



**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 03-26-2026**

1. **Call to Order:**  
At: 6:03 PM
2. **Roll Call:** *Ashley Sangster, Rod Smiley, Owen Davis*  
ABSENT: *Brendin Beatty*

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

**Motion By:** Ashley Sangster  
**Second By:** Owen Davis  
**Motion:** To Approve

Board Members	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Rod Smiley	X			
Owen Davis	X			
Ashley Sangster	X			
Brendin Beatty				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. **Public Hearing: 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. (Approve by 3/5 vote)(Pg. 4-19)**

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Ordinance 01-2026.

Director Sangster presented item for a Public Hearing for the second reading to consider adoption of Ordinance 01-2026. Director Sangster asked that the Fire Chief Scott Young provide a general presentation regarding the adoption of Ordinance 01-2026.

Fire Chief Scott Young explained the purpose of this ordinance is to formally adopt the 2025 California Fire Code including Amendments, Errata, Appendix's, 2025 California Building Code Chapter 7A including related reference sections, 2025 Wildland-Urban Interface Code, and Local Ordinance 01-2026 as the bases for all Fire, Life & Safety items for the purpose of ratification by the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors. Fire Chief Scott Young also informed the Board that the 30-day review period had ended and that no objections were received.

Director Sangster opened the public comment portion of the Public Hearing

**Public Comment:** Ken Munde, a Paso Robles resident spoke about his property that he would like to develop and discussed the Fire Code as written does not allow for three-story buildings in San Miguel and would like to see exceptions for that provision in the Fire Code. Mr. Munde explained that he had called Paso Robles Fire to discuss getting an agreement to use their ladder truck in an emergency.

John Butler a San Miguel resident spoke about Accessory Dwelling Units, Solar, and Permits from San Luis Obispo County. Mr. Butler asked if the Fire Code could be re-reviewed, saying that he would like the Fire Department to clean up the ordinance, removing items as requested.

Director Sangster asked if Fire Chief Scott Young wanted to respond to any of the statements presented by the public. Fire Chief Scott Young explained that Mr. Munde did call Paso Robles Battalion Chief Lewis, who escalated the call to the Paso Robles Fire Chief Stornetta, who then called Fire Chief Scott Young. Unfortunately, Chief Stornetta explained that they cannot have an agreement that subsidizes San Miguel Fire with their taxpayer equipment. Fire Chief Scott Young informed the Board that the Mutual Aid agreement is in place, but that the Mutual Aid agreement would not cover this kind of thing. The two-story building condition has been in the previously adopted Fire Codes, and there have not been any alterations to that section in this update version. Discussion ensued about FDA standards, exceptions, and cost of a ladder truck.

Fire Chief Scott Young provided comments and informed the Board that Mr. Munde's project is unique and that he is actively looking for solutions for the project.

Fire Chief Scott Young provided comments and explained that the Fire Code is not to force fire sprinkler demands on anyone, but it is meant to follow guidelines that have already been adopted by the District. Fire Sprinklers are required on every new residential structure and is a requirement of California Building Code. The District does require fire sprinklers on all commercial projects as part of the local ordinance. Discussion ensued on local jurisdiction ordinance restrictions, CalFire, AB38 and Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ). It was explained that if this Fire Code is not adopted then the previously adopted 2023 Fire Code remains in place.

Director Sangster closed the public comment portion of the Public Hearing

**Board Comment:** Director Sangster explained that he would not want to stifle the downtown corridor that everyone knows would be beneficial to San Miguel. It was explained that there was no review or appeal process where projects are reviewed independently, and that there was not really anything like that in the proposed ordinance. Director Sangster discussed public comment and asked if a homeowner does any kind of work on an existing home that does not have fire sprinklers, are we going to require sprinklers on that project? Fire Chief Scott Young explained if you want to add an addition

of 25% of the existing home and a total floor area exceeding two thousand five hundred square feet, then that would trigger the need to add fire sprinklers. Commercial projects that are adding or removing items, do trigger addition of fire sprinklers.

