



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

Rod Smiley, President      Raynette Gregory, Vice-President  
Berkley Baker, Director      Anthony Kalvans, Director      Owen Davis, Director

### REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS & GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MINUTES

6:00 P.M. Opened Session  
SMCSD Boardroom 09-26-2024

1. **Call to Order:**  
At: 6:01 PM
2. **Roll Call:** *Rod Smiley, Raynette Gregory, Owen Davis, Berkley Baker*  
ABSENT: *Anthony Kalvans*
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda:**  
Director Smiley asked to move item 6 Special Presentations/Public Hearings/Other to San Miguel Community Services District Groundwater Sustainability Agency portion of the agenda.  
*Consensus of the Board it to move item.*
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:**  
Lead by Director Smiley
5. **Public Comment and Communications for items not on the agenda:**  
None
6. **Special Presentations/Public Hearings/Other:**
  1. **20 minute presentation on the background of the PBCC and groundwater basin by Greg Grewal and Murray Powell**  
Receive presentation.  
*Item moved to Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agenda at 8:08 P.M.*  
Greg Grewal a Creston resident and Murray Powell a Templeton resident presented background about the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin for Board consideration.  
Murray Powell a Templeton resident thanked the Board for the time, and asked if all the Directors have received the current PBCC meeting Board Packet, and gave handout to Clerk for disbursement. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that all of the PBCC Board Packets are emailed to the Board of Directors via their District emails.  
Mr. Powell spoke about the MOA; the governing document and that he feels that it is not being followed, and spoke about the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) adopting the original budget, expenditures, and the County becoming the contracting agency. Mr.

Powell also discussed the lack of public outreach, RFP for the rate study, and who was voting for these items.

Greg Grewal a Creston resident thanked the Board for allowing time for this discussion. Mr. Grewal discussed the there are five Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA), and explained that he feels that there are two illegal GSA's participating in the PBCC and gave background on the two GSA's and why he feels that they should not be a GSA. Mr. Grewal discussed the 2024 Agricultural report and that there is an excess of grapes, and that grapes beat out strawberries this year. Mr. Grewal spoke about de minimis users being charged through the proposed rate study, the failed AB2453 and that the County Board of Supervisor, Bruce Gibson was on the LAFCo Board at the time of the approval of the two GSA's and was the applicant for AB2453. Mr. Grewal gave his thoughts on the background of the Paso Basin and feels that there is a group of the same people that are only looking at padding their pockets and not what benefits the Basin as a whole.

**7. Non- District Reports:**

Public Comment: None

**1. San Luis Obispo County Organizations**

Verbal/Report

Commander Manuele Sheriff North Station gave report on calls for service for August 2024. San Miguel's calls where up by 5%. There where 7 calls for service for assault and battery, one person was arrested for battery and one for vandalism to a vehicle. No burglary, or phone scams for August.

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**2. Community Service Organizations**

Verbal

Scott Young President of the San Miguel Firefighters Association (SMFA) explained that they are focusing on the Christmas Parade and are looking for toy donations. The San Miguel Blood Drive was a success and was able to collect around 30 pints of blood.

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**3. Camp Roberts—Army National Guard**

Verbal

None

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

**1. General Manager**

Receive report

General Manager Kelly Dodds provided an update on the Fall Community Clean-Up that was held on September 20th & 21st at the San Miguel Senior Center. Thanking San Miguel Garbage, IWMA, and Bye-Bye Mattresses for participating. Over the two days San Miguel CSD was able to divert waste of 32 Mattresses, half a dump trailer of electronics, three full trash roll-offs, and two full metal roll-offs. The San Miguel Senior Center had a representative there talking to community members about joining. There was also a representative from Science Discovery (who works for IWMA) there talking about recycling and handed out 60 food waste recycling containers.

**Board Comment:** Director Gregory asked if the Fall Clean-up was just for San Miguel residents? General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that it was only advertised for San Miguel residents.

**Public Comment:** None

**2. District Counsel**

Receive verbal report

District General Counsel Pritchard, had nothing to report.

**Board Comment:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**3. District Utilities**

Receive and file

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

**Board Comment:** Director Gregory asked about the increase in pass due water and sewer accounts, and asked for an update on the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF). General Manager Kelly Dodds provided comments on the past due accounts and explained that that he had met with Clean Earth, the company that works with San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) for the HHWF and is working through the permitting process at this time.

