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**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 4.B.  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:46:16 AM

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Agenda Item 4B

Members of the CCSD Board of Directors:

We urge the entire Board to embrace the document prepared by CCSD Staff, and move forward with the SWF permit process. Cambria residents need to know that our water needs will be met. Let's make use, on a regular and efficient schedule (with any recommended modifications,) of the system already in place.

Thank you for your continuing efforts in resolving this intricate issue.

Sincerely,

Ginny Aitkens

Gregory Aitkens

Full-time Residents, Cambria, CA

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Ph.D.

24 June 2020

Board of Directors  
Cambria Community Services District  
Cambria, CA  
via email

re: CCSD Agenda, 25 June 2020, Item 4.B.

Dear Directors:

I send you my deep sympathy. You are confronted once again with a draft project description for the next stage of the Emergency Water Supply project, one element of which is the Advanced Water Treatment Plant. Your approval of the project description is prerequisite to completing the application for the Coastal Development Project.

Your special meeting takes place as COVID-19 expands across the nation and now in San Luis Obispo County and Cambria. The vulnerability of millions of people to brutality in so many forms becomes more obvious every day. Racist actions in Atascadero are a theme, not isolated incidents (article by Cassandra Garibay, Tribune, 6/24/2020, p. 1). Daily we learn of dramatic changes in the climate patterns across Earth. Vehicles raise the level of CO<sub>2</sub> increasingly and in the process run over deer and Western Snowy Plover. Right here in SLO County their habitats are made more vulnerable and destroyed. That brings us full circle to the expansion of sites for viruses.

In the midst of this you receive the latest draft of the project description and are asked to tell the staff “to submit it.” What’s to grieve?

The substantive change of the Emergency Water Supply plant (given emergency approval in 2014) to Sustainable Water Facility has never been presented to you for official action.

A Resolution to approve a Project Description for the permanent standing of an Emergency Water Supply plant is not before you. Today you are asked to “review the draft project description for the Sustainable Water Facility (SWF) and direct staff to process submittal” [p. 5]. This vague wording is all too usual in Agenda items that come before you. For example, what does “process submittal” involve, and what are its consequences?

**1. A completed initial instream flow study must be done before you approve the Project Description or ask the staff to submit it.**

The instream flow study must determine whether additional environmental degradation will be done to San Simeon Creek and environs by this plant. Whether CCSD is making the Emergency Water Facility permanent or instituting a “Sustainable Water Facility” with the additional major purpose of processing water to serve 612 more customers in Cambria, the instream flow study is essential. This is not a call for algorithms charming in their only somewhat relevant complexity. The

instream flow study is an actual study and monitoring to get base data throughout the seasons for at least one whole year.

The day after the meeting of the CCSD Board of Directors on 22 April 2010, I wrote to the Board and said, "Finally, I believe you do not yet pay significant attention to the environmental review of CCSD activities."

Now a decade later, I ask. Why has the instream flow study of San Simeon Creek water withdrawal by CCSD still not been done? Only one mention is made of the instream flow study in the draft of the Project Description before you; it is in the final paragraph.

An instream flow study of San Simeon Creek is tentatively scheduled for completion in the Summer of 2020. This study will build from and better inform the Adaptive Management Plan and ensure that the operation of the SWF will not adversely impact existing ESHA and riparian resources [p. 23].

The draft Project Description gives neither a specific description of the instream flow study nor why it is only tentatively scheduled.

In the staff discussion of this item today, we read,

In order to provide technical support for our CDP application, staff is currently generating a scope of work for an in-stream flow study to address any data gaps regarding potential project impacts to coastal resources. The in-stream flow study will build off and more fully inform the Adaptive Management Plan. Staff is coordinating with our environmental consultants, Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) consultants, County of San Luis Obispo Planning Department staff and California Coastal Commission staff to prepare a useful study that would address these concerns. As we obtain updated data, some elements of the Project Description may need to be modified, but the current draft of the Project Description is sufficient to submit with our application for a CDP [p. 6].

I emphasize this: "...staff is currently generating a scope of work for an in-stream flow study to address any data gaps regarding potential project impacts to coastal resources." Not only has the study not even been started. The scope of the study has not yet been determined.

That's not all. The claim is then made that "As we obtain updated data, some elements of the Project Description may need to be modified, but the current draft of the Project Description is sufficient to submit with our application for a CDP" [p. 6]. How was it determined that gaps are present in whatever data are in hand? How was it determined that this draft Project Description is nonetheless sufficient?

Again and again over the years we have heard that the drafting of the Project Description is underway, will be done in a few months, needs only a little more consulting. Now we learn that "As we obtain updated data, some elements of the Project Description may need to be modified...."

**Because of these serious problems with the current draft of this Project Description, I urge you to table this draft Project Description until it is in its final form.** Please do not take any other action on this project until its nature, foundation, and sufficiency are explicitly and completely stated and supported with evidence.

## **2. The Buildout Reduction Program must be approved and funded before you submit a Project Description of water service for 665 new houses in Cambria.**

The Board of Directors of CCSD must consider seriously whether previous decisions by earlier Board of Directors should still be considered binding. In particular, should the maximum allowed 4650 units stipulated in the Water Master Plan still be the official standard?

On 14 Dec. 2017 the Board of Directors received the report from the BUILDOUT REDUCTION PROGRAM CITIZENS' COMMITTEE. No action was scheduled or taken on the report. This was two and a half years ago.

<https://www.cambriacsd.org/files/036f605c8/2017+12+14+Amended+%26+Approved+Regular+Meeting+Minutes.pdf>To date you have only received the report on the BRP.

The Buildout Reduction Program is an integral part of the Water Master Plan, approved by the CCSD Board of Directors in 2004. Other elements of that Plan have been changed by Board of Director action since the Plan was initially approved. That includes baseline water usage for the district; the Cambrian article captures some of the flurry.

<https://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/community/cambrian/article39198738.html>

But the Buildout Reduction Program still stands. Before you agree that this Emergency Water Supply Plant must now be permitted to serve 4,650 metered customers, you must decide officially how the CCSD will in fact limit the Buildout to stay within that number. This is a decision about official actions, not intention. It is a decision calling for fiscal responsibility. The vague threat about “We’ll get sued if we don’t let them build” is growing more tediously repetitive but with no increase in legal plausibility.

In the sixteen years since the Water Master Plan, the murmurings about climate change have grown in volume to a double forte, global chorus about the climate crisis. I have frequently spoken at your public meetings about this and have written to you too. Thus I will not elaborate here why the CCSD should no longer be planning for at least 665 more homes in Cambria. In case you do not recall my reasons, I attach at the end of this letter the comments I made at the open meeting of the CCSD Standing Committee on Resources and Infrastructure in July 2019 addressing this water plant issue.

As I said above and repeat again, **because of this second set of serious problems with the current draft of this Project Description, I urge you to table this draft Project Description until it is in its final form.** Please do not again take action on this project until its nature, foundation, and sufficiency are explicitly and completely stated and supported with evidence.

## **3. The Brine disposal problem must be described and projected according to variables of season, amount of water treated, chemistry of water withdrawn for treatment, where it will be dumped, etc.**

The brine problem created by the proposed permanent EWS or SWF plant has trundled along month after month, year after year, often chanting, AMP, AMP, AMP.

The discussion of it in this Project Description is hardly solid. But many comments have been made over the years about this problem. **Because the CCSD has no reliable projection for the disposal of brine from the plant, please table this draft Project Description.**

**4. Please table this item, because the Fiscal Impact description in the Staff report today is embarrassing.** I will not attach my budget analyses of the AWTP/EWS since spring of 2014. They are in the CCSD records. Please do not pretend that the Fiscal Impact at issue pertains simply to preparation of the Agenda.

