

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 2:00 PM

1. OPENING

A. Call to Order

President Rice called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

President Rice led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Directors present: President Rice, Vice President Sanders, Director Thompson, Director Bahringer, and Director Farmer.

Staff present: General Manager Jerry Gruber, District Counsel Timothy Carmel, Administrative Services Officer/District Clerk Monique Madrid, and District Engineer Bob Gresens.

2. REGULAR BUSINESS (Estimated time: 15 Minutes per item)

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 23-2017 CERTIFYING THE FINAL SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CAMBRIA SUSTAINABLE WATER FACILITY

General Manager Jerry Gruber introduced the item and turned it over to District Engineer Bob Gresens, who introduced the staff from Michael Baker International: Rita Garcia, Project Manager, Glenn LaJoie, Project Director and Tom Gill, Project Biologist. Ms. Garcia provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Cambria Sustainable Water Facility Project Subsequent Environmental Impact Report and then asked for questions from the Board.

Vice President Sanders identified a procedural issue and asked for District Counsel to comment and describe the issue. District Counsel recommended that consideration of certifying the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report be continued to a future date after taking public comment.

Public Comment:

Mike Lyons

Christine Heinrich

Jon Rokke: RWQCB

Thea Tryon: RWQCB

Crosby Swartz

Stephanie Wald

Leslie Richards: chose not to speak

Susan Johnson

Tina Dickason

Laura Swartz

Jeff Hellman

Elizabeth Bettenhausen

Mary Webb

James Spencer: UnLOC

Constance Gannon: Greenspace Executive Director

Written Comments were submitted at the meeting by:
Christine Heinrichs
Stephanie Wald

Written Comments were submitted via mail/email by:
Brad Snook, Surfrider Foundation
Jim Webb
Elizabeth Bettenhausen
Tom Luster
Tina Dickason
Mary Webb
Constance Gannon, Greenspace
Christine Heinrichs
Stephanie Wald
Linda Seeley, Biodiversity First!
Emil James Crescenzi Jr.
Mel McColloch, Cambria Chamber of Commerce
Frank Scozzari
Nathan Maragoni
Bill Mundt

Director Thompson requested that Ms. Garcia provide responses to some of the comments. Ms. Garcia asked that she be allowed to prepare a formal response with adequate time to respond correctly. The Board granted the request. She then explained that she and Mr. Lajoie have worked together for nearly 30 years and have created many EIRs for various public and private companies.

Director Bahringer asked for MBI to provide some information related to their experience & expertise in this industry and the process.

President Rice heard comments regarding a 2013 San Simeon Watershed plan. She commented that there were several different meetings and it was decided that it wasn't a direction the group wanted to follow. CCSD cannot manage the watershed alone.

President Rice also talked about Emergency Water Supply project modifications. She suggested the Board review the project description to ensure it is what they want.

President Rice had a question on the CEQA Findings (Exhibit A), and said that following completion of the CEQA process the CCSD will update its February 27, 2017 Regular CDP Application to include the project modifications described within the final SEIR. It's not very clear what changes would need to be made and what kind of effects it may have on the cost of operations.

Vice President Sanders stated speakers unfairly maligned MBI with their comments. MBI is one of the preeminent EIR producing companies in the world. He expressed disappointment in the questions raised today. He's disappointed in the President's comments so late in the game.

Mr. LaJoie stated the CCSD held a public workshop in October when there were only a handful of comments. He also explained that while working for both MBI and RBF there have been a few challenges and they have prevailed in those challenges. This is a professionally prepared EIR that complies with all of the requirements. He stated that the CCSD has been working with the Coastal Commission and is required to make an independent analysis of the EIR as required by law and not influenced by outside pressure, from the public or private individuals.

Director Farmer reviewed the document and read from a comment letter. He stated there is a serious difference of opinion and the community needs to be aware of that. People of the State are questioning this document and the project. He also voiced concerns about the financial costs of the project as it continues to present to the Board. Ten trips to Kettleman City for disposal of brine waste is the equivalent of a round trip from Cambria to Bend, Oregon every day. He expressed the need to take a serious look at the consequences of this project.

Director Thompson also has concerns about environmental impacts. He stated there are other people who are interested in living here and is happy Mr. Spencer spoke. He indicated that these folks would like to live here, but there are many who cannot afford the rent and that we need to consider that some form of growth is necessary to keep this town viable and allow folks to live here.

Director Bahringer stated the comments about parking were due to safety. Scarcity of housing will drive the cost up.

Director Bahringer moved to continue the meeting to a date uncertain.

Vice President Sanders seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Bahringer-Aye

Vice President Sanders-Aye

Director Farmer-Aye

Director Thompson-Aye

President Rice-Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously: 5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Absent

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION at 1316 Tamsen St., Suite 201 Cambria CA 93428

President Rice adjourned the meeting to closed session at 3:43 p.m.

Public Comment: Mary Webb

- A.** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (One potential case)
UnLOC v. CCSD
- B.** CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to
Government Code Section 54956.8
Property APN: 022-251-019
Agency Negotiators: Jerry Gruber, General Manager and Timothy Carmel, District Counsel
Negotiating Party: The County of San Luis Obispo
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
- C.** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: SWRCB v. CCSD; NOV's related to WDR Order Nos. R3-2014-0047 and R3-2014-0050

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

- A. Report from Closed Session (a report, if any, will be made both immediately after the closed session at 1316 Tamsen Street and at the beginning of the Regular meeting on June 22, 2017)**

5. ADJOURN