Director Davis asked about what kind of storage would be used for the San Miguel HHWF? General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that Clean Earth would be providing a "seatrain" specially designed for protecting the environment from the hazardous waste. Clean Earth will be staffing the HHWF with people that have been trained to accept the waste materials when opened.

Director Davis asked if it would be costing the District any money? Mr. Dodds explained that it should not cost the District any money, unless the District elects to have staff collect the material on off days, also the District would be providing an area to the HHWF seatrain. Discussion ensued.

Director Davis voiced that he does not think it is a good idea and does not want San Miguel to become a dumping site for the rest of the county.

General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that he understands that Director Davis does not want San Miguel to become a dumping site. But expressed that it already is by people dumping all over town and the hope is to divert the waste from being just dumped on the road by having a place that people can bring it to, so that it can be properly disposed of. The success of the Mattress recycling was discussed.

Director Davis expressed that there are lots of places in the County to take paint, oil, and chemicals.

Director Gregory disagreed and explained that if the waste does not have a label on it, it will not be taken through the "take back" program. Director Gregory expressed that San Miguel would be cleaner, because we would be getting that waste out of the District and depositing of it properly.

Director Gregory voiced being in favor of the HHWF.

Director Smiley spoke about the new label rules and is in favor of the HHWF.

**Public Comment:** None

**4. Fire Chief Report**

Receive and File

Fire Chief Scott Young submitted report as written and asked for any questions. Chief Young thanked Commander Manuele for being visible at the San Miguel Cruse Night, and

feels that there were less calls due to the presence of the Sheriff Department.

**Board Comment:** Director Smiley asked about the work being done at the Mission. Chief Young explained that the Firefighters helped remove a large accumulation of brush. Chief Young also spoke about working with the Mission to upgrade some of the Fire alarms.

**Public Comment:** None

**9. Consent Calendar:**

Director Davis asked to have item 9.2 pulled for discussion.

**1. 8-22-2024 Draft San Miguel CSD Board of Directors meeting minutes**

Receive and file

**Motion By:** Berkley Baker

**Second By:** Raynette Gregory

**Motion:** To Approve Item 9.1

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

**2. 2024 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant (VFA) acceptance RESOLUTION 2024-43**

Approve RESOLUTION 2024-43 authorizing the Fire Chief to accept the 2024 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant (VFA) award agreement number 7GF24315 from Cal Fire in matching grant funding in the amount of **\$19,867.70** for the purchase of equipment as described and approved within the grant application.

Total purchases shall not exceed **\$39,735.40**

**Board Comment:** Director Davis asked what the funds would be spent on.

Fire Chief Scott Young explained that this is an annual grant that the San Miguel Fire Department applies for and it is used for radios and turn-out gear.

**Public Comment:** Greg Grewal a Creston resident asked about the "turn-outs" and if they stayed the property of San Miguel Fire.

Director Smiley asked Chief Young to speak about the turn-out gear.

Chief Young explained that all gear is the the property of San Miguel FD, and that they have a 10 year life span. When Firefighters leave we give them their name rocker.

**Motion By:** Raynette Gregory

**Second By:** Berkley Baker

**Motion:** To Approve resolution 2024-43

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

**10. Board Action Items:**

**1. PARTIAL Monthly Financial Reports for August 2024**

Please *Review* the August 2024 SMCSD Financial Reports.

Item was presented by Financial Officer Michelle Hido, August partial financials are pages 69-95. The District is still in the process of finalizing the audit and once the audit is final the financials will be brought back to file.

**Board Comment:** Director Baker asked about page 90 of the financials, Water Systems Consulting with a total of \$41,000 and asked for clarification on the \$1,097.00 for the Paso Basin Cooperative Community (PBCC). General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that it is what the District uses to account for the District engineer spending time on reviewing or working on things for the District in regards to the PBCC.

Director Baker asked what kind of thing where the District Engineer working on? General Manager Kelly Dodds clarified that it would have to look at that invoice, but explained that the District is billed their hourly rate and if they are reviewing things or attending meetings, this is how we class the expense. Director Baker thanked Mr. Dodds for the clarification.

Director Smiley voiced that he spent around 20 minutes talking to the District Auditor on the phone and went over everything; asking questions. Director Smiley explained that the District Auditor was able to answer all the questions to his satisfaction and had a productive conversation.

