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Board of Directors 04/22/26

I would like to make a public comment regarding Ordinance 01-2026 FIRE CODE

(I wrote last month, but my letters were not read. **Please read in full out loud**)

Vote NO! Does the public understand this new fire code would require the installation of fire sprinklers?

Conflicts in the CSD- **General Manager, Kelly Dodds**, is listed as the **owner of “Dodds Fire Sprinkler Design”** business here in **San Miguel, CA**. Form 700 requires full and accurate disclosure of economic interests, it does not state he owns this business. Why was this not disclosed to the public, the board, or the state? Given that connection, it is reasonable to question whether the adoption of fire code provisions could have a foreseeable financial impact?

How can he run this business while he is maintaining our Water Plant? From 2019 to 2025 it shows 7 permits, and 5 of those were done last year! **He's been a busy man with all these violations, wastewater spills, and designing Fire Sprinkler systems recently.** Is this leading to violations? Is he preoccupied with other work? Will he profit off this Ordinance? These are valid questions.

How can you give the community confidence in his ability to double task when you have over **90 violations and recent big wastewater spills into the river** at the same time he has been busy designing Fire Sprinkler systems? How is this not a conflict? Was the board aware of this business connection? It shows he had a job all the way out to **Magalia, CA 6 ½ hours drive one way!** Clients in San Miguel, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Magalia, Atascadero, and Arroyo Grande. This shows active work in the area. So, how can the board approve the Fire Code as it stands when the General Manager is assumed to benefit?

Is the Fire Chief stating you need to install Fire Sprinklers in new and older homes that pull a permit, removal of plants from around the houses, states we are in a **HIGH RISK** zone for fires in this community, etc? These will be huge costs to this impoverished community. Seems like with this new code CalFire wont respond...is that correct? This code will impact insurance rates and may risk homeowners losing their coverage!

NO to Fireworks- Why would the Firefighters want to sell fireworks? Is that job security? **Selling Fireworks in a High Risk Fire community makes no sense!** Once again, I am requesting you vote NO on Fireworks! You can't have it both ways making all these new

High Fire Risk zones and requirements but allow Fireworks. Has common sense left the building? How does the COMMUNITY benefit from Fireworks? Seems like a RISK. There was a 10 person family who lost their home from fireworks a few years ago on 4th of July. That's a huge loss in this community, but that's not mentioned! There was a fire last year in San Miguel from fireworks while the same time Templeton burned and we sent the Fire Chief! If we had a bad fire while he was gone that would have been horrible. Why take these risks again? Spare me the speech about them being "Safe and Sane". Do a BBQ, sell Calendars, do anything but increase our chances of fire please! Safety over Profits!

CPRA, Government Code 87100, says the standard is not whether an actual benefit has occurred, but whether it is reasonably foreseeable that a financial effect could result. Vote NO! Nothing personal, just think our water is being neglected and here is an example of some distractions. The appearance of a potential conflict, particularly in matters that may impose financial burdens on residents, warrants clear disclosure. It is essential to maintaining public trust and the integrity of the District's decision-making process. This fire code is flawed!

Thank you for reading,

-Shaunna

San Miguel Resident