Director Sangster explained that he did not agree with the residential remodel requirement of adding fire sprinklers, because it is a financial burden on residents. Fire Chief Scott Young explained that putting fire sprinklers into a single-family home is not as burdensome as you would think, and explained that safety component of fire suppression systems.

Director Sangster explained that he feels that a review process for projects that would benefit San Miguel is missing and needs to be added. Fire Chief Scott Young explained again that the trigger for fire sprinklers is a total floor area exceeding two thousand five hundred square feet. It was stated that most of houses in San Miguel are around 1,800 square feet and fire sprinklers would be triggered if that dwelling added another 600 square feet and feels that is a reasonable threshold to require fire sprinklers.

Discussion ensued on drywall removal and Director Sangster explained that if it is not defined in the Fire Code, it is adaptable to residential buildings. Fire Chief Scott Young explained that the requirement to install fire sprinklers was the same in a previous Fire Code and that it was removed at one point and is now being added back in. This mirrors the Templeton Fire Department Fire Code sprinkler requirements, and explained that the proposed Fire Code Ordinance is not unique to our jurisdiction. The Fire Code Ordinance is not proposing anything abnormal, or above and beyond; it is just trying to protect San Miguel residents.

Director Smiley asked for clarification on what would happen if the Fire Code did not pass tonight, is there a way to go back and amend it in the future? Fire Chief Scott Young explained that he hoped that it would keep coming forward in hopes that it would pass, or the District could just go with the 2023 Fire Code. Fire Chief Scott Young asked District Counsel to guide the District through the next steps in this process.

Deputy General Counsel Pritchard explained that Director Smiley's question was if it is adopted tonight, is there a mechanism to go back and amend the Fire Code. Counsel explained that yes, the Board can go back and amend your own codes. There is an approval process, specific to your codes, especially if you are going to stray from the standard. Deputy General Counsel Pritchard also explained that if the Board does not approve the Fire Code tonight, then the 2023 Fire Code stands as is and feels that it would be helpful for the Board to see a redline of the specific changes that were made.

Deputy General Counsel Pritchard discussed Director Sangster's question on a review process, explaining that the District does not have permitting authority. The review process is what the ordinance tasks the Fire Chief to do in his plan reviews, and meeting with the developer to try and collaborate with them and their project to fit into this code. If the Fire Chief decides that the project/application does not meet the code requirements, the ultimate permitting decision is still with the County. It was also explained that there is no appeals board built into this District and it is not sure if the District has the authority to build an appeals board. The Deputy District Counsel expanded and explained that it is because the District does not have land use authority and it is usually a permitting appeal issue.

Director Sangster explained again that if a project comes to the Fire Chief, and we look at this Fire Code as black and white and the project is to build a three-story building, and the Fire Code only allows two-story buildings, then it does not meet the requirements and is automatically discarded. Director Sangster feels that there is no flexibility in the Fire Code and does not grant any opportunity to push it towards an approval. He would like to see a process by which something could be considered, even if it is not as written in the code.

Deputy General Counsel explained that there is a process that is written in the state law, so

that people can request variances. Discussion ensued on the legal process and variances. Fire Chief Scott Young explained the process that is followed when a project is submitted and that San Luis Obispo County is the ultimate planning authority. The County looks for an approval letter from this District to finish their process.

Director Smiley asked Mr. Munde what his timeline was for the proposed project. Mr. Munde provided comments on his project, and discussions with the County Planning Department.

Director Davis explained that he feels that the whole code should be voted out and wanted more clarification.

After Director Sangster's Motion to Approve failed, he asked that a redline be brought back to the next meeting for clarification.

Director Smiley and Director Sangster asked that the item be brought back at the next meeting with a redline version.

Director Smiley said that he would like to see the downtown area developed and if it is a three-story issue, then he would like to work with the County and Fire Department to figure out away to move forward.