**Public Comment:** Greg Grewal a Creston resident spoke about staff and who "staff" is/was at the PBCC, and voiced to the Board of Directors that they don't know what is being approved or voted on.

**2. Establishment of a Wastewater Service approved and waiting list. (Receive and File)**

Receive and file the 2024 Wastewater Service approved and waiting list.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds, to establish an approved and an unapproved wastewater waiting list. The District has an Ordinance in place since 2019 that allows the District to establish a list and prioritizes different types of services. The list is established through Section 8 of the Ordinance, and the District is at approximately 75% of its Capacity. At this time the projects that are being proposed within the District will exceed our capacity if they are all built. This item proposes to establish a waiting list; approved and waiting for the projects that are known at this time, so those projects can receive service as it becomes available. Page 97 has a copy of the proposed list, there is 164 homes that are currently on the approved list and there are 311 homes on the waiting list. The proposed expansion of the Wastewater Facility will have a capacity of 325,000 gallons a day and would cover all proposed projects. Discussion ensued with clarification that the list is of current projects and that not all will proceed, and new projects will be added as they apply.

**Board Comment:** Director Gregory asked how the priority list works in regards to connection fees being paid. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that priority is to the ones that have paid the connection fees; for example Tract 3131 has paid all of their fees, and is listed as approved/approved. The rest of the developments on the approved list have been issued a Will Serve letter and are in process. The others on the wait list have a column

for Will Serve expiration dates. Discussion ensued on those developments and Will Serves. Director Davis voiced that with all the units going across the river, wouldn't it be more feasible to put in another treatment plant on the east-side of the river? General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that when this development was proposed, the feasibility of having another treatment facility was looked into. It was found that the State of California is not willing to permit a new treatment plant within close proximity to an existing treatment plant.

**Public Comment:** Greg Grewal a Creston resident spoke that he disagreed with not putting a new treatment facility across the river.

Murray Powell a Templeton resident spoke about the District getting close to capacity, and discussed the wait list. Mr. Powell asked if there was a hold on the number of units that are available right now based on the current treatment facility.

Director Smiley asked if General Manager Kelly Dodds could clarify some questions for Mr. Powell.

General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that based on the attached wait list chart, the 164 homes that are proposed on the list can be served with in our current treatment facility capacity. The others on the waiting list would have to wait for the expansion of the treatment facility.

**Board Comment:** Director Smiley voiced that the City of Paso Robles transports their sewer across the river to the treatment facility, and does not see a reason for another treatment facility.

Greg Grewal a Creston resident spoke out, saying that the City of Paso Robles has been dumps it into the river for the last 135 years.

*Consensus of the Board it to receive and file.*

### 3. **Update on the San Miguel Fire Department Temporary Housing Unit (THU)**

Review update on the Temporary Housing Unit by the Fire Chief and review and approve Resolution 2024-44.

Item presented by Scott Young giving an update on the Housing Unit. Chief Young explained that the Permit was issued on August 22, 2024 and that all the items to get to that point are listed in the report on pages 98-100, and building plans are pages 100-121. Chief Young voiced that the building was changed by the County multiple times from signal family residence to essential services, and now is multi-family on the permit. The essential services standards cost a great deal of time and money. The financial impact for design is detailed on pages 121-122. Some of the cost increase was due to the County planning not coming to the preliminary meeting, the impact of curb, gutter, and sidewalk and what it took to get that waived was lengthy and costly. Discussion ensued on design plans and road impact fees. The road impact fees from the County were around \$6,000, with Chief Young explaining that he tried to fight that but in the end had to pay that fee to the County. It was explained that the final payment to pay the balance to Mobile Home Sales, was made.

Director Gregory asked what the move in date was projected to be. Chief Young explained that he is estimating December or January.

Discussion ensued about the "name", and it never being a Substation, and a discussion on Firefighter personnel ensued. The Sheriff's will be having a place in San Miguel and more of a presence in town.

Director Baker asked for clarification with Chief Young stating that the modular home was paid for. Chief Young explained that the last payment to purchase the home from Mobile Home Sales was made through the escrow account from Holman Capital, and on page 131 there is a summary of expenses.

Director Davis spoke about the Fire Department needing an extension on the lease on the property that is not owned by the District, and asked it to be looked into. Chief Young explained that he needs to finish out the lease that is current, but will work on getting a lease extension set up.