In conclusion, from 1988 to the end of last month, CCSD withdrew 22,212 acre feet of water from Santa Rosa Creek and San Simeon Creek.

Imagine the 437 acre Fiscalini Ranch Preserve as a flat space with tall walls and solid bottom for one moment. If the water taken from the creeks over these years were spilled into the Preserve, the entire ranch would be covered with 51 feet of water. 51 feet is the height of the top of the eagle now on the flag pole at the Veterans Hall. Of course, it would be higher than 51 feet, because the Monterey Pine and Coastal Oaks, the deer and hawks, the mushrooms and columbine, and all the rest of the forest and grasses would displace some of the water.

Please

- complete an adequate instream flow study before CCSD withdraws another 7,237,802,412 gallons of water, threatening the well-being of creatures great and small.
- make the decisions about the Buildout Reduction Plan before laying a path for housing construction from Cambria's East Village to San Simeon Pier. That's 665 new house customers x 70 ft. lot length divided by 5, 280 feet= 8.8 miles.
- come clean with the brine disposal options with documentation of cost , option selected, and reasons.
- take another run at budgets for an Emergency Water Supply plant and a Sustainable Water Facility each projected over ten years. Do not stow away the Administrative Cost Allocation.

Thank you for your public service in these turbulent times.

Sincerely,

[Elizabeth Bettenhausen](#)

cc: interested parties

## **Regarding the CCSD Application for a Regular Coastal Development Permit for the Emergency Water Supply plant and the process CCSD chooses in completing that application**

presented to CCSD Standing Committee on Resources and Infrastructure 23 July 2019

by Elizabeth Bettenhausen

The Final Program-Level EIR for the CCSD Water Master Plan was certified by the CCSD Board of Directors on August 21, 2008, more than a decade ago.

Careful attention to climate change is not in this Water Master Plan. It's not mentioned at all. The WMP envisioning of the future assumed that the quality of human life desired by some members of the community could and should be readily achieved. Treating water, land, and air primarily as resources to be controlled by technology was assumed to be a wise course of action. Now we realize that water, land, and air are not simply resources. We are totally dependent on their condition in ways we've not understood before. We are also responsible for their condition in ways we had not known or acknowledged before.

Global warming as an element in climate change requires urgently that we change assumptions we've held for centuries. As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change stated several months ago,

Temperature rise to date has already resulted in profound alterations to human and natural systems, including increases in droughts, floods, and some other types of extreme weather; sea level rise; and biodiversity loss – these changes are causing unprecedented risks to vulnerable persons and populations (IPCC, 2012a, 2014a; Mysiak et al., 2016; Chapter 3 Sections 3.4.5–3.4.13).

[https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/sites/2/2019/05/SR15\\_Chapter1\\_Low\\_Res.pdf](https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/sites/2/2019/05/SR15_Chapter1_Low_Res.pdf)

A debate is going on among geologists as to whether a new geological age began about two centuries ago, due to humans' actions. The description of the anthropocene epoch points to issues in climate change, as well as others.

“The global changes attributed to the anthropocene include global warming due to increased gas emissions and melting of the cryosphere, acidification of the oceans and interruption of the erosion and depositional sedimentary cycles due to land-use changes (e.g., deforestation) and dam-building, spread of agriculture and urbanization, and human interference in the carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorous cycles. Decrease in biodiversity due to habitat loss and increase in extinction rates are also included in a possible definition of the proposed anthropocene. The original proposal by Crutzen and Stoermer [2000] was that human effects are equal to or greater than natural processes on the planet’s biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and cryosphere.” (p. 235 of *A Brief History of Geology* by Kieran D. O’Hara (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

The process for analyzing current actions must include economic, political, and moral questions involved in careful environmental analysis. The anthropocene epoch producing climate change is not simply a scientific question of a mythical objectivity.

A tour of the AWTP explores the use of plastic, for example. What is the place of plastic in our lives here in this public service utility, and what are the costs and benefits? Understanding electricity has grown much more complex as we attend to production, use, and effects of all that involves.

The tourism industry is also a development less than 200 years old but with huge impact on “the planet’s biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and cryosphere.” The history of nanotechnology is relatively short. But nanotechnology shows up in so many ways in CCSD, from finding adequate and appropriate software programs to monitoring the process of reverse osmosis and so much more. CCSD in 1976, 2007, and 2019 interprets and interacts with the world in ways that change rapidly and dramatically.

The need for water and sewage disposal grows more complex. The judgment of need is a moral, political, and economic matter in the context of ecological integrity. The Anthropocene epoch and grave effects of it now must take that context into account in policy decisions.

For CCSD that means using more than rhetorical in words for ecological study. In the process chosen for analysis of the next steps in the application for the regular coastal development permit (RCDP), will the now out-dated assumptions about air, water, and land continue to be used? Will we assume that the technological manipulation of elements of air, water, and land are self-justifying because the interests of the majority of the decision makers have so been served?

Might we instead address the assumption that land ownership entails water rights? How about the assumption that conservation is primarily a response to drought, placing surcharges on water use and raising the rates, rather than an environmentally wise course of action? The effects of our action on the condition of the planet take second place to an assumption about the resources being unlimited in meeting need as powerful humans in affluent but class-defined community construe it.

The Environmental analysis that has accompanied the CCSD's planning and policy-setting process has been construed as not required but provided nonetheless. It is a matter of deflecting possible decisions "adverse" to the CCSD's interests. The plant is described as improving the environmental condition of the San Simeon Creek watershed, one of those rhetorical claims with only mathematical backup grounded in algorithms developed without serious attention to ecological reality.

What process should the CCSD use in coming to terms with climate change and how we add to it or don't? You have heard me ask for more substantive discussions by the CCSD Board of Directors in setting policy for the district. I do this not out of academic bias but because we are dealing with life and death matters. Trustworthy conversation is urgently needed.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** comments for June 25, 2020 meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 7:34:44 PM

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June 24, 2020

To: The Board of Directors, Cambria Community Services District  
Re: Special Meeting, June 25, 2020--Agenda item 4-B: CDP progress report and project description for Sustainable Water Facility

My name is Debbie Black. I have owned property on Bradford Road for 21 years.

I commend staff for a comprehensive report for permitting of the Sustainable Water Facility. I'm pleased that the report addresses (among many other things) recharging of San Simeon Creek aquifer, minimizing environmental impacts, maintenance of a consistent water supply, and state-of-the-art indirect potable reuse.

It's good that careful consideration has been given for specific project scope and description—that should allay some people's fear of rampant growth, as the limit of 4,650 residential hookups is consistent with the CCSD's 2008 Water Master Plan.

I support staff's recommendations, and I hope the Board votes to process the submittal for the Coastal Development Permit.

Thank you for sharing the meeting with the community via Zoom. I'll be there.

Best Regards,

Debbie Black

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** For June 25, 2020 Special Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:29:58 PM

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We are Cambrians who have lived through over 35 years of water insecurity. It is important to us and in our view the successful future of the entire community that we have a permanently permitted supplemental source of water in the event of an extended drought. We have seen such a drought several times before and because of the accelerating pace of global warming may well see more than one multi-year drought in our lifetimes. We must protect this community from that prospect.

We are also facing future wildfire risks for which we need additional reserve water supplies. The SWF will help alleviate severe shortages during those draught events.

We are looking to your Board to provide the water security we need to maintain Cambria as a viable, livable community. Thank you for your continuing efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,

Arthur Chapman  
Trudy Chapman

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Haley Dodson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Agenda Item 4B, June 25, CCSD Board meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:47:05 PM

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Hi Haley,

Please retain my written comments for public record.