**Motion By:** Ashley Sangster

**Second By:** Owen Davis

**Motion:** To Approve Ordinance 01-2026 Failed

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

**7. Non- District Reports:**

**1. San Luis Obispo County Organizations**

Verbal/Report

No report

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**2. Community Service Organizations**

Verbal

**Public Comment:** Kathy Shuder President of the San Miguel Senior Center gave an update, on upcoming events. Information is available at: <https://sanmiguel seniorcenter.org/>  
Rod Smiley from the Cypress Mountain Masons Lodge explained that George Work, San Miguel Work Ranch had passed away.

**Board Comment:** None

**3. Camp Roberts—Army National Guard Contact information: Keba Baird PIO  
CA Camp Roberts/Camp San Luis**

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None

No report

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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

**1. General Manager (Pg. 20)**

Receive report.

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

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**2. District Counsel**

Receive verbal report

Item was presented by Deputy General Counsel Pritchard, explaining that there were a few agenda items that were scheduled for this Board Meeting that had to be pushed out because of absent Board Members. The May Board Meeting should have all four Directors, and those items will be heard then.

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**3. District Utilities (Pg. 21-24)**

Receive and file

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds who submitted the report as written. General Manager Kelly Dodds expanded on his report and explained that the leaks in the alley and on River Road have been fixed. The Board was also informed that the District received the preliminary agreement with the State for the Septic to Sewer project and has also received the funding agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion project. General Manager Kelly Dodds stated that those agreements are both ahead of schedule.

**Board Comment:** Director Sangster asked when the District could expect funding for those projects. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that once the agreements are signed, the District could then submit for reimbursement. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that it is retroactive back to December 2022, and some construction activities are retroactive back to January 2026. Discussion ensued.

Director Davis referred to the violations that are listed in report, and felt that the Board never knew about them and asked if there were fines, if they got paid, and how that all works. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the District does not have any fines levied against them for any violations, and that the District is working with the Water Board on these issues for as long as he has been working for the District. General Manager Kelly Dodds also explained that the current violation the "breach" are newer and that the Board of Directors were notified the same day. The District is not hiding anything and the information was already added to the District Utilities report after concerns from the public.

Director Davis explained that he has been on the Board for over three years and has never heard of any of these violations, until the public brought them to his attention. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the older violations are due to "constituent limits" which have been in violation since the plant was built in 2000. Director Davis again stated that he had not been informed, and if something happens to the drinking water who is going to be responsible.

General Manager Kelly Dodds asked Director Davis what he thinks is going to happen to the water and explained that the drinking water and waste effluent is heavily monitored. All

of the tracking is recorded by the State and County in multiple places. The District is not doing anything to endanger drinking water.

Director Davis asked to see proof of the Board being informed. General Manager Kelly Dodds asked Director Davis if he had ever come and talked to him about any of these violations.

Director Sangster asked about the notification emails that were sent, and if those could be given to Director Davis. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that he could get those and explained that the "constituent limits" violations have been discussed in Board meetings, but maybe not in Director Davis tenure on the Board.

Director Smiley stated that he has received all the emails and notifications regarding these violations.

**Public Comment:** None

**4. Fire Chief Report (Pg. 25-39)**

Receive and File

Item was presented by Fire Chief Scott Young who submitted report as written and expanded that Jim Kelly has been at the Station doing certified maintenance on the Fire Engines. Fire Chief Scott Young also explained that there was a new report added to the monthly Fire reports; HAAS Alert Systems and that the system has notified over 138 drivers of incidents. Fire Chief Scott Young responded to question from the February Meeting that he was not in attendance for, stating that there is no primary resident at the THU. Fire Chief Scott Young introduced Firefighter Logan Lewis and explained that Firefighter Lewis had a car parked at the THU for the duration because he has been out in training for his Operator certification 1A & 1B. Fire Chief Scott Young also responded to the question about the weeds at the THU; and that they have been mitigated.

