



# SAN MIGUEL COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR & GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

Rod Smiley, President

Raynette Gregory, Director      Owen Davis, Director      Anthony Kalvans, Director  
Berkley Baker, Director

## REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS & GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MINUTES

6:00 P.M. Opened Session  
SMCSD Boardroom 11-21-2024

1. **Call to Order:**  
AT: 6:01 PM
2. **Roll Call:** *Rod Smiley, Raynette Gregory, Anthony Kalvans, Owen Davis, Berkley Baker*
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda:**  
Director Kalvans arrived at 6:03 P.M.

**Motion By:** Raynette Gregory

**Second By:** Berkley Baker

**Motion:** To Approve

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Raynette Gregory	X			
Berkley Baker	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis		X		
Anthony Kalvans				X

4. **Pledge of Allegiance:**  
Lead by Director Kalvans
5. **Public Comment and Communications for items not on the agenda:**  
**Public Comment:** Greg Grewal Creston resident spoke about a Groundwater Well that Shandon-San Juan Water District (SSJWD) was allowed to put in within the Paso Basin, and expressed that Supervisor Gibson is having ex parte meeting with SSJWD and Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPC).
6. **Non- District Reports:**

**1. San Luis Obispo County Organizations (Pg. 5)**

Verbal/Report

Sheriff Mcfarlin, North Station, gave a report on calls for service for October 2024.

October calls for service are down by 15%, but explained that there has been an increase in vandalism.

**Board Comment:** Director Kalvans thanked The Sheriff Department, and asked about the recent vandalism and tagging in San Miguel.

**Public Comment:** None

**2. Community Service Organizations (Pg. 6)**

Verbal

Director Kalvans a representative for the San Miguel Lion's Club explained that the San Miguel Lion's Club is celebrating their 75th Anniversary and spoke about the community events that the San Miguel Lion's participate in.

Director Gregory a representative for the Pleasant Valley Wine Trail, explained that they will be participating in a Toy Drive for Christmas, and will be donating the toys to the San Miguel Firefighters Association.

Director Smiley a representative for the North County Cypress Mountain Masonic Lodge explained that the month of December is Constitutional Observance Month and a dinner will be held at 6:00 P.M. on December 11th, and that everyone is welcome to attend.

Scott Young, President of the San Miguel Firefighter Association (SMFA), explained that the San Miguel Christmas Lights Parade is being held on December 21st at 6:00 P.M, entry forms are available at the Fire Station and on the District website. [www.sanmiguelcsd.org](http://www.sanmiguelcsd.org)

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**3. Camp Roberts—Army National Guard (Pg.7)**

Verbal

None

**7. Staff & Committee Reports - Receive & File:**

**1. General Manager (Pg. 8)**

Receive report

**2. District Counsel (Pg. 9)**

Receive verbal report

District General Counsel Pritchard, had nothing to report.

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**3. District Utilities (Pg. 10-12)**

Receive and file

Item presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds submitted report as written.

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**4. Fire Chief Report (Pg. 13-31)**

Receive and File

Fire Chief Scott Young submitted report as written. Fire Chief Young updated the Board

that he has started the Hazardous Mitigation Plan with San Luis Obispo County, and that they have received a grant from FEMA.

**Board Comment:** Director Kalvans asked about the Temporary Housing Unit (THU) that had arrived. Fire Chief Scott Young explained that the THU had been delivered and thanked Swift Construction, SMCSD Utility Department, and Baldwin Electric for their help.

Director Gregory asked about an occupancy date. Fire Chief Scott Young explained that due to weather, it is estimated that it will be occupied within 4 to 6 weeks.

Director Davis asked if the Fire Department was going to reimburse the Utilities Department for their work. Chief Scott Young explained that yes, the Utilities Department will be reimbursed for their work.

**Public Comment:** None

**8. Consent Calendar:**

Item 8.1 pulled by Director Kalvans

Item 8.2 pulled by Director Davis

**1. 10-24-2024 Draft San Miguel CSD Board of Directors meeting minutes (Pg. 32-49)**

Receive and file

**Board Comment:** Director Kalvans asked about the 10-24-2024 meeting minute reflecting that he voted no on the approval of the meeting minutes.