Thanks,  
Tina Dickason

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**From:** Tina Dickason [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 25, 2020 at 1:30 PM  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 4B, June 25, CCSD Board meeting  
**To:** Harry Farmer [REDACTED], Cindy Steidel [REDACTED], Donn Howell [REDACTED], David Pierson [REDACTED], Amanda Rice [REDACTED], <[board@cambriacsd.org](mailto:board@cambriacsd.org)>

Good day, CCSD Board directors!

What you have before you today in the Draft CDP/Project Description for the water facility is, in my opinion, a very poorly written document, lacking in clarity, incredibly vague, flawed, and fails to address important issues related to the LCP. The document is an embarrassment! Again, we have another rush to judgment by the CCSD, in an ill-prepared document that does not address critical areas of importance that this Draft CDP deserves.

The Draft CDP fails to address concerns raised by Coastal staff on numerous occasions, with the most recent to my knowledge, from Mr. Tom Luster on May 15, related to ESHA, Instream Flow Study, plans for possible re-purposing of the decommissioned brine pond, etc. Issues have also been raised related to the 5-year TMDL report for the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). These all need to be explained, along with other issues that I, and many others have provided comments, in the past to the CCSD as well as State regulatory agencies, who have provided their input on this project, (or should I say **projects?**). These concerns, among many others, need to be addressed **prior to submitting to the County**, and I therefore **request this item be tabled** until all issues of concern have been addressed, in order for the process to be far less complicated and be resolved as smoothly as possible as well as avoid further expense.

The Project Modifications related to Brine Storage Tanks and Off-site Hauling, are problematic to say the least. How does the Cambria community begin to afford the

costs involved with trucking 50,000 gallons per day (gpd) to SLO South Sanitation District, (73 miles south of Cambria) or to Kettleman City, (approx. 90 miles east of Cambria, via Hwy. 46). No EIR was ever performed for trucking to these facilities, which would create significant environmental and safety issues related to pollution, noise, potential spillage, in addition to traffic issues en route back and forth to both of these plants from San Simeon Creek Rd.

**The public has not been given an opportunity to comment** on the Draft CDP, prior to staff's recommended submittal to County Planning, with the exception of 3 minutes in a CCSD Zoom meeting to be held today, and/or writing to the Board, prior to the meeting (the agenda was posted Friday, June 19, 2020). This is an insult to Cambrians, who have endured the past six and a half years of excessive rate increases, primarily to pay for the never-ending costs associated with the project--or actually, two projects; the EWS and the SWF!

The **costs** have been, and continue to be, astronomical, as Cambrians have been paying for consultants, engineers, contractors, legal expenses, (including an ongoing lawsuit filed by the District against CDM Smith, the firm who designed and built the project), fines issued from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, costs for additional staff to run the plant, costs for testing, electricity, multiple monitoring reports, costs to decommission the evaporation pond--they go on and on, and in my estimation have cost ratepayers at least three times the original estimate Cambrians were led to believe, which was \$8.9 million, not including \$4.3 million for the interest on the loan.

The project was changed from its original purpose and intent of the Emergency Water Supply (EWS), to serve existing residents of Cambria during periods where a Level Three Drought Emergency was declared by the CCSD, and was voted on by a majority of Cambrians. Once the District received \$4.3 million from a Proposition 84 grant from the Department of Water Resources, which it had applied for under the name of the project, Emergency Water Supply, it was announced that it had a new name: the Sustainable Water Supply (SWF). Cambrians didn't have a voice in deciding on a new, and different project with a different intent and purpose. Why was that?

It would appear from those who support the SWF project, that the real intent is for growth--650 new development projects. The license for the withdrawal of water from the San Simeon well field is 799 acre feet a year. How does the CDP provide for current residents under their current license from the Department of Water Resources, (DWR) by the addition of such growth? What happens when we are faced with another year of drought similar to 2013, or worse? Where is the water security, because as I see it, there is none if this project is to facilitate growth?

Directors, think long and hard about what you are faced with in your discussions

today, and whatever decisions you take going forward. Your action as a Board, could result in dire consequences for the residents, habitat and the environment of the town of Cambria. We have the possibility of becoming the next Paradise. We have a single lane highway to get in and out of town; we live in a forest; we have no reservoir to fight fires and this project will not provide the possibility of providing additional water for fires.

Again, I urge the Board to table agenda item 4B so that there can be more much-needed data and clarity before us, and by doing so, have the information to make a wise and sound decision for our community.

Sincerely,  
Tina Dickason  
Cambria resident

**From:**

**To:**

[Board Comment](#)

**Subject:**

Re: CCSD AGENDA, 25 June 2020, Item #4B

**Date:**

Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:49:53 PM

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Dear CCSD Board Members,

My name is Robert Fountain, and I am a 13 year Cambrian resident. I am writing to you today in regards to Item #4B on today's June 25, 2020 Agenda.

I am asking my Board Members to not accept nor submit to the County of San Luis Obispo this Draft Project Description nor the Draft CDP for the Sustainable Water Facility (SWF), originally named the Emergency Water Supply (EWS). The residents of Cambria did not vote for the SWF; it is a totally different project than the EWS. The SWF has a different intent and scope of purpose than the EWS.

Any change to the scope and purpose of the EWS should be publicly stated to the Cambrian residents, and we should be allowed to vote on those changes.

Respectfully,

Robert Fountain

[Redacted Signature]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** Cambria Sustainable Water Facility  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:01:27 AM

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I would appreciate you acknowledging this as my support for the approval of Item 4B in the agenda for Thursday June 25, 2020 of the Cambria Community Service District Board meeting.

I am a full time homeowner here in Cambria, pay my taxes, and wish to see this community have this critical and time sensitive need met.

Sincerely,

Kelly Brown Geisler

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**From:** [BoardComment](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: June 25 Special CCSD Board meeting, Agenda Item 4B  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:28:00 AM

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Thank you. I will read your comment during today's board meeting.

Haley

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**From:** Tom's MacBook Pro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:12 AM  
**To:** BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>  
**Subject:** June 25 Special CCSD Board meeting, Agenda Item 4B

Dear President Farmer and Directors:

I would like to register my strong support for the draft Project Description of the Sustainable Water Facility, on today's Agenda as Item 4B. I urge you to adopt it without further delay, so that the process of obtaining a regular Coastal Development Permit for the SWF can finally move forward.

It is especially welcome to see that the CCSD has taken a sophisticated, data-driven approach to operating the SWF, both in determining when to run the facility and how to optimize conditions in the surrounding environment such as the San Simeon Creek Lagoon. This approach is in stark contrast to the provisions of the current emergency CDP, which limits operation to declared Stage 3 drought emergencies and does not allow for the type of flexible operation, based on adaptive management, that would best serve the interests of both Cambria's residents and of environmentally sensitive habitat areas.

As someone who has been involved with this project from the outset – initially as a contractor to the CCSD and later as one of the leaders of a citizens' advocacy group organized to support it – I know something about the hard work and frustrations that CCSD staffers have lived through to get to this point. General Manager John Weigold and District Engineer Ray Dienzo came recently to this process, but they have ably picked up the ball. Their effort, and the efforts of those who went before them, should be endorsed today with a unanimous vote to approve the Project Description and to direct staff to submit the CDP application to the County.

Best wishes,

Tom Gray



June 24, 2020

Elaine M. Gullotta  
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Cambria Community Services District Board of Directors

REF: CCSD Sustainable Water Facility (SWF), CDP DRC2013-00112

Dear CCSD Board Members,

I'm writing to request that you vote to adopt the SWF proposed project and enable the CCSD staff to submit the SWF permit application to the county. Doing so will provide our community with a critical and reliable year-round supply of water that will protect all Cambria residents from water shortages in the years to come.

Based on the research conducted, once the SWF is working fully it will allow Cambria's water system to serve up to 4,650 residential units to include our members of the community who own property on the CCSD wait list. The SWF plan is the best solution to the long-standing problems our community has had for both reliable water and fair property development in Cambria.