Director Gregory asked when the current lease expires. Chief Young confirmed that the lease expires in May of 2025. Director Gregory expressed that the Board would be more comfortable if there was a new lease set up months ahead of time. Chief Young voiced that he would get that done.

**Public Comment:** Greg Grewal a Creston resident spoke about the cost and the property lease agreement.

**4. 10 year Interfund loan between the Street Lighting fund and Fire fund in an amount of \$80,000 by RESOLUTION 2024-44 (approve by 3/5 vote)**

Review and approve Resolution 2024-44 authorizing an Interfund loan between Street Lighting and Fire for \$80,000 in order to complete the Temporary Housing Unit.

Item presented by Fire Chief Scott Young explained that this item was to get an interfund loan from the Street Lighting Department to the Fire Department to complete the Temporary Housing Unit (THU). The project was started in 2022 with a loan from Holman Capital in the amount of \$335,763.10 (including interest). Chief Young read the staff report a loud, explaining how the permitting process for the THU led to additional requirements and significant time delays which escalated project costs beyond the original loan amount. If approved this interfund loan will not have any impact on rates or services for the Street Lighting Department. Chief Young discussed the strategic plan and the future expansion of the Fire Department, and is planning on having the THU in place for around five years.

**Board Comment:** Director Gregory asked about the eucalyptus trees, and asked if the County will be trimming those trees. Chief Young explained the history of the trees and that the trees would be trimmed.

Director Baker asked if he was correct that the Fire Department is planning on expanding the Fire Station in five years, and wanted to know what would be happening in the next five years to get funding for that expansion. Chief Young explained that the Fire Department applied for a FEMA loan to build out an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). With Congressman Panetta's Office and Senator Laird's support, the Fire Department was able to get a grant application on the floor of the House Appropriations Committee for around 1.2 Million, and that those funds would be used for the first phase of the Fire Department expansion for an EOC.

Director Baker asked why the funds were being proposed from Lighting, discussing the funds available to the Fire Department in the financials, and the reserves available. Chief Young provided comments on having reserves when applying for loans or grants.

General Manager Kelly Dodds clarified for the Directors that the Community Bank of Santa Maria is the escrow account for the Holman loan, and that the funds he was looking at in the July Financials was used for the final purchase for the Modular Home.

Director Baker asked about the loan payback terms. Chief Young provided comments and explained that if the Modular Home is ever sold; the loan would be paid off with those funds.

Director Baker voiced that if the Fire Department has money, which he feels that they do, then they should not be taking funds from a different department.

Financial Officer Michelle Hido clarified that Capital Reserves are earmarked for items and that the Operational Reserves, are dictated by the Districts Reserve Policy. Director Baker asked about the Capital Reserves, and that Fire has around \$221,000 and asked if those funds are already committed. Financial Officer explained that part of those funds are for

payments on loans that the Fire Department has, giving examples of the Fire Engine and the Holman Capital loans to make future payments.

Director Baker commented that the current revenues are not enough for the current obligations. Chief Young explained that those reserves are Capital Expenses and are being paid with Capital Funds. Chief Young responded to question of where the Capital Funds came from.

Director Baker asked about the Cambridge investments for around \$99,000 for the Fire Department. General Manager explained that those funds were in a two year CD maturing in May 2026.

Director Davis spoke about modular home depreciation, and explained that he feels that the Fire Department will not get as much as they think when selling after five years of use. Chief Young responded to questions and provided comment on comparable sales.

**Public Comment:** Greg Grewal a Creston resident spoke about Capital Funds and was not in favor of utilizing the Fire Department staff to go out of town to make payments. Mr. Grewal also spoke about spending "other peoples money" and voiced that modular homes will not resale for much after five years of use.

Director Smiley asked if this item could be tabled to a future meeting. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that it was up to the Board.

Director Smiley voiced that he would like to table the item to the October meeting. Chief Young explained that he would not be available for the October meeting. General Manager Kelly Dodds asked if Director Smiley wanted to table item "as is" or if any of the Directors would like to see any other information on this item. Director Smiley voiced that he would like it to come back "as is".

General Manager Kelly Dodds asked if any other Director had anything else they would like to see for the item when brought back.

Director Davis voiced that he would like to table the item to the December meeting.

