve "Safe and Sane" fireworks permit fees for the 2026 calendar year by Resolution. (Approve by 3/5 vote) (Pg. 170-173)

Review and approve a resolution establishing "Safe and Sane" fireworks permit fees for calendar year 2026.

Item was presented by Fire Chief Scott Young who explained that this item is tied to the previous item and asked to have it brought back in May.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: Raynette Gregory spoke about Director Davis established voting record against the Fire Department.

After item 10.3 failed, Director Beatty and Director Smiley requested that this item be continued to the May 28th Board Meeting.

5. Adoption of job descriptions for Fire Captain, Fire Engineer, and Firefighter for the San Miguel Community Services District Fire Department (Approve by 3/5 Vote) (Pg. 174-185)

Review and adopt job descriptions for Fire Captain, Fire Engineer, and Firefighter for the San Miguel Fire Department by approval of the attached resolution.

Item was presented by Fire Chief Scott Young who explained that this item was being brought forward in the event that a full-time position comes available in the future. The current fiscal impact of this item is a minimal cost relating to development and review of the proposed Job Description by Legal Counsel. Fire Chief Scott Young explained that the

Engineer job description has been in the queue and has been on hold in the event that the SAFER Grant was awarded, and explained that he would like to have these available preemptively. It was also stated that there might be some budgetary items in the next fiscal year that might allow for these positions, but the job descriptions need to be in place.

Board Comment: None

Public Comment: None

After motion failed, Director Beatty asked about it coming back to the Board.

General Manager Kelly Dodds asked if there was something specific in the job descriptions that Director Davis would like to see it be different if it comes back.

Board Comment: Davis said that it would really have to be different to what he is seeing in the packet, stating he does not think there should be someone going around checking fuse boxes and that this item should not come back.

General Manager Kelly Dodds asked Director Beatty for clarification on when this item should be brought back to the Board.

Director Smiley asked to speak and said that he did not see anything in the proposed job description that are any different from any other department and spoke of the specific education that Fire Department staff needs.

General Manager Kelly Dodds recommended that Director Davis talk to the Fire Chief about the proposed job descriptions, and that it might be able to come back with in an acceptable form. Director Davis said that he had already read the whole thing.

After Motion failed, Director Beatty and Director Smiley requested that this item be continued to the May 28th Board Meeting.

Motion By: Brendin Beatty

Second By: Rod Smiley

Motion: To Approve Failed

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Brendin Beatty	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis		X		
Ashley Sangster				X

11. Board Comment:

Director Davis said that he would like to have at the next meeting a vote to stop all of the sewer trucks coming into the treatment plant. Saying that he does not think the District should be receiving anything from the outside.

General Manager Kelly Dodds asked if there was any support for that request, no second. Director Davis voiced his opinion on why he does not want San Miguel to be a "dumping ground" for the rest of the County.

Director Beatty asked if staff could provide a copy of the Board Handbook to the Directors so they can review the section that states that "single Board Members do not speak for the Board" giving reference to Director Davis, calling CalPoly's hauler on his own accord.

Deputy General Counsel stopped the conversation and explained the censure request that would be coming to the Board in May, and Counsel provided clarification that the discussion is being agendized, but has not been to the Board due to a lack of quorum.

Director Davis said that Counsel has been delaying the censure he put in against Director Smiley for his actions. Deputy General Counsel again provided clarification that the discussion is being agendized, but has not been to the Board due to a lack of quorum.

Director Davis thanked Counsel for the clarification.

Director Smiley explained that he had contacted personal counsel, and he is considering pursuing a lawsuit against the District and Mr. Davis if they move forward with the censure. Director Smiley said that he did not do what Director Davis is stating and explained that he has to drive down River Road to get to his house.

Director Davis said that was not all Director Smiley did.

General Manager Kelly Dodds interjected, reminding Directors that there cannot be a back and forth on this and stopped the conversation.

12. Adjournment to Next Regular Meeting:

At: 7:20 PM

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