As you are aware, the 4,650 residential limit was already adopted in the CCSD's 2008 Water Master Plan and is referenced in the North Coast Area Plan. Moving forward with this plan now will make the most efficient use of the area's water supplies and put Cambria in the forefront of sustainable water supply trends. The SWF is a prime example of an indirect potable reuse (IPR), that will stretch existing water resources.

Protecting our natural environment is important to me and I'm sure it is to you as well. To that end, the SWF will prevent the migration of secondary wastewater effluent into the San Simeon Creek wellfield production wells and prevent seawater intrusion into the San Simeon Creek wellfield production wells. It will also maintain adequate groundwater levels at the San Simeon wellfield to ensure proper production well operations (no loss of suction), and preventing subsidence of the San Simeon Creek aquifer (which could sharply reduce the aquifer's capacity) by recharging the aquifer and maintaining adequate water levels during a drought.

It will also protect the down-gradient lagoon by providing surface water discharge when there is little or no surface flow into the lagoon and by relieving stress on both San Simeon Creek and Santa Rosa Creek, thereby protecting wildlife and providing a buffer for agricultural water use.

The SWF will also help sustain the quality of life for those residents who have had to resort to extraordinary measures to conserve water, such as manually hauling water to maintain fire safety landscapes around their residences. Obtaining non-potable water for irrigation is an added expense incurred by retirees of our community on fixed incomes. It's important that the safety

and health of our elderly residents is protected. I suggest that it is responsible to plan for and protect our Senior Citizens, who have limited physical capabilities and who could easily be injured by hauling heavy containers of water, by ensuring a system is in place that meets their needs.

Finally, The SWF will also ensure water self-sufficiency to address local fire protection for residences and businesses as well as for our beautiful forests which are so vulnerable.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I request that you include this letter in the administrative record for this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Gullotta

To: Deputy District Clerk

[boardcomment@cambriacsd.org](mailto:boardcomment@cambriacsd.org)

Regarding: CCSD Sustainable Water Facility, CDP DRC2013-00112

We are writing to declare our support for the Sustainable Water Facility being granted status for use as needed. We endorse all of the reasons for that status as listed by Cambrians for H2O. It is clear to us that residents continue paying for the Facility, that it would greatly benefit the community and its residents and that none of the objections to it have significant merit

Please include this comment in the administrative record for this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Marshall Hamilton, Ph.D. & Ilme A. Hamilton

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** Item 4B today  
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I'll be there to read. Thanks.

I urge you to revise this project description back to an Emergency Water Supply project before applying for a permanent Coastal Development permit. This project description commits the district to the highest level of findings, as reported by Paavo Ogren in the November 21 meeting. It will be not only the most expensive permit to process, requiring more supporting data, but also the most expensive plant to operate.

It is the application most likely to be rejected by the Coastal Commission, to be returned to the county and the district for revision.

At the November 21, 2019 meeting, when strategic adviser Paavo Ogren reported on the Project Description, he made the point that the difficulty of getting a Coastal Development Permit depended on what level of use the district plans to make of the plant. The easiest, most likely route to getting a CDP is to use it for Emergencies only, as originally proposed. Next more difficult is to use it as a Sustainable Water Facility. The highest level of difficulty is to use the plant for growth. At that meeting, you agreed to call it the Sustainable Water Project, although you also agreed that there is nothing sustainable about it.

It's your project. You can all it Emergency, as he agreed that is what it is, and what your project description should be.

The document states that "An instream flow study of San Simeon Creek is tentatively scheduled for completion in the Summer of 2020." What does this mean? In order to establish the baseline of how much water is flowing in the stream, supporting wildlife, doesn't an In Stream Flow study need to be done all year? When water is flowing, during the rainy season?

In a project for growth, as this project description is, the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Sustainable Water Facility is required to evaluate and mitigate the adverse impact of the project on area Forest Resources. Adding new water connections and associated new construction in forested areas of Cambria will result in removal of Monterey Pines, Coast Live Oaks, native understory vegetation and habitat.

The EIR ignored the impact of growth through the operation of the EWS. The response to a comment on operation of the SWF for growth was that it would cause "no significant impact."

At least 465 of the 665 residential parcels this project will support for development are in forested areas of Special Project Areas 1 and 2, Lodge Hill, North Lodge Hill, and Cambria Pines Estates. Trees and other natural vegetation will be removed. Individual tree replacements required will not offset the damage to the forest by development of these lots. Mitigation needs to be addressed, by measures such as conservation easements under the Buildout Reduction Plan and hiring a forest manager to oversee the forest.

If you approve this project description, you commit the district to the funding to pay for the permitting, the supporting findings, and then actually operating it for growth. The Buildout Reduction Plan, which is already required mitigation. Estimates of cost for the Buildout Reduction Plan go from over \$20 million to over \$30 million. Disposing of the brine waste. No figures for that are included, but it's certain to be in the millions, even operating part time.

And Cambria will still have rusting pipes bursting. By committing open-ended funding to this project, you commit to allocating the lion's share of Cambria's money to this project, rather than Cambria's other needs, such as replacing those rusty pipes, replacing the Stewart Street water tank, which is long past its useful life, adding more water storage, working on the \$11 million list of upgrades the wastewater treatment plant needs, Vets Hall maintenance, and so on and on.

This project description is not what Paavo Ogren advised, or what the board at that meeting directed the staff to develop. Please direct the staff NOT to submit this description for growth, but revise it to an Emergency Project for use during a Stage 3 Emergency only.

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Christine Heinrichs

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the SWF  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:31:44 PM

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We support the application for a regular coastal development permit for the sustainable water facility. It has been decades in the making to find a solution for the recurring water shortages. Some of us have gotten too old to continue carrying buckets of water from our showers and so on to minimize our consumption! Droughts can only get worse with the continuing advance of climate change which has made extreme weather conditions the norm. Please take all steps to continue on the current path toward regular use of the SWF, and ignore the naysayers who want to keep us in a recurring crisis situation.

Bob and Alma Horvath

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** June 25, 2020 Special Meeting - Letter regarding Agenda Item 4B  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 5:15:28 PM

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June 24, 2020

Board of Directors  
Cambria Community Services District

Re: Agenda Item 4B  
Draft Project Description for the SWF

Dear Directors,

The SWF is a project long needed in our community to augment the two existing aquifers on which our citizens and visitors rely upon. Having the project in conjunction with a regular operating permit will provide Cambria with a reliable new source of water and improve the overall health and beauty of our town.

We urge you to approve the project's description as presented for submission to the County Planning Commission. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Greg and Linda Hunter  
Cambria residents

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** June 25 meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 6:42:54 PM

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Dear CCSD board members

We would like to express our support for the staff report update as you move forward in acquiring the CDP for the SWF.

Please continue your work in insuring the CDP will cover the 4650 connection final buildout as addressed in the LCP to allow a safe and reliable water source for current residents and the 662 people on the CCSD waitlist.

This is Cambria's best bet to finally resolve the water struggles that have plagued this community for decades.

Sincerely

Ron and Donna Keck

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** June 25 Board Special Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:17:02 AM

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June 25,2020

To: The Board of Directors, Cambria Community Services District  
Re: Special Meeting on June 25, 2020, Agenda item 4-B, CDP progress report and project description for Sustainable Water Facility

Thank you for taking my comments regarding the Sustainable Water Facility.  
I am a property owner of a lot with a CCSD wait list water position on Bradford Road in Cambria.

I am pleased to see that the District has found a sustainable way to deliver a consistent water supply to the citizens of Cambria during times of minimal rain without compromising the San Simeon Creek aquifer. The state-of-the-art Sustainable Water Facility will provide an improved year-round overall water supply while protecting the natural water supply and the environment.