General Manager asked if that would be okay with Director Smiley since he wanted to it tabled to the October meeting. Director Smiley confirmed that he would like to table the item to the October Meeting.

Director Gregory asked if it was necessary to wait for the Fire Chief to return, to continue the discussion.

Director Baker seconded Director Davis wanting to table the item to December 2024 Meeting.

Director Gregory seconded Director Smiley wanting to table the item to the October 2024 Meeting.

District General Counsel explained that this is not a formal motion, and explained that if there are two Directors that want to move this to the next meeting that is where it is going to go.

Director Davis voiced that he had a problem with it being moved to the October Meeting, because he asked to move it to December first.

District General Counsel explained that the Board Handbook states that two directors can put an item on any agenda and right now you have two directors that want to place this on the October agenda and two directors that want to put it on the December agenda.

Director Davis asked for clarification on why it would be out on the October agenda, when he asked first.

General Counsel explained that it could be put on both agendas, but October comes first and recommend that it be put on both.

General Manager asked Director Davis if he wanted some other information to be brought back or why he wanted it on December's agenda.

Director Davis voiced that he did not need any other information, and just wanted it on the



December meeting.  
 Discussion ensued about the timeline and agenda policy.  
 Item will be placed on the October and December agendas.

**Motion By:** Raynette Gregory

**Second By:** Rod Smiley

**Motion:** To Approve Resolution 2024-44

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

**5. Review and approve changes to the Board Handbook. (RESOLUTION 2024-45)**

Review and approve RESOLUTION 2024-45 adopting changes to the Board Handbook. Item was presented by District General Counsel Pritchard two changes to Board Handbook, due to direction given to staff at the last Board Meeting. The first change was to add page numbers to the public agendas, and the second item is adding a policy relating to Board Member reprimand.

**Board Comment:** Director Baker asked about the redline version.

Director Gregory asked questions on reprimand policy. Counsel explained that it is the first review, and wanted to have the Directors review the changes. Discussion on the policy ensued.

Director Gregory explained that she would need a redline.

General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the file was mistakenly converted, and the redline did not show. Recommending that the item be tabled to the next meeting for a redline version of the Handbook changes.

**Public Comment:** Greg Grewal a Creston resident spoke about wanting to have a projector for the public to follow along, and did not understand what was being changed.

**Motion By:** Owen Davis

**Second By:** Berkley Baker

**Motion:** To Table Resolution 2024-45 to October 24th with an attached redline version

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

**6. Accept Rose Foundation Grant for \$47,000 (Resolution 2024-46)**

Authorize the General Manager to accept and manage a grant award from the Rose

Foundation to the District in an amount of \$47,000.

Item was presented by General Manager Kelly Dodds explaining that the District applied to the Rose Foundation for the San Miguel CSD Drought Related Water Supply Resiliency Project - Monitoring Improvements. This project will enable the District to install additional metering and real time well monitoring equipment throughout the Districts water system, including wells. It was explained that there is no out of pocket cost to the District.

**Board Comment:** Director Gregory asked about the Rose Foundation and if there were any other strings attached to this grant. General Manager explained that per the Rose Foundation website the Rose Foundation is a charity foundation honoring the legacy of Rose Ratner, a Chicago Community Activist. The Rose Foundation interconnects environmental stewardship, community investment and consumer protection.

Director Gregory asked who is going to received the data collected? General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the data will be the Districts, but that the Rose Foundation will want to make sure that what the District put in is working.

Discussion ensued about the data providing more real time data on the District well levels and what the wells are doing. The District will share that data with the Paso Basin.

Director Gregory asked if the monitoring will only be for the District wells and not private wells. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that to start; it will be for the three District wells and the two monitoring wells at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Once the airport property is developed those wells will be added, because they will be district wells.

Director Baker asked what precisely will the District be monitoring? General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that two things will be monitored; the amount of water pumped to the system and the amount of water that is pumped to waste. Flows will be able to be monitored in real time for the District.

Director Baker asked about installation. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the grants funds will pay for the time that we will need a consultant to integrate it, but that the general installation will be preformed by District staff.

Director Baker asked if the public would have access to this information. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that decision would be up to the Board, but that the information would be provided to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC).

Discussion ensued clarifying that this grant was not a matching grant.