**Board Comment:** Director Davis thanked Fire Chief Scott Young for removing the weeds at the Fire Station.

**Public Comment:** None

**9. Consent Calendar:**

Director Davis asked to pull Item 9.1, for discussion.

**1. 2-26-2026 Draft San Miguel CSD Board of Directors regular meeting minutes (Pg. 40-54)**

Receive and file

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds and asked what Director Davis wanted to discuss.

**Board Comment:** Director Davis answered that when he talked about the "oil company", and calling the tanker company, it says that I did that on my own, and that is a lie. Director Davis stated that he called President Sangster and tried to text Director Beatty. Director Davis explained that the minutes need to be corrected, because he did not do that on his own.

General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the minutes are taken from the meeting's video, and Director Davis did not state that he called Director Sangster and that he did not state that at the February meeting, but that if he wanted to make a statement now, he could do that and it would be in these Board Meeting minutes.

Director Davis then stated that he had seen the tanker, not the regular small trucks that are usually there, and was curious if they were dumping or pulling stuff out. Director Davis then explained that he called the company and asked them if they were dumping or pulling out, they said that they were dumping. He then explained that he asked if they minded

telling him what was being dumped and the company said it was rainwater and pig waste. Director Davis said that he felt that we do not need pig waste at our treatment plant, and that a Director was trying to censure him for doing it on his own; and that was totally untrue.

Board Clerk Tamara Parent pointed out that he never said anything about calling anyone at the February Board Meeting. Director Davis explained that everyone was so busy thinking he did that on his own and wanted to have him censured; stating that he could not get a word in about it.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion By:** Ashley Sangster

**Second By:** Owen Davis

**Motion:** To Approve Failed

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

**10. Board Action Items:**

**1. Monthly claim detail and investment reports for February 2026 (Recommend receive and file claim detail and investment report by Board consensus) (Pg. 55-97)**

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

Review, Receive and File the attached claim detail and investment reports.

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

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

**Board Comment:** Director Davis asked about the PG&E bill and why Well #4 was costing more than the other District wells, asking if the District was only using Well #4. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that all the Wells run, but that Well #4 is running and has a higher output motor. Discussion ensued.

Director Davis asked about the spray filed, discussing how much was being pumped. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that there is a flow meter on the spray field and discussed the equipment being used.

**Public Comment:** None

*Consensus of the Board is to receive and file February 2026 Financials*

**2. California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Director call for nominations for Seat C term 2027 - 2029, one candidate (Provide nomination by Board 3/5 Vote) (Pg. 98-103)**

Authorize the General Manager to submit a nomination on behalf of the Board.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the CSDA is

accepting nominations for Seat C for term 2027-2029. Any Regular Member district in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. The Nomination period ends on April 10, 2026. Board can elect to appointment one member, and discussion ensued on requirements.

**Board Comment:** Director Sangster said that they could nominate Director Beatty in his absence. Director Sangster asked all the Directors in attendance and there was no interest in being on the CSDA Board at this time.

**Public Comment:** None

**3. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with P&H Senesac Inc. for sludge removal at the Machado Wastewater Treatment Facility in an amount of \$259,719.20, a contingency amount of \$200,000 for additional sludge removal and approve related budget adjustments by Resolution. (Approve by 3/5 vote) (Pg. 104-113)**

It is recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to:

1. Execute a contract with P&H Senesac Inc. for sludge removal from treatment ponds at the Machado Wastewater Treatment Facility not to exceed \$259,719.20 and
2. Approve a contingency amount of \$200,000 for sludge removal in excess of 125 dry tons as anticipated in the RFP and
3. Approve related budget adjustments by Resolution.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds and explained that the District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Biosolids Removal Services in December and received five proposals by the due date of January 9, 2026. All proposals were reviewed, and additional information was requested from the contractors to confirm that the proposed approaches would meet the objectives of the biosolids removal project and be acceptable to the Water Board. Following this review, all proposals were determined to be responsive and capable of performing the required work. The District Engineer's evaluation and recommendation are attached, with a recommendation to award the contract to P&H Senesac Inc. as the lowest-cost proposer. The RFP includes the removal of 125 dry tons (DT) of sludge from the ponds. All of the proposals came back with higher sludge amounts than what the District proposed, but the RFP quantity was maintained at 125 DT. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained to address the potential for additional material, staff recommends approval of a \$200,000 contingency to allow for the removal of up to an additional 125 DT, if necessary. This contingency would help avoid costly standby time or additional mobilization and demobilization expenses that could occur if further Board authorization were required once the initial 125 DT is exceeded. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that this is reimbursable through the grant.