The proposed water system will serve no more than 4,650 residential units that has already been adopted in the CCSD's 2008 Water Master Plan.

I support the staff's recommendations and I urge the Board to process the submittal for the Coastal Development Permit.

Thank you,  
Garth Kornreich

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** Water security for Cambria  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 3:10:52 PM

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To the Deputy District Clerk:

I support a reliable supply for Cambria's water needs, including fire protection and the environmental health of our aquifers. Therefore I urge the CCSD Board to vote to adopt the draft project description for our Sustainable Water Facility (SWF) so that the County can proceed to process the Coastal Development Permit application for the SWF, which will provide for Cambria's long-term water security.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Chrisman  
Park Hill, Cambria

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** Re: SWF Cambria  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:23:42 AM

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Great, thanks!

**Christopher C. Lewi, Esq.**



On Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 9:21 AM BoardComment <[boardcomment@CambriacsD.org](mailto:boardcomment@CambriacsD.org)> wrote:

Hi Chris,

Thank you. I'll read your comment at the meeting tomorrow.

Haley

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**From:** Chris Lewi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:57 AM  
**To:** BoardComment <[boardcomment@CambriacsD.org](mailto:boardcomment@CambriacsD.org)>  
**Subject:** SWF Cambria

My wife Diane and I completely support the SWF and urge CCSD to approve staff recommendations to approve the project not only in emergency but also to replenish the aquifer at all times deemed necessary. Such a terrific piece of sustainable engineering should be fully utilized.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Christopher C. Lewi**

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Haley Dodson](#)  
**Subject:** CCSD meeting June 25, public comment on 4b  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:55:53 AM

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Hi Haley,

Submitting my comments directly to you since the URL given on the meeting notice does not work.

Mike Lyons

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To my fellow Cambrians,

WE control our destiny! NOBODY is going to rescue us from another drought calamity: not the County, not the State of California, not the Federal Government.

A former CCSD Board of Directors recognized this in 2015 and took matters into our own hands.....where the responsibility is.....and SHOULD BE.

I wish to remind my Cambria neighbors that WE planned the SWF, WE built it, our CCSD engineers keep it running, WE are paying for it.....and certainly WE should be responsible for the conditions under which WE decide to use it.

The water it produces can be a lifesaver for OUR community, and future use of it will be determined by our CCSD Directors in full view of the public.

I urge the Board of Directors to forward the PROJECT DESCRIPTION, intact, to the County.\_

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Mike Lyons

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for Agenda Item 4B: SWF Coastal Development Permit  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:19:49 PM

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Hi Haley,  
I changed my mind and want my comments below to be read at tomorrow's meeting.  
Mary

Dear Cambria Community Services District Board members,

I am writing you to express my views on Cambria's Coastal Development Permit (CDP) application for a permanent license for our Sustainable Water Facility.

I am a strong advocate of operating the facility to ensure a reliable supply for normal water use and fire protection as well as adequate water levels in the San Simeon Creek aquifer to maintain the health of the environment. I also believe that the most efficient way to operate is by allowing all decisions relative to facility operation be managed by the local Cambria CCSD.

As a ratepayer I believe our local leadership is in the best position to evaluate the well levels, weather conditions and the actions required to prepare the facility for operation when required. If we need to work through the county system and/or declare a stage 3 emergency prior to operating the facility this will lead to many inefficiencies and delays.

Please approve the Project Description of the Cambria Sustainable Water Facility Coastal Development Permit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mary Maher

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#); [John F. Weigold IV](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Project Description for the Sustainable Water Facility  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:16:41 AM  
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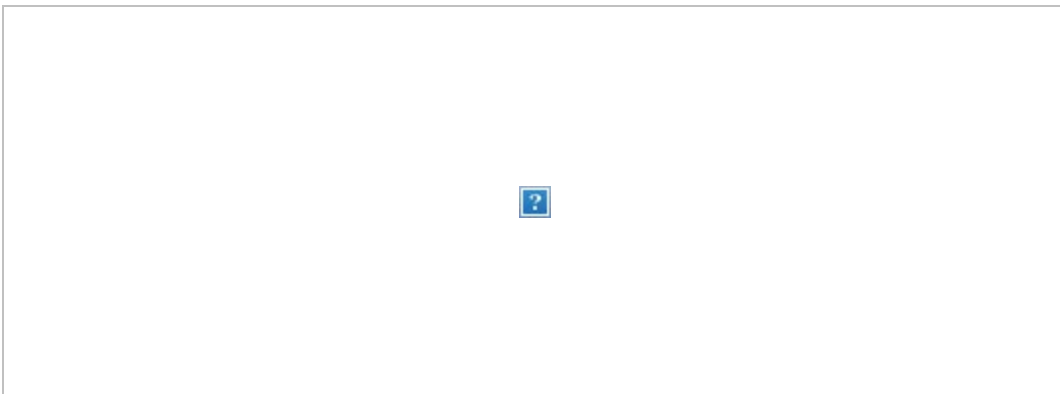
We are in support of the project description being presented at the Cambria Community Services District Board of Directors meeting this Thursday, June 25, 2020, to approve a final project description for the SWF so that the County can proceed to process the permit application.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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**FOR SALE:**

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**[2830 Burton Circle, Cambria](#)** – This house offers single level living with a bedroom, bathroom, living/dining area, kitchen, laundry, and bonus room on the ground floor. The garage and shed are on the same level. On the second floor are another bedroom and bathroom. \$479,000<sup>1&2</sup>



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**[2351 Adams Street, Cambria](#)** – This three bedroom, three bathroom home is move in ready, with new interior paint, new carpet, new toilets, all new Milgard windows, and a remodeled kitchen! Great views, mature landscaping, and a spa make outdoor living wonderful. \$615,000<sup>1&2</sup>

**Click on the image below to view a YouTube video.**





**[2350 Sandown Place, Cambria](#)** – HUGE ART STUDIO in this one-of-a-kind property, nestled in Fern Canyon, that includes a 2,000 square foot three bedroom, four bathroom main house and an 1,100 square foot bonus area, with a half bathroom and separate entrance! \$839,900<sup>1&2</sup>

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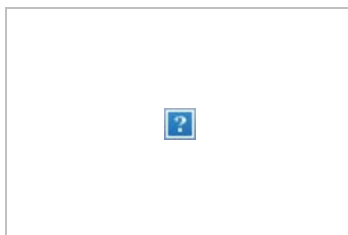
**[1265 Ardath Drive, Cambria](#)** – This bright home has many unique features, including an indoor two-story atrium. The three bedroom, three bathroom floorplan is open and sits on a street-to-street 17,500 square foot lot, with an RV pad and a driveway from Ardath to Kenneth. \$899,000<sup>1&2</sup>

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**[354 Dorset Street, Cambria](#)** – Enjoy wonderful views of the ocean, white water, and Hearst Castle from this beautiful three story Park Hill home with a hydraulic elevator! Four bedrooms, four bathrooms, and an oversized two car garage. All appliances and spa included! \$1,795,000<sup>1&2</sup>

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**Vacant Lot on Sunbury Avenue, Cambria** – 4,500 square foot vacant lot for only \$15,000.<sup>1</sup>

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**Vacant Lot on Pierce Avenue, Cambria** – 4,653 square foot vacant lot for only \$15,000.<sup>1</sup>

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**Vacant Lot on London Lane, Cambria** – 4,450 square foot vacant lot with Cambria Community Services District water wait list position number 551 and views of the Santa Lucia Mountains! Seller may finance for only \$40,000.<sup>1&2</sup>

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**Vacant Lot on Astor Avenue, Cambria** – 5,250 square foot vacant lot with Cambria Community Services District water wait list position number 134 and potential ocean views from a second story for only \$79,000.<sup>2</sup>

