

# San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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### AMENDED MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

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President Robles called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** Directors McKenna, Muns, Nelson, Pierce, Raddatz, Robles, and Woodruff

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** None

**STAFF PRESENT** Fire Chief Lawler, Division Chiefs Durrell and Quinlan, Administrative Officer/Finance Officer Harris, Fire Marshal Newman, and Executive Assistant/Board Clerk Rians.

Director Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Robles informed the Board and meeting attendees that the recent retirements listed under Special Presentations will be presented later this year. By Board Consensus, the agenda was approved.

*The Agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2024, was posted at District Headquarters on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

2.1 Multiple citizens were present to speak on Information Agenda Item 2.1 - Jamacha Sleeping Cabins Project

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Bennett MacDonald, representing the Prop E Committee, presented the Committee's compliance findings to the Board.
- Michaela Peters, Local Government Analyst from LAFCO, provided a presentation on Property Tax Exchange to the Board.
- ~~San Miguel Leadership will acknowledge recent retirements.~~

#### 1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon a motion by Director McKenna, second by Director Pierce, and vote (unanimously in favor), the Consent Agenda was approved.

1.1 Approval of the Minutes - Regular Meeting of April 10, 2024.

1.2 Approval of Board Member Stipends.

#### 2. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

2.2 Jamacha Sleeping Cabins Project

Lacrecia Randell, Ricky Traughber, Danielle Gilmeur, Bonnie Baranodd, Angelica Mendoza, Marco Lopez, Gray Palmetter, Scott Anderson, Jules Marashulo, Gil Chavez, Hollie Pierce, John Canelly,

Victoria Chavez, Angelica Camargo, and Miguel Torres addressed the Board regarding the County of San Diego's proposed sleeping cabins project off Jamacha Road. President Robles provided a timeline update of what we know so far regarding this County project.

***President Robles called an intermission from 6:48 – 7:07 p.m.***

- 2.3 Station 18 Update – Division Chief Quinlan provided an update on the progress of new Station 18. Chief Lawler took a moment to acknowledge all of Chief Quinlan's work, as this is Quinlan's last board meeting before his retirement in early June.
- 2.4 Fire Prevention Update – Fire Marshal Newman provided an update on work being completed by the Fire Prevention Bureau.

**3. ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**

- 3.1 Public Hearing 1 of 1 pertaining to Resolution 24-08 – The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing and may adopt Resolution 24-08, which affirms participation in the County of San Diego Fire Mitigation Fee Program and adopts a Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2024-25.  
*President Robles opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m. With no one requesting to comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.*  
*Upon a motion by Director Nelson, second by Director Woodruff, and vote (unanimously in favor), Resolution 24-08 was approved.*
- 3.2 Public Hearing 1 of 2 and First Reading pertaining to Ordinance 24-01 – The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing regarding the Proposed Fire Prevention Fee Schedule Update.  
*President Robles called for a motion to waive reading of Ordinance 24-01, and to introduce by title only.*  
*Upon a motion by Director McKenna, second by Director Raddatz, and vote (unanimously in favor), Ordinance 24-01 was introduced by title only.*  
*President Robles opened the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m. With no one requesting to comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.*  
*Upon a motion by Director Raddatz, second by Director Woodruff, and vote (unanimously in favor), Public Hearing 2 of 2 pertaining to Ordinance 24-01 is ordered to be held at the next regular Board meeting of June 12, 2024.*
- 3.3 Resolution 24-09 & 24-16 – The Board Directors will consider adopting Resolutions 24-09 and 24-16, allowing the District to participate in the County of San Diego's Neighborhood Reinvestment and Community Enhancement Programs.  
*Upon a motion by Director Pierce, second by Director Nelson, and vote (unanimously in favor), Resolutions 24-09 and 24-16 were approved.*
- 3.4 Special Benefit Tax Assessment
  - 3.4.1 Resolution 24-10 – The Board of Directors will consider adopting Resolution 24-10, Ordering the Levy of the Special Benefit Tax for Fire Suppression and Emergency Services (Crest Area) for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.  
*Upon a motion by Director Raddatz, second by Director Pierce, and vote (unanimously in favor), Resolution 24-10 was approved.*
  - 3.4.2 Resolution 24-11 – The Board of Directors will consider adopting Resolution 24-11, Ordering the Levy of the Special Benefit Tax for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services (Bostonia Area) for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