Board Clerk Tamara Parent voiced that it would be reviewed and changed as needed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion By:** Anthony Kalvans

**Second By:** Raynette Gregory

**Motion:** To Approve as amended

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Raynette Gregory	X			
Anthony Kalvans	X			
Berkley Baker	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis		X		

**2. Approval of Easement agreement for existing water and wastewater infrastructure and emergency access across APN 021-091-016 (1803 Mission Street) by RESOLUTION 2024-57 (Pg. 50-65)**

Approve Resolution 2024-57 authorizing the General Manager and Legal Counsel to execute an easement agreement with the legal owners of APN 021-091-016 to record a previously unrecorded easement for existing water and wastewater infrastructure on the referenced parcel.

Item presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds and explained that the new owner of APN 021-091-016 (parcel & alleyway) is currently working through an application to build a single family home on the parcel. Their parcel has existing Water and Wastewater infrastructure as well as emergency access which serves the owners parcel but also the adjacent parcels. The District will need a recorded easement for District utilities and emergency access. The attached easement agreement and exhibits have been prepared, and the documents will be recorded with the County Assessor's Office.

**Board Comment:** Director Kalvans asked for clarification that this is just for clean up, and will record a utility easement, with a no cost to the District. General Manager clarified that the property owner would be reimbursing the District for any cost to record these easements, and that he will be working with the adjacent property owners to make sure that all the District's utility easements are recorded.

**Public Comment:** John Green a San Miguel resident asked if the reimbursement of the easement agreement with the property owner was in writing. Director Smiley asked if the General Manager could respond to public comment.

General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that it is a easement agreement that will need to be signed and notarized, but does have email correspondence about reimbursements with the property owner for any expenses that the District occurs.

Ashley Sangster a San Miguel resident gave his opinion that email correspondence is not legally binding.

**Motion By:** Owen Davis

**Second By:**

**Motion:** To Table to the December Board Meeting

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
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**Motion By:** Raynette Gregory

**Second By:** Anthony Kalvans

**Motion:** To Approve Resolution 2024-57

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Raynette Gregory	X			
Anthony Kalvans	X			
Berkley Baker	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis		X		

**9. Board Action Items:**

- 1. Monthly claim detail and investment reports for October 2024 (Recommend receive and file by Board consensus) *When ancillary reports area provided they are for reference only and are subject to change. (Pg. 66-102)***

Please *Review, Receive and File* the October 2024 claim detail and investment reports.

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

Item was presented by Financial Officer Michelle Hido, September partial financials are on pages 66-102. The District is still in the process of finalizing the audit and once the audit is final the financials will be brought back to be filed. Financial Officer Michelle Hido asked for any questions.

**Board Comment:** Director Baker asked about the Mutual Fire Aids on page 87 being a negative. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained how to read the budge report. The received year to date or the received current month is what we actually received, and the estimated revenue is what we budgeted. In the case of the Mutual Aid Fires; where you see

the zero estimated revenue it is because there was no initial budget, or estimated revenue to be received for that. The year to date received is an excess of the estimated revenue; that is why it is a negative.

**Public Comment:** Ashley Sangster a San Miguel resident voiced that the Fiscal Year ended and wanted to know why the audit has not been done.

Director Smiley asked if Financial Officer Michelle Hido could comment on questions from public comment. Financial Officer Michelle Hido explained that all the information is with the District Auditor and they are working on it. Once the Auditor is satisfied it will come to the Board for approval.

*Consensus of the Board is to receive and file reports for October 2024.*

**2. Annual Board assessment discussion (general discussion by Board members) (Pg. 103)**

The Board should assess the functionality and performance of the Board.

Director Smiley asked each Director to reflect on the last year as a Board.

**Board Comment:**

Director Kalvans voiced that he wanted to listen, and that this was an annual thing to reflect on their performance as a Board over the past year.

Director Gregory voiced that she feels that Board Members need to read the provided Board packets and that the Board as a whole has worked well together.

Director Baker voiced that it has been interesting and that he feels that the Board is courteous to each other even when there is a difference in opinion.

Director Davis voiced that he is not as optimistic and feels that the last year has not gone well voicing that he has had false accusation against him.

Director Smiley voiced that he has enjoyed working with Staff and is hopeful that the District keeps moving forward.