Director Davis asked for clarification on if the District was already monitoring these wells, since there is information provided in the monthly reports. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the District staff goes out monthly to gather that data manually, and clarified that this will provide the equipment to have real time data, twenty-four hours a day.

**Public Comment:** Murray Powell a Templeton resident asked about the number of wells this will be applied to and if the information will be made available to the General Monitoring Group for the Paso Basin.

Greg Grewal a Creston resident spoke about being on the technical advisory committee for the expanded monitoring over the Paso Robles Basin and spoke about water levels through out the community.

Director Smiley asked if Mr. Dodds would clarify for the public.

General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that the grant would cover all three District wells with both flow meters and well sounding equipment. The equipment being installed works with the Districts systems, but is not the same as the County monitoring equipment. The data that we collect today is used at the County as part of their well monitoring, and clarified that this data will not be available to the County 24 hours a day, but will be available to the PBCC via Excel or other format that they can download into their system.

**Motion By:** Berkley Baker

**Second By:** Raynette Gregory

**Motion:** To Approve Resolution 2024-46

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

**Adjourn to the San Miguel Community Services District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA):**

At: 8:07 PM

**11. GSA Board Action Items:**

**1. Update from September 25, 2024 Paso Basin Cooperative Committee meeting**

Discuss action taken at recent PBCC meeting.

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

Director Baker gave an update to the San Miguel Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors. Director Baker explained that he has been shocked on how this has evolved and the cost associated with it. The cost being proposed in the next five years is around 15 Million to 45 Million and the discussion at the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC) meeting was how it was going to be paid for. The proposal is to pay for this is through the Prop 218 process for a rate study and explained that the discussion at the PBCC is just at the beginning with most of the funds going to administrative costs. The other thing discussed at the meeting was the MILR project and that an RFP (Request For Proposal) was approved by "staff" and explained that he would like the General Manager as part of the PBCC staff to bring information for discussion. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that just like the regular CSD RFP's the district staff develop an RFP then the RFP is brought to the Board for review and determine whether or not the Board is comfortable with sending that out for proposals. The way that the PBCC is working when they send out an RFP; per County policy they're asking for the PBCC Board approval to send out the RFP and also to award the contract based on that RFP. General Manager Kelly Dodds clarified that the PBCC Board reviewed the RFP before it went out several months ago, bids were received and the San Miguel's District Engineer, and himself both reviewed the three proposals that were provided. The District's engineer Mr. Reynolds participated in the interviews, and both agreed. At the September 25th PBCC meeting the proposal came back to the PBCC board for approval of the contract, per the County's policies. Mr. Dodds explained that he agreed that there needs to be more interaction, but part of that interaction needs to be that the SMGSA Board needs to read the information and ask questions about that information. Discussion ensued about how the PBCC will evolve in the future, and how the County works as the contracting agency within their policies.

**Board Comment:** Director Gregory asked about the RFP for the MILR program. General Manager explained that the RFP for the MILR program was to develop the MILR program. Discussion ensued on the MILR program process.

Director Gregory voiced that it feels like it has become a big money grab.

Director Baker voiced that he feels like it has become just a big bureaucracy and is just eating up money, with the farmers taking the brunt of it all.

Director Gregory asked if the mechanism was discussed on how they're going to monitor the water through the MILR Program.

Director Baker explained that they have decided to use Evapotranspiration (ET) to satellite vineyards and it can figure out how much water you are using by what is evaporated off your soil. Discussion ensued on the MILR program, ET and the RFP to develop the MILR program.

Director Davis voiced that this is only costing the District money and feels that the District should think about getting out of the PBCC and the MOA.

**Public Comment:** Greg Grewal a Creston resident and Murray Powell a Templeton resident spoke out throughout the discussion. *See video for all information.*

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

At: 8:52 PM

**12. Board Comment:**

Director Gregory invited everyone the Mission San Miguel Fiesta on September 29th from 1pm to 6pm.

Director Smiley reminded everyone that the Pioneer Day are October 19th in Paso Robles with the parade starting at 10 am.

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

**Public Comment:** None

8:54 PM

**1.**

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

**Property:** Assessor's Parcel Numbers 027-011-019 and 027-061-019

**Agency Negotiator:** Kelly Dodds

**Negotiating Parties:** E&J Gallo Winery

**Under Negotiation:** Price and terms of payment for a right of way easement

Discussion

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

Direction was given to staff

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

October 24th, 2024