**Board Comment:** Director Sangster asked if the proposal had their estimated number of dry tons and asked if there was a sight walk done. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that all the contractors did a separate job walks and each took several samples and that each of the contractors produced different numbers. Discussion ensued.

Director Sangster asked what Sensac estimate dry ton amount was. General Manager Kelly Dodds stated that it was around 300 dry tons but would have to review those numbers. Director Sangster asked if there was a reason that we would not do a change order opposed to a contingency? General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the issue would be if they are on site and we get close to the 125 dry tons, we would have to wait for a Board Meeting for approval, and having a contractor there waiting would be \$5000 a day for standby charge.

Director Davis asked about blue dump trucks that he saw down near the plant. General

Manager Kelly Dodds answered that Gallo has been hauling.

Director Sangster discussed the contingency amount and asked how long the project was estimated to take. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that it is estimated to take up to 2 months depending on how much is actually there.

Director Davis asked for clarification on how they were going to remove the sludge, the cost, and if it was all included. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained the proposed process.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion By:** Ashley Sangster

**Second By:** Owen Davis

**Motion:** To Approve Resolution 2026-12 amended to a \$100,000 contingency

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

**4. Authorize the General Manager to contract with Robertson-Bryan Inc. and other engineering firms for assistance in determining feasibility of obtaining a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPES) permit for the Machado Wastewater Treatment Facility not to exceed \$69,300 combined, by Resolution including associated budget adjustments. (Approve by 3/5 vote) (Pg. 114-132)**

Approve a contract with Robertson-Bryan Inc. for assistance in obtaining a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPES) permit for the Machado Wastewater Treatment Facility.

1. Approve a contract with Robertson- Bryan Inc. for assistance in determining feasibility of obtaining a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPES) permit for the Machado Wastewater Treatment Facility not to exceed \$39,300 and
2. Approve separate contracts with Water System Consulting, Fluid Resource Management, Scheevel Engineering and Wallace Group in a total combined cost of \$30,000.
3. Approval of #1 and #2 to be by Resolution including associated budget adjustments.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds explaining that National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit would allow the discharge of treated effluent to the Salinas Riverbed. This permit would be an option to allow discharge of the tertiary treated wastewater into the riverbed, either year-round or as necessary to prevent spills. The reason this is being looked at is that it is one more option for the District. Information on percolation ponds and how they work was provided by General Manager Kelly Dodds. To determine whether the District would be able to be permitted for a river discharge, the District is seeking the expertise of Robertson-Bryan Inc. (RBI) which is well versed in this type of permitting. The initial contract with RBI would be to outline the permitting process with the District, probable requirements of such a permit, and whether or not the District would be able to meet those requirements. RBI will also be looking at what the environmental constraints of a new permit/outfall, and what the probable requirements of a new outfall would be. This initial investigation and analysis are necessary to determine the level of effort, probable requirements, and overall feasibility of a new discharge outfall to the river at the WWTF. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained

that this will take several years and hundreds of thousands of dollars, but it would essentially be an investment in the future of the treatment plant.

**Board Comment:** Director Smiley asked where Paso Robles discharges to. General Manager Kelly Dodds stated that Paso Robles discharges to the river with a small amount being used for recycled water.

Discussion ensued on the differences of the percolation ponds and directly discharging to the river.