**Public Comment:** None

**3. San Miguel Fire Department Divestiture from San Miguel Community Services District (Pg. 104-188)**

Review and approve Resolution 2024-56

Item was presented by Fire Chief Scott Young explaining that he is asking the Board to approve the Resolution to authorize the Fire Chief to engage with LAFCo and move forward with divestiture from the SMCSO; returning to a Fire District. Fire Chief Scott Young explained that he provided a map of the area he would like the Fire Department to expand into, and provided comments on the recommended path forward.

**Board Comment:** Director Gregory asked how the Fire Department came up with the proposed Fire District Map on page 188. Fire chief Young explained the boundaries and discussion ensued on response time. Director Gregory asked what the proposed additional funds would be used for. Fire Chief Young explained that the funds would be used to up our staffing levels and discussed the "Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response" (SAFER) Grants . Director Gregory also asked if the San Miguel Fire Department (SMFD) already services the areas that are being discussed. Fire Chief Young explained that the SMFD does service those area due to Auto Aid agreements, but does not receive any funds for those calls.

Director Kalvans voiced that he was in favor of the expansion of the area, and that it would be beneficial to the resident's in those areas. Director Kalvans thanked the Firefighters in the audience for attending. Chief Young provided comments on response time in those areas, and expressed that the residents in those areas could benefit from the Departments ISO rating.

Director Baker asked what entities were receiving the funds for the area in the proposed

expansion, and what the estimated amount that would be received from the expansion. Fire Chief Scott Young explained that San Luis Obispo County receives the tax money and they distribute the funds to CalFire, and the estimated amount out of their 26 Million Dollar budget, around \$475k would be received. Director Baker asked what CalFire's opinion was and who would have authority over this new Fire District. Fire Chief Young explained that there would be an appointed board by the Board of Supervisors, then there would be an elected Board for the Fire District. Discussion on election vote, and the Fire Department low call volume ensued. Director Baker also asked what percentage of calls are out of District's current area. Chief Young responded with around 20% of the calls.

Director Davis asked for clarification on the Fire Chiefs comments about taking the extra money and using it for staffing, and what would be done with the current Temporary Housing Unit (THU). Chief Young clarified that that the long term goals per the District's Strategic Plan is to build a newer building on the North side of the current Fire Station and explained that the THU would then be sold. Discussion and comments on the District's Strategic Plan ensued.

Director Gregory wanted to know if SMFD would be the new permitting agency within the new boundaries for Fire Inspections. Fire Chief Young explained that yes, the SMFD would be able to collect Public Facility Fees for projects within that area.

**Public Comment:** Greg Grewal a Creston resident spoke about fire equipment, insurance companies in California and would like more information on how this would be approved.

Ashley Sangster a San Miguel Resident spoke about calling LAFCo and discussed the process of divestiture, governance and would like to have the input of the community.

Wyatt Navarro a San Miguel resident and San Miguel Firefighter spoke about redistribution of fire funds through the County and how response time is critical.

Director Davis left at 7:15 P.M.

Director Gregory asked about the Firefighter's and having a requirement that all Paid Call Firefighter (PCF) live in town, and feels that it would be an asset to the community if it was not a necessary for Firefighter's to live in town.

Ethan Arebalo a San Miguel resident and San Miguel Firefighter spoke about staffing, and grants within the Fire Department. Mr. Arebalo voiced being in favor of the divestiture.

Director Davis returned at 7:18 P.M.

John Green a San Miguel Resident asked if the current budget had enough funds for full-time staffing coverage.

Director Smiley asked Fire Chief Young if he could respond to questions from public comment.

Fire Chief Scott Young explained that the current budget does not have funding for increased staffing but that a PCF model could be utilized. Fire Chief Young explained that the SAFER grant has informed that SMFD that it needed to have a place for 24-hour staffing. Fire Chief Young also explained that a Fire District Board would be elected, and that the District's financials are separated by funds. Fire Chief Young provided comments on the LAFCo process, Board approval and the voting process.

**Board Comment:** Director Smiley spoke about his personnel tragedy and loss with house fires and expressed the need for quick response times.

Director Kalvans thanked the Fire Department personnel for attending, and spoke in favor of the divestiture. Director Kalvans also spoke about all the "no" votes on Fire related action items/resolutions from Director Davis over the last few years and voiced that the community needs to support the Firefighters.

Director Baker voiced that he would like information on what CalFire thinks, more information about the LAFCo process, cost, and community input. Director Baker voiced that he would like to wait on this issue.