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**Vacant Lot on Ardath Drive, Cambria** – 6,000 square foot, level lot on north side of Ardath Drive with Cambria Community Services District water wait list position number 340. This lot has excellent potential for second level ocean views for only \$99,000.<sup>1&2</sup>

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**Vacant Lot on Benson Avenue, Cambria** – 8,050 square foot, ocean view, street-to-street lot extending from Berwick to Benson on Lodge Hill in Cambria with Cambria Community Services District water wait list position number 191 for only \$149,000.<sup>1&2</sup>

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**RECENTLY SOLD:**

**1390 Mail Pouch Lane, SLO** – Sold for \$1,675,000.<sup>1</sup>

**2825 Burton Drive, Cambria** – Sold for \$777,000.<sup>1</sup>

**4934 Windsor Boulevard, Cambria** – Sold for \$1,630,000.<sup>1</sup>

**490 Wellington Street, Cambria** – Sold for \$575,000.<sup>1</sup>

**2320 Alban Place, Cambria** – Sold for \$469,000.<sup>1</sup>

**2047 Windsor Boulevard, Cambria** – Sold for \$893,500.<sup>1</sup>

**1051 Hartford, Cambria** – Sold for \$660,000.<sup>2</sup>

**1770 Orville, Cambria** – Sold for \$655,000.<sup>2</sup>

***Please contact us for more information. Thank you!***

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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

- *Philippians 4:6*

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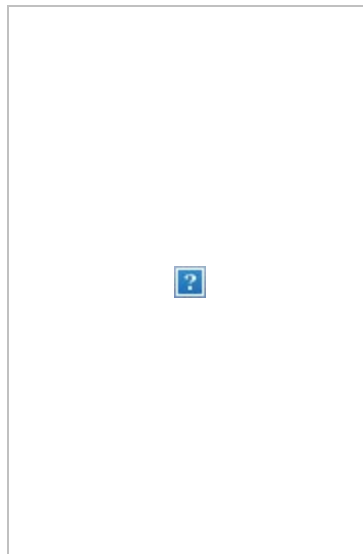
Sadly, throughout the world 1600 children die per day from water-borne disease. To help fight this, we donate 10% of our real estate commissions to Lifewater, which is headquartered right here in San Luis Obispo county. For more information, go to [www.lifewater.org](http://www.lifewater.org).



<sup>1</sup>Kimberly's Listings

<sup>2</sup>Robert's Listings

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** Item 4.B June 25th Meeting CDP Progress Report  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:54:14 AM

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Haley Dodson  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Hi Haley  
Could you please read at the board meeting Thursday? Thank you

I am Mel McColloch and I am president of the approx. 250 member Cambria Chamber of Commerce membership and represent the majority of the members with this email to the CCSD board.  
The current draft of the Project Descriptions, in my opinion, are sufficient to submit with the application for the CDP. Staff has done an excellent job on the draft project description.  
I urge the board to receive the report and direct staff to proceed and process submittal.

Thank you  
Mel McColloch  
President Cambria Chamber of Commerce



McColloch Consulting LLC  
Mel McColloch



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Haley Dodson](#)  
**Subject:** June 25, 2020 item 4.B. (Public Comment Please Read)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:15:21 AM

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ELIZABETH BETTENHAUSISEN PH.D. LETTER OF JUNE 24, 2020 TO ALL YOU BOARD MEMBERS SAYS IT ALL.

I request this board adhere to her letter and not waste the rate payers time - as she said starting out EWS (2014) change to SWF

has never been presented to the board for official action.

The Coastal Commission has requested an in stream flow study which CCSD has ignored.

The district has hired numerous individuals since 2014 to accomplish CDP draft as it's being presented today.

This draft as presented is incomplete .. The requirements have been ignored and it only to set this district up for more litigation in the future if this board approves it as written.

It doomed to fail and shame on you all for your ignorance to move forward with this draft as written.

Perhaps another committee needs to be established to do the work of staff.?

Thank you

Cheryl McDowell,  
resident rate payer

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** regarding water for cambria  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:08:04 AM

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It is irresponsible to not plan for water for a community. We are an established village, please do not let naysayers in fear of unwarranted growth (which will NOT happen) ruin our basic human rights as citizens to access water. Unfortunately this group of people trying to dismantle a plan are very vocal and I feel do not represent the majority. Cambria must move forward with its plan for sustainability.

Thank you for listening.  
Tigg Morales

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Haley Dodson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting with Steve Bloise  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:12:02 PM

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Haley,  
i am traveling and may not be able to share this in person at the meeting today. can you please have this read during public comment if i am not able to log in? it does not have to be specific to any agenda item. thanks for all that you do, please know there is nothing in this directed at you as part of the staff.

best,  
paul

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paul Nugent [REDACTED]  
**Date:** June 25, 2020 at 12:34:12 PM PDT  
**To:** Harry Farmer <HFarmer@cambriacsd.org>, Donn Howell <dhowell@cambriacsd.org>, Amanda Rice <arice@cambriacsd.org>, David Pierson <dpierson@cambriacsd.org>, Cindy Steidel <csteidel@cambriacsd.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting with Steve Bloise

Board,  
Please review the communication below that i sent last year to Paavo and John and later to the board. I find it troubling that Paavo has been excluded from this process as he is the only person within the district staff that has displayed understanding of the dynamics and gravity of the decisions you are faced with.

As a rate payer and community member that has dedicated a significant amount of time I deserve at least a response to this feedback that has been left unanswered for a year.

Your job as a board is to direct our staff based on the community sensibilities. It is obvious that you have failed to do so and your opportunity now is to correct this.

It is very clear we do not have sufficient data to move forward with the CDP permit with the BRP included. I have my doubts it is even lawful. I ask that you take your community leadership seriously and hold our staff to account.

Please require our staff to complete an in stream flow study and a cost analysis for production before taking any other action. Those are 2 fundamental pieces that will dramatically affect the trajectory of any possible CDP outcome. What got us in this mess was making decisions without adequate information. Please do not allow the staff to continue this insanity.

Thank you,  
Paul Nugent

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paul Nugent [REDACTED]  
**Date:** July 27, 2019 at 3:48:29 PM PDT  
**To:** Paavo Ogren <pogren@cambridgesd.org>, "John F. Weigold" <jweigold@cambridgesd.org>  
**Subject:** Meeting with Steve Bloise

Paavo and John,

I just had a meeting with Steve Bloise as I mentioned last week. My goal was to gain an outside perspective on what is going on and perhaps some insight on how to navigate the series of challenges we face.

I would like to preface this with I have no real horse in the race for "growth". I expressed to Steve the best way I could the dynamics that are at play and the history to my knowledge that got us here and crosschecked that with his knowledge of the situation.

1. The first point I took was that the permitting of this plant needs to be divorced from growth. Basically we need to say this is what we have and this is how we want to use its now.

There are challenges and discussions to be had around growth but Steve felt very strongly that whatever we do going forward we need to simplify and isolate our issues.

2. On the notion of simplifying and isolating issues Steve recommended that we create an action plan or operation plan for this plant as it stands with the way we can operate it. Basically to structure a list of water sources starting with least expensive per acre foot to most expensive and then create a demand chart that triggers different sources. (This is a display of good faith and intent to use the resources we have appropriately)

3. The third piece, that if we do our jobs well at RWQCB and limit the conversation, CCC will likely fall in line. (I have explained the dynamics of stake holders and the potential for appeals)

This is very likely going to be a disappointment to most everyone involved in one way or another. (I am lucky I am new!) One



suggestion I got was to focus the concerns for growth towards actual growth concerns. Steve shared that you generally do not get water approved for “growth”. Growth is a result of water stability. We dont have a municipal code or authority to my knowledge. There are plenty of dynamics (firstly economics) that make this less cut and dry than some would speculate... But its the elephant in the room that needs to be addressed and we need to focus the efforts of those who are invested in that in one way or another to come up with mitigations or solutions that do not rely on our water supply.