Director Sangster asked about the new MBR system. It was explained that this permit would be for the new MBR process, not the current treatment process.

Director Davis stated that he knows that Atascadero and Templeton discharge into the river and asked how long the temporary permit for the spray filed was good for. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that at this point it is good until June 30th, but that he is already working on extending it. It was also explained that the Water Board cannot issue us a permit, because we are already changing our permit with the new treatment process, and discussion on spray filed as a long-term solution ensued.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion By:** Ashley Sangster

**Second By:** Rod Smiley

**Motion:** To Approve Resolution 2026-13

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

**5. Review and approve an agreement between the San Miguel Community Service District and the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority for the construction and operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Machado Wastewater Treatment Facility. (Approve by 3/5 vote) (Pg. 133-141)**

Review provided agreement and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement on behalf of the District to allow the SLO IWMA to construct and operate a new Household Hazardous Waste Facility within the Machado Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that this is to approve a facilities agreement with SLO Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) and over the last several years the District has been working with the SLO Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) to bring a Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF) to San Miguel. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that both the agreement and the site plan was attached, and has been reviewed by legal counsel, and has been approved by the IWMA Board of Directors. The proposed site at the WWTF would be entirely within the existing WWTF and all construction, operation and management costs of the HHWF would be paid by the IWMA. Aside from providing space for the HHWF, the District will not be responsible for any ongoing costs to operate the HHWF. IWMA will be responsible for managing the HHW in compliance with all applicable permits, regulations, completing all required reporting and maintaining all necessary insurance. The construction, operations, and management in not projected to impact any planned construction activities at the WWTF. The improvements that were designed for the HHW were done so with the

regular operation of the WWTF in mind, and it will not interfere with the WWTF operation.

**Board Comment:** Director Sangster asked if they would be charging the public? General Manager Kelly Dodds answered that individuals or entities bringing HHWF to the facility would not be charged.

Director Sangster asked if they would be collecting HHWF and removing it from the site. General Manager Kelly Dodds stated that IWMA's contractor "Clean Earth" would be the ones physically handling the material, packaging it and removing it. The District does not touch anything, and only household waste would be accepted.

Director Davis asked for clarification that anyone within San Luis Obispo County could bring waste here. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that he was correct, but that there were other HHWF in the County. Director Davis stated that he feels that the District take enough waste for the County. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that this would fill a need and in this area there is a lot of paint, electronics, and random chemicals that are just left on the side of the road, because people don't know where to dispose of them correctly. General Manager Kelly Dodds gave an example of successful recycling and that the Mattress Recycling has been great for the community and explained how programs like these can really flourish, and with little risk to the District can take these things off the street; protecting the environment. General Manager Kelly Dodds said that he understands Director Davis's point but feels that this would be beneficial overall to the whole community.

Director Sangster asked where the other facilities were located in the County. Residential hazardous waste disposal sites are located at Cold Canyon Landfill, Nipomo, Morro Bay, Chicago Grade Landfill, Paso Robles Landfill, and Heritage Ranch.

Board Clerk Tamara Parent stated that she had talked to Aron Kardashian from San Miguel Garbage and he is in favor of this facility. Mr. Kardashian has been working with IWMA to make sure funds that the community members pay on their garbage bill for SB1383 are used in this area.

Director Sangster stated that he is in favor of not having these household wastes ending up in the rivers or sewer systems.

**Public Comment:** Raynette Gregory a San Miguel resident spoke in favor of the HHW facility and explained that she has seen this kind of waste in our community not being disposed of correctly. Mrs. Gregory also spoke about educating the community on HHW and the environment impacts.