District General Counsel explained after the motion and vote that this resolution is to start the conversation with LAFCo and then that would open up the conversation with other entities that would potentially be affected, as well as community input. It was explained that this is the first step and that the District will be required to notify everyone of its intent and that this item does not approve the divestiture nor condone it in anyway, it just gives the Fire Chief the authority to open the conversation with LAFCo to bring actual information to the Board to potentially move forward.

Director Davis wanted to make sure he understood that this Resolution only gives Chief Young the authority to talk to LAFCo but that it has to be brought back to the people and asked if it would need a Prop 218. District General Counsel clarified that a Prop 218 is not needed, but what happens depends on the process by which the divestiture occurs. It was clarified that all the entities that are affected will be involved. The District will have more actions that it must take in order to approve a divestiture, and all of it is very public and will require Board approval.

**Motion By:** Anthony Kalvans

**Second By:** Raynette Gregory

**Motion:** To Approve Resolution 2024-56

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Raynette Gregory	X			
Anthony Kalvans	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis		X		
Berkley Baker		X		

**4. CONTINUATION from September 24, 2024 Board Meeting  
Contract award to Specialty Construction Inc. for \$1,226,965.00 for the San Miguel Recycled Water Pipeline Project and approve related budget adjustments by RESOLUTION 2024-51. (approve by 3/5 vote) (Pg. 189-206)**

Authorize the General Manager to issue a notice of contract award and execute a contract in an amount of \$1,226,965 with Specialty Construction Inc for the San Miguel Recycled Water Pipeline Project and approve related budget adjustments and transfers by RESOLUTION 2024-51.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds and explained that this was brought back from 10-24-2024 Board Meeting. General Manager Kelly Dodds clarified the project and spoke about the pipeline being part of the long-term compliance plan for the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). Mr. Dodds explained the proposal for the vineyards that could be taking nearly the entirety of the effluent from the Wastewater Treatment Plant once it is upgraded, for reuse in lieu of groundwater pumping. It was explained that it primarily has to do with "salts" and being able to dilute the effluent with groundwater from the vineyards, and being able to spread it over the entirety of their property instead of concentrating it at the percolation ponds at our treatment facility. The initial intent was to build the WWTF at the same time, but due to grant funding availability delays this project would need to move forward now, and not wait on the WWTF.

Discussion ensued on the awarded grant funds to build the WWTF proposed for the end of 2025; building this project without grants funds; paying back the funds from Department of Water Resources (DWR) that have already been spent on this project so far if not approved; and how the rate for the recycled water would be formulated for the recycled

water end user.

**Board Comment:** Director Kalvans spoke about adding hydrants to the recycled water pipeline.

Director Gregory discussed the possibility of other areas in the community receiving the recycled water. Director Gregory asked for clarification on salts and compliance. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the current State permitting for the Wastewater Facility has a high restriction on salts, and that salts are one of the hardest to mitigate. Discussion on monitoring Wells, and the cost of compliance violations ensued. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the design has been proposed to the State Water Board and what has been accepted through permitting is a combination of both using the percolation ponds and reuse of recycled water for irrigation being part of our compliance. With the final compliance monitoring being the groundwater monitoring at the WWTF.

Director Baker discussed the cost to the District after the grant funds being approximately \$500,000 plus the project management being around \$187,000 and asked if those funds would be taken out of Reserves. General Manager Kelly Dodds clarified that the funds would be coming out of money that the District is currently collecting for the WWTF expansion. Discussion ensued on funding and proposed end users. Director Baker voiced that he is not in favor of this project.

Director Gregory asked for clarification that the \$700,000 and would it be recouped by the sale of recycled water to the vineyards? General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the cost above the grant amount would have to be formulated into the recycled water user rate, and explained that if this is not used for the District's compliance issues the District will need to build an Reverse Osmosis (RO) system for the salts; that will result in the District adding brine waste management and disposal to the process.

Director Baker asked about the airport property using the recycled water for irrigation, and if that could be a viable alternative for the compliance issue. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that you could build a pipeline but the issue is that the cost of that line versus how little volume they're capable of using.

