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#8 Closed Session- 06-11-26 (Please read out loud for public comment)

Dear Board Members
Steinbeck Case-

Raynette Gregory & John Peschong (and others) **should stop suing the community of San Miguel. The residents are paying the legal fees!**

Mrs. Gregory and John Peschong (and others) have been suing San Miguel for over a decade. The public should know their **former VP /President of the CSD Board and the County Supervisor are still suing San Miguel for WATER RIGHTS**. This is a reason for the rate increases to cover legal fees! (said in many meetings and articles over the years)

“The San Miguel CSD recently passed **dramatic water rate increases** on its 851 customers—with **water bills doubling** for some households. **Expenses related to the quiet title litigation have been crippling for the district’s books**, General Manager **Rob Roberson** said.” -New Times SLO article “Defending Pumping” Oct, 22, 2018 (he used to be the Fire Chief and the GM)

Excerpt from San Miguel Advisory Council Meeting March 18 2026 Mrs.Raynette Gregory replies stating she is part of this lawsuit at the public meeting. It is now public knowledge, and should not be withheld when asked about her involvement.. she said **for the record** below -

“Regarding the Steinbeck case:

When the water basin was in a deficit about 15 years ago, the County made a moratorium on any new planting. Farmers in the area fought back by filing a quiet title to protect their water rights. **She joined the class action** with over 800 other litigants; **one of them being Sup. Peschong. The trial is still ongoing.** Today, only 2 defendants left are Paso Robles and **San Miguel.** “

This is a huge cost to the community for 15 years! When will this end? How much more do we have to pay to keep covering this cost? I just honestly think it's wrong to have people in positions of power sucking this small impoverished community dry. It should be on the minds of every community member. **November is coming quickly!** What happens at the end of this lawsuit? What are the possible outcomes? **This is not a personal attack**, I just wonder how long this can continue for a small community to keep footing this **LARGE LEGAL BILL?**

This year alone it was **\$50,000 in legal fees** the community has to pay through their water bills just for this case! How much has this town paid in 15 years? It costs a lot to use water here! So it does affect me and everyone that lives in San Miguel. Please clarify if I have misunderstood any of this, since it has been very hard to get any information about this topic.

Thank you -Shaunna, San Miguel resident