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PRESS RELEASE

San Miguel Community Services District Director Receives Certification in Special District Governance



San Miguel, March 2023: At a recent San Miguel Community Services District Board Meeting, Director Anthony Kalvans was recognized by District Staff for completing the California Special District Associations "Certificate in Special District Governance". The coursework to achieve this Certification included strategic planning, water resources, government finances, and risk management. Kalvans

started CSDA trainings soon as he was elected to the Board and pursued the Certification in November 2022. During his training, Director Kalvans completed over 14 separate courses, and continues to further his Special District education for the benefit of San Miguel. Thanks in part to his CSDA training, Kalvans was able to get San Miguel CSD recognized by national planning organization Strong Towns in 2020.

"I have used my years of training to support the development of San Miguel CSD's first strategic plan, updates to water and sewer master plans, and efforts to support the community." Kalvans' noted. He also encourages other Board Members of Special Districts to achieve this Certification and said *"This is a great program as Board Members should always learn new things and it helps reduce the amount of money a CSD pays in insurance premiums. Many of the courses are free to CSDA members and there are also grants available that make attending in person free."*

Kalvans is the second person from San Luis Obispo County's Special Districts to receive the Certification. Certifications like these saved the San Miguel CSD over \$3,000 this year in insurance premiums. For a full list of Certificate recipients please visit <https://members.csda.net/imis1/recog>