Director Smiley asked how the salts were currently being dealt with and if the District was being fined currently, and if the District does get fined what would the amount be. General Manager explained that currently the District is in violation due to salts, but is not currently being fined only because the State sees that the District is activity working towards a solution. If the District does get fined the cost is determined by the Water Board and on the District's actions; voicing approximately \$10,000 a day. Discussion on what the City of Paso Robles was fined ensued.

Director Davis explained that he was waiting for public comment, then would like to be first to make a motion.

Director Kalvans asked about who the end users would potentially be, and if in the future would the new developments be required to be purple pipe ready. General Manager Kelly Dodds voiced that there are three viable users for the pipeline; Vino Farms, Gallo, and Mission Heights HOA. Mr. Dodds explained that the District can't force developers to put purple pipe in, if we are not capable of producing it. Discussion ensued on developments and recycled water funds.

**Public Comment:** Keith Lay a San Miguel resident asked if this project would raise or lower sewer rates for San Miguel residents.

Director Smiley asked General Manger Kelly Dodds if he could respond to questions from public comment.

General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that this project does not increase sewer rates, and that the District can't charge the people in the community for something they don't have access too.

Greg Grewal a Creston resident spoke about the need to recharge the basin, the proposed violations to the District, and that the proposed contractor was involved in the Nacimient Pipeline which has broke six or seven times.

Ashley Sangster a San Miguel resident spoke about the proposed contract, grants and voiced that he feels that the project is bad idea financially for the District.

John Green a San Miguel resident spoke that he feels that this project is putting the cart before the horse and expressed that he is not in favor of the project. Mr. Green also thanked Director Baker for his service on the Board.

**Motion By:** Owen Davis

**Second By:** Berkley Baker

**Motion:** To Reject all bids

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Raynette Gregory	X			
Owen Davis	X			
Anthony Kalvans	X			
Berkley Baker	X			
Rod Smiley	X			

**5. CONTINUATION from September 24, 2024 Board Meeting  
Recycled Water Pipeline Project, project management and environmental compliance monitoring and related budget adjustments by RESOLUTION 2024-52. (approve by 3/5 Vote) (Pg. 207-239)**

Authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute contracts for Project Management and Environmental Compliance Monitoring in an amount of \$187,309 for the Recycled water Pipeline project and approve related budget adjustments by RESOLUTION 2024-52.  
*No action*

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**6. Amendment of existing contract between Forefront Power and San Miguel Community Service District (Pg. 240-244)**

Authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the existing contract with Forefront Power for the Power Purchase Agreement for the Machado Wastewater Treatment plant.

Item presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds updating the Board that this item is a amendment request from Forefront Power (FFP) to amend the contract. FFP is to construct and manage a 799 KW photovoltaic solar array at the Machado WWTF to provide power to the WWTF. FFP is requesting an amendment to the initial agreement for minor change in scope and for construction extension. Changes requested where explained as additional EPC & Interconnection Costs Due to the delays by Purchaser (District) advancing the design and construction of facilities necessary for Provider (FFP) to proceed with solar design and construction; EPC costs for labor and materials have increased approximately \$625,000. Provider agrees to share 50% of this cost increase with Purchaser. General Manager provided comments on the current rate (\$.1440 kWh) and new rate (\$.1743 kWh).

**Board Comment:** Director Gregory asked for clarification on where the solar array would be located at, and when it could be constructed. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the solar will be located North of the Wastewater plant on District property, and that

the solar could be built once the permitting process is done with PG&E. Discussion on the timeline to keep the NEM2.0 Status and the WWTF ensued.

Director Baker asked how long it would take to construct the solar. General Manager provided comments on the PG&E approval process and explained that it would take approximately 1 year to construct. Director Baker asked when the District would know if the WWTF upgrade would be funded. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that it should be by March, and that the list is updated quarterly. Director Baker wanted clarification on how it would work if the WWTF was not funded, if the project could be stopped, and if the District need to use a certain amount of power in this agreement. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that if the District uses less power then FFP would be making more money, since FFP can sell the power. Discussion ensued on power usage, and that this item is an amendment to a current contract with FFP.

Director Baker voiced that since it is a current contract we could hold them to the \$.1440 kWh. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the agreement is valid, but the problem is whether or not they have to eat the whole cost increase, which is partially our fault due to the delays of the WWTF with design and construction of facilities necessary for Provider to proceed with solar design and construction. Mr. Dodds explained that the Board could elect to not approve this amendment, but that it is on a timeline for construction to keep the NEM2.0 status. FFP will be maintaining the system for twenty-years.