*Director Sangster and Director Smiley requested that the item be brought back at the May Meeting.*

**Motion By:** Rod Smiley

**Second By:** Ashley Sangster

**Motion:** To Approve                      Failed

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

**6. Approve a contract with MBS Land Survey for survey work in an amount not to**

**exceed \$29,300 for the Sewer Lining and Manhole Rehabilitation project and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract (Approve by 3/5 vote) (Pg. 142-147)**

Review and approve a contract with MBS Land Survey to provide survey work in relation to the Sewer Lining and Manhole Rehabilitation project. Authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract with MBS and to make budget adjustments for the contract by 3/5 vote.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds explaining that this is a survey, and that the District has been working on the Sewer Lining and manhole rehabilitation project for over a year. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that a part of that project, the District engineer is currently working through the alternatives analysis for the rehabilitation or replacement of several sewer line segments and as part of that work the District will need surveying to determine feasibility of the alternatives being considered and to develop construction plans for the feasible line replacements. MBS Land Survey has provided a proposal which is attached outlining the scope of work necessary. The proposal is for \$29,300 and is reimbursable through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) grant that the District currently has for the planning portion of this project.

**Board Comment:** Director Davis asked for clarification on the grant funding, and what surveying was already done. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that at the beginning of this project they surveyed all the manholes to get a better idea of the issues overall. It was clarified that this item is additional surveying of the areas between 11th Street and 15th Street. Discussion ensued.

Director Davis asking about the 16th St. Waterline project that went under the railroad tracks. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that with this project they are looking at alternatives to going under the railroad tracks, discussing the options.

Director Sangster asked if the proposed survey would encompass everything outlined in red on attached map. General Manager Kelly Dodds stated that yes and explained that each separate red outline is an area that was identified through survey and videoing and that each of those areas will need to be addressed. General Manager Kelly Dodds when through the different areas and provided comments on questions.

Director Davis asked if the District would be putting a sewer line down Mission St. from 14th. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that if they find an alternate route instead of going under the Railroad, one of those options could be taking that same sewer line from 11th St. all the way down to 15th St., discussion on surveying ensued.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion By:** Rod Smiley

**Second By:** Owen Davis

**Motion:** To Approve Resolution 2026-14

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

**7. Authorize the General Manager to negotiate and purchase two ~20 yard dewatering**

**roll-off containers in an amount not to exceed \$ 48,000 including fund transfer and budget adjustment to be funded by wastewater capital funds. (Approve by 3/5 Vote) (Pg. 148-153)**

- 1) Authorize the General Manager to negotiate the purchase of two ~20 yard dewatering roll-off containers in an amount not to exceed \$48,000 for use at the Machado Wastewater Treatment Facility
- 2) Authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$48,000 to 40-500 and fund transfer in the actual amount expended up to \$48,000 from Wastewater Capital Reserve to Operational Cash.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that upgrade will require the purchase of dewatering roll-off containers to store and haul pressed sludge material from the new sludge handling process. It was explained that initially the roll-off containers will be used for sludge, but long term they will become part of the treatment process. Approval of the attached resolution will allow the General Manager to negotiate a final cost (up to \$48,000) and purchase two dewatering roll-off containers configured for the WWTF. **Board Comment:** Director Sangster asked since we will be using our equipment will this lower the cost with the sludge removal. General Manager Kelly Dodds said that he would look into that.

Director Davis asked questions about the specification of the containers. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that sludge is very heavy, and this would give extra dewatering capabilities, referencing the roll-off brochure.

Director Sangster asked if these would be used in the upgraded treatment plant. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that this is something that we have to purchase and does not come with the plant. Discussion ensued about hauling.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion By:** Rod Smiley

**Second By:** Owen Davis

**Motion:** To Approve Resolution 2026-15

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

**11. Board Comment:**

Director Davis would like to clarification on written public comments. Director Davis stated that there have been letters from people that are not in the District and feels that there needs to be some kind of verification process that the comments are from someone in the District. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that Board Handbook would need to be changed and discussed what the Handbook stated currently and asked clarifying questions. Director Sangster seconded request to add discussion item to a future agenda.

Director Smiley voiced that he was concerned with changes, and discussed the conflict of allowing public to speak in person from out of town, but then not allowing written public comment from people outside the District.

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

At: 8:03 PM

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