- Upon a motion by Director Muns, second by Director Nelson, and vote (unanimously in favor), Resolution 24-11 was approved.
- 3.4.3 Resolution 24-12 – The Board of Directors will consider adopting Resolution 24-12, Ordering the Levy of the Special Benefit Tax for the Provision of Advanced Life Support (Paramedic/Firefighter – Crest and Bostonia Area) Engines for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.  
Upon a motion by Director Nelson, second by Director Muns, and vote (unanimously in favor), Resolution 24-12 was approved.
- 3.4.4 Resolution 24-13 – The Board of Directors will consider adopting Resolution 24-13, Ordering the Levy of the Special Tax for Fire Suppression, Protection and Emergency Medical Response Services (Proposition E - Crest and Bostonia Area) for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.  
Upon a motion by Director Muns, second by Director Woodruff, and vote (unanimously in favor), Resolution 24-13 was approved.
- 3.5 CFD Annexations—The Board of Directors will consider adopting Resolutions declaring intent to annex properties into the existing CFD 2022-1.
- 3.5.1 CFD 2022-1 Annexation 2, Parcel 584-440-66-00, Resolution 24-14  
Upon a motion by Director Muns, second by Director Pierce, and vote (unanimously in favor), Resolution 24-14 was approved.
- 3.5.2 CFD 2022-1 Annexation 3, Parcel 483-101-08-00, Resolution 24-15  
Upon a motion by Director Muns, second by Director Raddatz, and vote (unanimously in favor), Resolution 24-15 was approved.

## 4. REPORTS

### 4.1 Committee Reports

Director Nelson shared that the Finance Committee reviewed the Fire Prevention Fees brought forward as Action Item 3.2 tonight and that this fee schedule gets the Fire Prevention Bureau closer to being cost-neutral.

Director Pierce shared that the Government Affairs Committee has been working on engaging with elected officials and recently met with Supervisor Anderson's office.

Director McKenna spoke on behalf of the Board Policy Committee, sharing that the Committee is in the final stages of policy updates, which they hope to present at the next meeting.

Director Robles echoed the updates from the Government Affairs and Policy Committee. He also hopes to bring the land acknowledgment item forward at a future meeting.

### 4.2 Directors' Reports

Director Pierce reported a successful Spring Valley Day with approximately 3,000 people attending, thanking San Miguel for participating and flying the American flag on the aerial ladder.

Director McKenna discussed weed abatement on private roadways neighboring San Miguel jurisdiction. Fire Marshal Newman stated he would address the issue at the monthly Fire Marshal meeting.

### 4.3 Fire Chief Report

*See Attachment A*

Fire Chief Lawler requested consensus from the Board to send a board member to attend Legislative Days next month. Director Robles will attend with Chief Lawler and other District personnel.

### 4.4 Association of San Miguel Chief Officers Communications

Battalion Chief Nick Nava spoke on behalf of Chief Christiansen. The annual County Wildland Drill took place last week, with several chief officers and personnel participating. Nava shared that Chief Officers have been attending higher-level instructor classes. Captain Lundstrom, who handles the Reserve Firefighter program, had 12 recruits graduate from the Reserve Academy. The District and Santee are conducting a joint Firefighter Paramedic Academy, with 3 recruits attending from San Miguel – they are currently about halfway through the 5-week academy. The Captain’s Academy is in the planning stages, and Chief Nava also spoke about a few recent significant incidents.

**4.5 Association of San Miguel Firefighters Communications**

Captain Mike Hays shared that Local 1434 conducted an orientation for new-hire Firefighter Paramedics and will hold a workshop in June. Hays will be participating in Legislative Days, and Local 1434 has written support letters for San Miguel seeking funding from elected officials. The annual golf tournament is coming up May 29, the Santee Softball Classic is happening May 30-31, and the Local has coordinated a group Padres game on June 9. Captain Hays congratulated Chief Quinlan on his upcoming retirement.

