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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

DATE: March 4, 2015

SUBJECT: **Notice of Preparation** of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Cambria Emergency Water Supply Project

CEQA LEAD

AGENCY & CONTACT: Mr. Robert C. Gresens, P.E., District Engineer
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The Cambria Community Services District's (CCSD) is commencing with preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Cambria Emergency Water Supply Project (Project), and has released this Notice of Preparation (NOP), in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

The CCSD wants to know your views and specific concerns related to the Project's potential environmental effects. Information gathered during the NOP comment period will be used to shape and focus future environmental impact analyses. If you are a public agency, the CCSD is interested in your agency's views as to the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities. As a responsible or trustee agency, your agency may need to use the EIR when considering issuance of a permit or other Project approval.

NOP COMMENT PERIOD:

The CCSD invites you to submit written comments describing your specific environmental concerns, and if representing a public agency, please identify your specific areas of statutory responsibility. Written comments are desired at the earliest possible date, but due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent no later than 30 days after receipt of this Notice. The NOP public comment period begins on March 6, 2015 and ends on April 6, 2015. Please send your written comments to the contact specified below, and include your name, address, and contact information in your correspondence.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:

The Project description, location, and potential environmental effects are described in the Project Information Packet. Copies of the Project Information Packet, including the Environmental Checklist, are available for public review at the locations specified below. As permitted by CEQA Guidelines Section 15063, *Initial Study*, the CCSD as Lead Agency has determined that an EIR will be required for the Project.

- Cambria Community Services District, 1316 Tamson Drive, Suite 201, Cambria, CA 93428;
- Cambria Community Services District Website: www.cambriacsd.org/cm/Home.html ; and
- San Luis Obispo County Library, 900 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428.



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PROJECT TITLE: Cambria Emergency Water Supply Project

PROJECT LOCATION: 990 San Simeon Monterey Creek Road, County of San Luis Obispo
(Assessor's Parcel Numbers 013-051-024 and 013-051-008)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The CCSD proposed the Cambria Emergency Water Supply Project was completed in response to the area's exceptional drought, which resulted in the CCSD Board of Directors' taking action on January 30, 2014 that declared a Stage 3 Water Shortage Emergency and authorized emergency contracting procedures. The Project involves operation of emergency water facilities at the CCSD's existing San Simeon well field and percolation pond system property. The Project was designed and constructed to treat brackish water using advanced treatment technologies and recharge the CCSD's San Simeon well field aquifer with advance treated water. The Project is capable of pumping up to 452 gallons per minute (gpm) of advance treated water into a re-injection well. The maximum extraction rate during Project operation is 400 gpm at existing CCSD Well SS-1 or SS-2. The Project's net water production is approximately 300 gpm, or approximately 250 acre-feet over an assumed six-month dry season. To protect the San Simeon Creek lagoon, the Project provides up to 100 gpm of fresh water near the head of where the lagoon occurs during the dry season. The Project facilities are summarized, as follows: one extraction (existing Well 9P7); an Advanced Water Treatment Plant (AWTP); a Recharge Injection Well (RIW-1); an evaporation pond (an existing wastewater basin modified into a Title 27 compliant pond); lagoon water surface discharge; four monitoring wells; and four interconnecting pipelines (Extraction well 9P7 to the AWTP; AWTP to the injection well; AWTP to the evaporation pond; and AWTP to lagoon water surface discharge).

SUMMARY OF PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

Project implementation may result in significant environmental effects concerning the following environmental issues: Aesthetics; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; and Noise. An EIR will be prepared to evaluate the Project's potential environmental impacts and analyze alternatives.

SCOPING MEETING:

The CCSD will hold a Scoping Meeting at the CCSD Board of Directors Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 12:30 p.m., at the at the Veterans Hall, 1000 Main Street, Cambria. The Scoping Meeting will include a short presentation introducing the Project and the CEQA process. The balance of the meeting will be for the purpose of receiving comments from the public and agencies regarding topics to be analyzed in the EIR.

Date: March 4, 2015

Signature: 

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