I just wanted to shared these thoughts with you. I spent about 2 hours with Steve and can pick his brain at his leisure as well as he offered to come up and do a third party presentation about the way this process generally works at a state level. My intention is not to put a sword in the ground or drive a specific outcome, just to share information... enjoy the weekend

Best,

Paul

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** Coastal Development Permit for Sustainable Water Facility for Cambria  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:48:53 AM

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I am writing in support of obtaining the development Permit. As a Cambria property owner for 35 years, I have been frustrated by the lack of a reasonable solution to supplying Cambria's present water needs.

A Sustainable Water Facility will provide sufficient water for health and sanitary needs. This need has been highlighted by our current pandemic. We don't control the coronavirus by counseling residents to conserve on hand-washing. I am not advocating the wasteful use of water, but conservation, which is often stated by opponents of the facility as an alternative strategy has obvious limits.

A Sustainable Water Facility will provide water for use in times of fires and other emergencies.

Finally, a Sustainable Water Facility will maintain the environment that is uniquely "Cambria."

I urge an unanimous vote in support of obtaining the permit.

Charlotte Reddish

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Haley Dodson](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Cambria CSD 6/25 Board of Directors Special Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:40:00 AM

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Hi Deryl,

If you're attending the Zoom meeting, just raise your hand during that item when they call for public comment and I'll get you into the meeting so you can speak.

Thank you,

Haley

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**From:** Deryl Robinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:22 AM  
**To:** Haley Dodson <hdodson@cambriacsd.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Cambria CSD 6/25 Board of Directors Special Meeting

Greetings:

I am submitting the following questions concerning Agenda Item 4.B.

1. When will the In Stream Flow Study be done?
2. Is Coastal Commission Staff prepared to recommend approval of this project based on this updated Project Description?

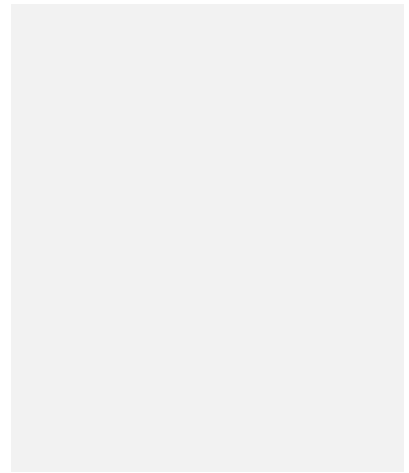
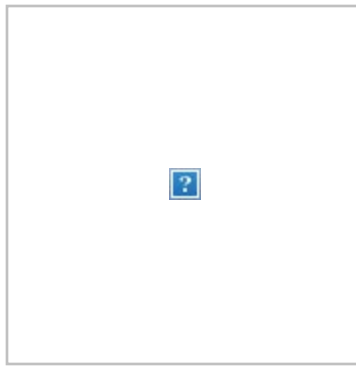
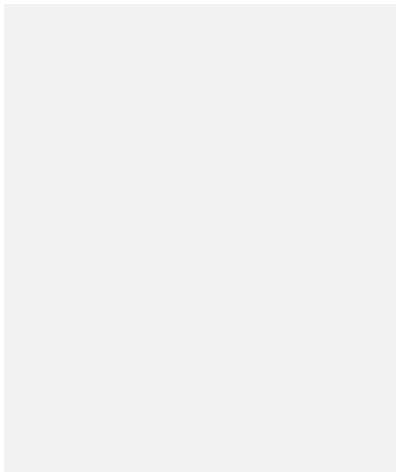
I would also like to be recognized to speak during the public comment period. How do I do a speaker slip?

Regards,

Deryl Robinson  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [Cambria CSD](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2020 6:43 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Cambria CSD 6/25 Board of Directors Special Meeting



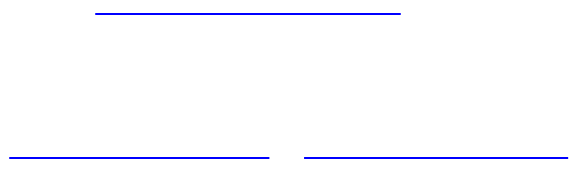
**Hello Deryl,**

The Board of Directors special meeting agenda packet for Thursday, June 25, 2020 has been posted to the District's website at the link below.

<https://www.cambriacsd.org/2020-06-25-board-special-meeting>

Thank you!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** Written Statement, Agenda Item 4.B., June 25 Special Meeting of the CCSD Board of Directors  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 8:28:24 AM

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**Please read the following written statement to the Board of Directors during public comment on Agenda Item 4.B. of the June 25, 2020 Special Meeting. Thank you.**

Dear President Farmer and Directors,

From its origin in 2014 the Emergency Water Supply project, now the Sustainable Water Facility, was intended to provide water security for Cambrians in a way that promotes the health and safety of the San Simeon Creek aquifer and the environment, including natural habitats that depend on that aquifer.

As most of us recall, the project was designed and constructed in the midst of one of the worst droughts to grip our community in decades. The sustained dry spell threatened the very viability of our aquifer and led to the imposition of severe Stage 3 water restrictions on Cambria's residents and businesses. At that time, the CCSD Board accurately recognized that the drought was not unusual and would certainly recur in the future. Therefore, the SWF is not a temporary facility but a permanent one which is capable of not just reacting to serious emergencies but preventing them before endangering the aquifer and the surrounding environment and forcing the community to resume draconian water restrictions.

Realizing water security and the full preventive capability of the SWF requires a regular coastal development permit authorizing the CCSD Board to use the SWF, as necessary, especially during dry summer months. All of this is accomplished by the Draft Project Description annexed to the report and recommendations of General Manager John Weigold and Utilities Department Manager/District Engineer Ray Dienzo.

I urge the Board to adopt the Draft Project Description and direct Staff to proceed with the CDP application.

**Mark Rochefort**

[REDACTED]

FRANK SCOZZARI



August 26, 2020

Deputy District Clerk  
Cambria Community Services District  
1316 Tamson Drive, Suite 201  
Cambria, CA 93428

Re: Project Description for the Sustainable Water Facility (SWF)

Dear Deputy District Clerk,

I am writing this letter in support of the *Project Description* for the Sustainable Water Facility (SWF), which I understand will be reviewed by the Board this Thursday, June 25, 2020. I am unable to participate in the hearing, but would like my comments to be noted.

Although I am not a resident of Cambria, I am a resident of San Luis Obispo County and have been so for more than 35 years. Cambria is a place where County residents go to get away, enjoy the beauty of the sea, walk under the Monterey Pines, have dinner, browse the shops, etc. For many, it is their weekend respite. I know that water has been an on-going problem for this beloved community. For decades, Cambrians have lived without the guarantee of fresh drinking water and the fire protection a sustainable water supply can promise. I have read this document and support the water project entirely. This project will assure the economic viability of Cambria and improve the quality of life, not only for Cambrians, but for all residents of San Luis Obispo County.

I feel I'm speaking on behalf of all San Luis Obispo County residents when I endorse this project and urge the CCSD to adopt it.

Sincerely,

Frank Scozzari

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** June 25 Special CCSD Board meeting, Agenda Item 4B  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:41:53 AM

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President Farmer and Directors,

Today you have a chance to take a positive step toward providing a stable water supply for the people you represent. The District Staff and the Ad Hoc Committee deserve our thanks for bringing this SWF Project Description to the Board. It presents a sensible, environmentally sensitive plan for operation. Obtaining a regular Coastal Development Permit to operate the plant as described is in the best interest of our entire community. With this document we can now proceed to secure formal approval.