**4.6 Correspondence – None.**

***President Robles adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 7:56 p.m.***

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

**5.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator (GOV §54957.6)**

Agency Negotiators: Directors McKenna, Muns, Robles, & Attorney Joseph Sanchez  
Employee Organization: Association of San Miguel Firefighters IAFF Local 1434

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Unrepresented Employees: Division Chief, Deputy Fire Marshal, Administrative Officer/Finance Officer, Administrative Analyst, Human Resources Specialist, Accounting Specialist, Administrative Assistant, Fire Inspector(s), Fire Services Officer

***President Robles reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 8:23 p.m.***


**ACTION PLAN RECAP**

- Michaela Peters of LAFCO to research District consolidations and tax rates
- Staff to schedule and publish notice of Public Hearing and Reading 2 of 2 pertaining to Ordinance 24-01, Fire Prevention Fee Schedule Update
- Directors to provide input on the FDAC white paper that discusses funding challenges for Fire Districts provided by Chief Lawler – due next Board Meeting
- Staff to coordinate Director Robles’ participation in Legislative Days

*The next Board Meeting will be a Regular Meeting on **June 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**, District Headquarters.*

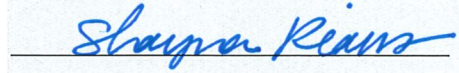
***President Robles adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.***

Minutes approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District, on June 12, 2024.



Jesse A. Robles, Board President

Attest:



Shayna Rians, Board Clerk

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

June 12, 2024

**STAFF INVOLVEMENT**

- Chief Durrell, Captain Burkard, and Fire Services Officer Camarena traveled to the Firetrucks Unlimited facility for an apparatus refurbishment update in Henderson, NV.
- AO/FO Harris, BC Riley, and Executive Assistant/Board Clerk Rians attended the CSDA dinner in San Diego.
- BOD President Robles, Chief Lawler, Battalion Chief Nava, and Captain Hays attended CSDA Legislative Days in Sacramento (Nine meetings attended).
- Chiefs Quinlan and Chief Riley attended a station design conference in Glendale, AZ.
- Fire Marshal Newman, Firewise Bried, Crest Community Assoc, 5/16/2024, Crest, CA, Joint presentation with Cal Fire on how to become a Firewise Community.
- FM Newman, Private Road Sinkhole Access Meeting, 5/30/2024, El Cajon, CA, Met with County Parks to coordinate access to obstructed homes during sinkhole repair.

**IMPORTANT LEGISLATION**

**H.R 7525** (Special Districts Grant Accessibility Act) -Cleared Accountability Committee 38-2. Special Districts to be federally recognized. Waiting for House floor vote.

**S.B. 1164** Property Taxation-New Construction Exclusion-Accessory Dwelling Units. Exempts the construction of an ADU from being classified as "newly constructed" or "new construction" for the purposes of property taxation if the unit's construction is finalized on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2030.

**POLITICAL PARTNERSHIPS**

- Consistently meeting with Chairwoman Vargas and staff, specific to sleeping cabins.
- Congressman ISSA released his support of the \$2.8 million request for Station 18, which sits with House Appropriations and is 90% completed. Over 60 projects were submitted, and 15 moved forward.
- Congresswoman Jacobs released her support of the request for \$1,075,000 for a new Type I engine, which sits with House Appropriations 90% completed. Over 50 projects were submitted, and 15 moved forward.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- **May 19** - Boy Scout Troop visit to Station 22
- **May 22** - Operation Survival at Cuyamaca College. This event allowed high school students to receive hands-on experience with first responder skills. The district hosted a booth with sidewalk CPR and a ropes & knots station where we taught students basic knots used for rescue procedures as well as hoisting tools aloft. Students ranged from juniors to seniors from multiple high schools including El Capitan, Valhalla, and Granite Hills. This inaugural event exposed students to possible career paths after high school. We were able to promote our Reserve Firefighter and Explorer programs during the event.

**OTHER**

- Board – Requesting letter of support for AB 7525
- FDAC white paper (Fire District funding challenges) authored by FDAC, CAL Chiefs, League of Cities. Requesting Board edits for FDAC committee. Requesting the Board edits.