Director Davis asked if the solar could be used at the existing WWTF, and that he feels that the District should make them abide by the agreement.

Director Gregory asked if FFP was eligible for grants, tax credits, and asked about the dates to be locked into NEM2. Discussion ensued on the requirements to stay in NEM2, and solar analysis.

**Public Comment:** Ashley Sangster a San Miguel resident spoke about needing facts from the General Manager, and feels that there is nothing stopping FFP from construction and that he is not in favor of amending the contract.

John Green a San Miguel resident spoke about not being in favor of changing the contract.

Greg Grewal a Creston resident spoke about his solar system, offsets, and does not understand why the solar has not already been constructed.

General Manger Kelly Dodds asked Director Smiley if he could respond to questions from public comment.

General Manager Kelly Dodds stated that in the agreement it states that the solar would be operational by March 31st, 2026. With a deadline of April 1, 2026 being the deadline to have it ready to turn on.

**Board Comment:** Director Kalvans explained that he looked it up and it says that application for utilities have to be in by April 15th, 2023; and can be looked up by everyone. General Manager Kelly Dodds clarified that the application is in and that the reason it has not been built was due to the design plans of the WWTF not being finalized; therefor building the solar without having any idea where the percolation ponds where going to go would have been very premature. The cost for the transformer, \$162,000 is a direct cost from PG&E whether we have solar or not, and since solar will be constructed before the WWTF is finished it is an opportunity to amortized the transformer cost over 20 years.

Director Baker asked what the original cost was, and wanted to know the percentage increase.

Director Gregory voiced being in favor of solar but does not like that they are asking for an increase.

Director Baker asked District Counsel how protected the District is if it is decided to hold them to the contract. District General Counsel Pritchard explained that the District can not

hold them accountable for delays that they're not responsible for. Director Baker asked if the contract had a provision for escalation of price based on delays, explaining that he feels that the District is not responsible either. District General Counsel clarified to the Board that the only options are to amend the contract or terminate the contract, due to the delays out of the providers (FFP) control.

Director Baker voiced that he feels that counsel is saying that the District does not have a choice, the District has to accept the amendment and that it doesn't matter if the District has an existing contract. District Counsel explained that FFP can not be responsible for the additional cost for something that they couldn't control.

Director Gregory asked if there was design changes.

District Counsel clarified that the "change" is an amendment and that is because there was an increase in cost due to delays, that is a change in the agreement, is a change in the contract cost.

Director Baker feels that they are just coming up with a number, and would like them to prove the cost increase.

Director Gregory would like the contract looked at for verbiage. Discussion ensued on inflation.

Director Kalvans asked that there be a start date, if the amendment is accepted.

Director Smiley asked if the contract could be looked at to confirm that there is a provision for acts of god or inflation, and is that normal for this type of contract. District Counsel voiced that she would review the contract for the specific place that discusses delays for permitting or design; since this project relies on other governmental entities approvals and that there is specific language related to delays, cost and what will occur from that.

Director Gregory voiced that the District should ask where the cost increase amount came from.

Director Kalvans left at 8:44 P.M.

Discussion on inflation ensued

Director Kalvans returned at 8:46 P.M.

**Motion By:** Berkley Baker

**Second By:** Owen Davis

**Motion:** To Table to review merit of the cost increase and contract

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Raynette Gregory	X			
Owen Davis	X			
Berkley Baker	X			
Rod Smiley	X			
Anthony Kalvans				X

**7. District participation in social media (Pg. 245)**

Discuss and provide direction to the General Manager as to whether or not to participate in social media, and to what extent.

Item presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds, explaining that the District does not get involved in social media outside of posting notices of Board meetings on the District Facebook page. The Board should consider pros and cons of participating in social media. This item was brought to the Board by Director Kalvans and Director Gregory.

**Board Comment:** Director Kalvans voiced that he knows that Fire Chief Scott Young goes

to the Advisory Council meeting, but would like to have a District employee go to those meetings too. Director Kalvans voiced that he would like positive stuff, like grants shared on social media for the community.

Director Gregory voiced that she feels that responding to social media posts is not needed; just post things that the District is doing and that it would not need monitoring.

Discussion ensued about what the District does post on Facebook, business only.