I urge you to approve the Project Description without amendment or delay.

Thank you,

Ted Siegler



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** SWF  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:46:53 AM

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Dear Deputy District Clerk,

Please be advised that we are in total support of making the SWF a permanent and reusable source of water. It's one less concern we have to worry about in this world of major (running out of water) & minor issues.

Thanking you in advance of the Board Meeting.

Al & Claudia Solomon

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED] [BoardComment](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** CCSDD AGENDA, 25 JUNE 2020, Item #4B  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:57:21 PM

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Dear CCSDD Board Members,

My name is Gail Stevens, and I am a 13 year Cambrian resident. I am writing to you today in regards to Item #4B on today's June 25, 2020 Agenda.

I am asking my Board Members to not accept nor submit to the County of San Luis Obispo this Draft Project Description nor the Draft CDP for the Sustainable Water Facility (SWF), originally named the Emergency Water Supply (EWS). The residents of Cambria did not vote for the SWF; it is a totally different project than the EWS. The SWF has a different intent and scope of purpose than the EWS.

Any change to the scope and purpose of the EWS should be publicly stated to the Cambrian residents, and we should be allowed to vote on those changes.

Respectfully,  
Gail Stevens

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Public Comment on 6-25-20 CCSD Agenda Item 2. or 4.B by Crosby Swartz

Today's draft EWS/SWF Project Description provides a useful accounting of the physical installation at the San Simeon Creek project site. However, important key operational performance information is missing or misleading.

The amount of purified water supplied by the facility to the injection well (RIW-1) is limited by the safe pumping rate at well 9P7, located next to the percolation ponds. Pumping at a faster rate than the percolation ponds are refilled with treated effluent from the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) lowers the water level in the percolation ponds, draws saltwater into the aquifer and increases loss of fresh water from the aquifer into the ocean. The 9P7 pumping rate of 581 gallons per minute, shown in Table 1, is approximately twice the rate of percolation pond recharge from the WWTP. Reducing the pumping rate at 9P7 reduces the output of purified water from the facility.

The draft project description must be revised to include operational test results to establish the maximum sustainable pumping rate at well 9P7 and the resulting purified water output of the facility.

There is no information in the draft project description about what happens to the purified water after it is pumped into the aquifer at injection well RIW-1. Because the goal of the revised coastal development permit is to add new water customers, it is very important to demonstrate that injecting purified water at well RIW-1 is an effective way to maintain safe water levels at the production drinking water wells, especially during extended periods of dry weather conditions. Continued pumping at the drinking water wells after the well water levels drop below minimum safe levels would draw salt water and non-potable percolation pond water into the well field aquifer.

The draft project description must be revised to add operational test results which show that injecting purified water at well RIW-1 will maintain safe water levels during extended periods of dry weather conditions. This information also is needed to describe when the facility will be turned on and what the hours of facility operation will be.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** In favor of the CCSD approving the SWF project description and submitting the its permit application to SLO County  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:31:43 AM

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We are in favor of the CCSD to approve the project description of the Sustainable Water Facility, in order to submit its permit application to SLO County. This will ensure that this facility will operate not just in emergencies, but as needed to insure Cambria an adequate water supply at all times.

Ronald and Elizabeth Swierk

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Haley Dodson](#)  
**Subject:** CSD Agenda Item 4B  
**Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 3:16:11 PM  
**Attachments:** [Petition delivered July 2017.pdf](#)

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I remind the board of the petition that was signed by **238 ratepayers** and has been sent to you many times in the past and is being submitted once again .

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The Cambria Community Services District deceived Cambria ratepayers. In 2014 they claimed an emergency brackish water project would be temporary and portable, for existing customers only, costing between \$100,000 to \$4 million and would deliver water by July 1, 2014. The project construction was to be completed by November of 2014 and to run only during a Stage 3 water shortage declared by CCSD.

#### **None of these claims proved to be true.**

We request that the Cambria CSD mitigate the full impacts of operating this project in a valid “emergency” situation, for existing customers only, which has never been done. If the Cambria District adds new water connections to our overstressed aquifers and the project actually had to provide water in the dry season, it would most likely dewater and pollute San Simeon Creek and place severe stress on Santa Rosa Creek.

In March of 2016 the CSD changed the purpose and intent of this emergency project (renamed it the Sustainable Water Project) to support new water meter connections in Cambria without voter approval. The CSD submitted an application for this growth inducing project in 2017, which describes new water treatment construction options and brine disposal methods without analyzing the costs and impacts of these modifications. The project has not been subjected to the level of review required for a long term public works project that guarantees growth.

#### **Ratepayers did not vote for a public works project for growth.**

The district FAILED

- to analyze less expensive alternatives to this project
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- to complete the application for a Coastal Development Permit for the emergency project
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- to respond to three years of comments submitted by regulatory agencies and citizens
- to hold project contractor responsible for obvious hydrogeologic and design flaws
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- to adequately respond to neighbor complaints regarding noise and brine overspray
- to offset the \$9 million loan by applying a \$4 million grant as promised
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The project has already committed us to years of ratepayer debt while our infrastructure fails. Total cost of the “emergency” project and the “sustainable” project is unknown because the district continues to make decisions behind closed doors to revise and correct the current “emergency” water project and to amend contracts to expand their scope.

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Thank you.

Sept. 11, 2017

**Daniel Robinson**

**RE: Orellana Appeal A-3-SLO-17-0040**

**Important Hearing Procedure Note:** The Commission will not take testimony on this “substantial issue” recommendation unless at least three Commissioners request it. The Commission may ask questions of the Applicant, any aggrieved person, the Attorney General or the Executive Director prior to determining whether or not to take testimony regarding whether the appeal raises a substantial issue. If the Commission takes testimony regarding whether the appeal raises a substantial issue, testimony is generally (and at the discretion of the Chair) limited to three minutes total per side. Only the Applicant, persons who opposed the application before the local government (or their representatives), and the local government shall be qualified to testify during this phase of the hearing. Others may submit comments in writing.

A-3-SLO-17-0040 (Orellana SFD)

(*Id.*) If the Commission finds that the appeal raises a substantial issue, the de novo phase of the hearing will follow, unless it has been postponed, during which the Commission will take public testimony. (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 13115 and 13117.)

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<http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/cambria-community-services>

cc: attached 238 signatures



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**Subject:** Re: CSD Agenda Item 4B  
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Haley

Here is the link to the petition. Actually **242 people have signed** and I have not resent it for years.  
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Will you sign the petition too? Click here to add your name:

[http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/cambria-community-services?source=s.fwd&r\\_by=18342985](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/cambria-community-services?source=s.fwd&r_by=18342985)

Thanks!

News articles can be found at:

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June 25, 2020

Cambria CSD Agend Item 4B.

Greenspace Board of Directors requests that the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) Board of Directors submit their Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the Emergency Water Supply (EWS) project as proposed in June of 2014. The EWS was constructed on San Simeon Creek as an insurance policy and back up water supply for existing residents during a Stage 3 water shortage emergency condition. It has never run and actually provided water under drought conditions to provide water for existing customers.

To submit a CDP for growth would, in effect, end the 20 year Moratorium and dangerously expose Cambria to development without adding a source of new water or additional water storage. Adding new growth without a new reliable water supply could severely affect residents, farmers and ranchers, our ever increasing tourism industry and deprive our forest, fish and wildlife of essential habitat.

Due to negative impacts to local coastal creeks, and the community's reliance on groundwater with no other proven options, we respectfully ask the Cambria Community Services District to submit the **Coastal Development Permit for the Emergency Water Supply project** as your board proposed in 2014.

Sincerely  
Mary Webb, President