

**SAN MIGUEL CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

AMENDED MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026 - 5:30 P.M.

Board President Muns called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Fire Chief Lawler, Legal Counsel Merewitz, Deputy Chiefs Durrell and Riley, Division Chief Lieberman, Battalion Chief Carroll, Administrative Officer/Finance Officer Harris, Fire Marshal Newman, and Executive Assistant/Board Clerk Rians.

Director Muns led the Pledge of Allegiance

At the request of Director Robles, President Muns led the Board in a moment of silence in honor of Bonnie Velasquez Bartucca, wife of Captain Joe Bartucca, who passed away last week.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Board Consensus, the agenda was approved.

The Agenda for the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2026, was posted at District Headquarters on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Property Owner Sam Attisha addressed the Board regarding weed abatement.

1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Approval of the Minutes – Regular Meeting of June 10, 2026

1.2 Quarterly Information Technology Access Log Review

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

2. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Legal Counsel Merewitz reported that the "Guardrails Meetings" had been conducted to inform Board Members of legal restrictions and campaign activities related to the Protect San Diego County's Health and Safety Act. He advised that the Board may hold one open and public meeting to discuss the Act. The Board provided no direction to staff to schedule such a meeting at this time.

3. ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 Approval of Director Stipends to include one-time Guardrails Meeting and one-time SB 827 Training.

Upon a motion by Director Muns, second by Director Raddatz, and vote (unanimously in favor), Director Stipends were approved.

3.2 California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Election Ballot – Term 2027-2029; Seat C – Southern Network.

No action taken.

- 3.3 Resolution 26-30 Confirming Weed Abatement Costs and Ordering the Collection of Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

Director McKenna moved to adopt the Resolution as presented, with the caveat that Chief Lawler, Director McKenna, Fire Inspector Newman, and Fire Prevention Services meet with property owner Mr. Attisha to address his concerns regarding weed abatement charges, allowing time for an Amendment F to be filed with the County Assessor, if necessary. Upon a second by Director Pierce and vote (unanimously in favor), Resolution 26-30 was adopted.

- 3.4 Board Policy Manual Investment Policy Approval.

Upon a motion by Director Nelson, second by Director Muns, and vote (Directors McKenna, Muns, Nelson, Pierce, Raddatz and Woodruff voting in favor, Director Robles opposed), the Board Policy Manual Investment Policy was approved.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Committee Reports

Director Robles reported that the Finance Committee will be reviewing the Board Policy Manual Investment Policy following tonight's discussion of Action Item 3.4.

4.2 Directors' Reports

Director Nelson reported that construction of Station 18 is progressing well. He recently visited the site while the warning lights to stop cross-traffic were being installed.

4.3 Fire Chief Report – **SEE ATTACHMENT A**

Chief Lawler also reported on the District's designation as a Fire Risk Reduction Community.

4.4 Association of San Miguel Chief Officers Communications

Battalion Chief Nava reported that the COA has been participating in multi-unit training with engine companies in preparation for fire season. He also reported that a 12-module Battalion Chief curriculum has been developed as part of the District's Master Plan to coach and mentor Captains, enhance leadership development, and improve communication and consistency across shifts.

4.5 Association of San Miguel Firefighters Communications

Captain Hays reported that this year's annual golf tournament was a success. He also shared that Local 1434 is supporting Captain Joe Bartucca following the passing of his wife.

4.6 Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen, and Helpers Local No. 542 Communications

Inspector Israels reported that Inspector Lyons staffed a booth at the Crest Fourth of July Parade, providing fire prevention information to attendees. He also noted that Fire Prevention staff is proud of the District's designation as a Fire Risk Reduction Community and that the designation complements the education provided during Assembly Bill 38 inspections regarding fire hazard zones and risk reduction.

4.7 Correspondence

Chief Lawler shared correspondence from the San Diego County Registrar of Voters thanking the District for hosting a ballot drop box at Headquarters, as well as a note from a resident expressing appreciation for Engine 21 responding to an early-morning call without the use of sirens.

5. CLOSED SESSION

5.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code §54957.6)

Agency Negotiators: Attorney Joseph Sanchez, Director McKenna, and Director Muns

5.1.1 Employee Organization: Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers Local No. 542

5.1.2 Unrepresented Employees: Fire Marshal and Administrative Officer/Finance Officer

Board President Muns adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 7:09 p.m. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:19 p.m., with no reportable action taken.

ACTION PLAN RECAP

- Team to meet with property owner Mr. Attisha to address his concerns regarding weed abatement charges discussed during Action Agenda Item 3.3.

*The next Board Meeting will be a Regular Meeting on **Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**, District Headquarters.*

President Muns adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District, on August 12, 2026.



Harry Muns, Board President

Attest:



Shayna Rians, Board Clerk