General Manager Kelly Dodds clarified that the District only has a Facebook page that posts meetings, and asked for direction from the Board if they wanted to branch out to other social media sites. Discussion ensued.

Director Davis left at 8:52 P.M.

Director Smiley voiced that he was not in favor of doing any more on social media, information only, and no comments.

Director Davis returned at 8:55 P.M.

Director Baker discussed "The San Miguel Neighbors page" on Facebook.

General Manager discussed that a lot of the information is incorrect, and all the correct information is on the District website.

Fire Chief Scott Young explained that the Fire Department will not post to social media due to privacy, and that as public employees we as staff can not respond even when personally attacked.

**Public Comment:** John Green a San Miguel resident voiced that he posted this idea on the San Miguel page and received negative feedback, it is a double-edged sword and expressed that if any staff was directed to read all the comments they would be subjected to bullying. Mr. Green voiced that the Community does not like the CSD, but maybe a plan could be discussed to clear up the misinformation.

Greg Grewall a Creston resident spoke about not using social media, and that he comes to the meeting to discuss issues in person. Nobody should be able to bring discredit to the agency.

*Decision of the Board is to keep Facebook for information only, no comments and direct people to the District office or website for information or questions.*

## **Adjourn to the San Miguel Community Services District Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

**(GSA):**

At 9:06

### **10. GSA Board Action Items:**

#### **1. Update from Paso Basin Cooperative Committee; November 20, 2024 Regular Meeting (Pg. 246)**

Discuss action taken at recent PBCC meeting.

No action to be taken at this time. Direction may be given to the General Manager to agendaize items for a future meeting.

Director Baker was asked to comment on the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC) Meeting held on 11-20-2024.

Director Baker explained that Paso Robles Groundwater Basin is having a Town Hall Meeting on December 16, 2024 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the Paso Robles Culinary Arts Academy: 1900 Golden Hill Road, through the link: [Paso Basin Information - Town Hall](#).

Director Baker explained that the committee also discussed a Blended Water project that is projected to cost around \$81 Million. The next meeting on the 16th at 2 P.M. is scheduled to talk about the Rate Study. The Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District did not like the last Budget that was presented for around \$41 Million over the next five years. Director

Baker explained the money needs to come from somewhere if they plan on continuing.

**Board Comment:** Director Kalvans voiced that the Culinary Academy is a great venue, and asked Director Baker what direction he thinks that they will be going. Director Baker voiced that they are moving forward but that he feels the cost is being inflated. Discussion on localwells going dry and a need for help for those people ensued. Director Baker encouraged the Directors to go to the Town Hall Meeting.

Director Kalvans thanked Director Baker for participating, and asked if anyone feels that anything has changed since 2013.

General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that in his opinion not a lot has been accomplished, a lot of things have gotten started, and feels that is because the way the PBCC is designed. To have multiple agencies trying to work in a cooperative fashion without any cooperative authority is not working.

Director Smiley explained that he has relatives who had to sell off the ranch that was in the family since 1889, because their Wells are going dry due to vineyards putting their Water Wells so deep.

**Public Comment:** Greg Grewal a Creston resident discussed the scheduled Town Hall, and explained that rates were discussed and were voted down by AB2453. Mr. Grewal spoke about the Water Districts that are in violation of the State Water Code, Monitoring Wells, depth of the Wells, and the Proposed JPA.

**Reconvene to the San Miguel Community Services District Board of Directors:**

At 9:21 PM

**11. Board Comment:**

Director Davis asked earlier about having the actions on the agenda, General Manager explained that he would make sure that those would be on future agendas.

Director Kalvans voiced that he received a letter from our Congressman, and thanked staff and public.

Board Clerk Tamara Parent, asked the outgoing Board Members to attend the next meeting, for presentation of recognition.

**12. Adjourn to Closed Session/Closed Session Agenda:**

At 9:26

**Public Comment:** None

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**Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code, § 54956.8)**

**Property:** Assessor's Parcel Numbers 027-420-016

**Agency Negotiator:** Kelly Dodds

**Negotiating Parties:** Tannahill Ranch II LLC

**Under Negotiation:** Price and terms of payment for real property purchase

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Discussion

**13. Report out of Closed Session:**

Direction given to staff.

**14. Adjournment to Next Regular Meeting:**

At: 9:40 P.M. Next Meeting December 19th, 2024

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