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CCSD FINALIZES RATES PROTEST TABULATION

Cambria, CA—The Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) has completed validation and tabulation of written protests to its proposed rate increase received at the July 14, 2008 public hearing.

As directed by the CCSD Board of Directors, the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County (League) provided oversight during the tabulation and validation process from July 15-August 6. Public observation was also allowed during this time.

Below are the criteria required for a valid protest. These were specified by the CCSD in its rates proposal notice mailed to CCSD property owners and tenant customers in May 2008.

- 1) Must indicate portion of rate increases being supported or protested;
- 2) Must submit name of property owner or tenant customer;
- 3) Must provide service address and signature of property owner or tenant customer. No copies of signature acceptable.

Verified property owner customers included spouses, domestic partners, trusts, non-profit and business organizations. Verified tenant customers were only those holding a CCSD service account.

The League recommended a random sampling of the protests for signature verification. Approximately 10% did not match the signatures on file from CCSD customer service and property owner parcel files. As a result, the League further recommended an outside signature verification process be

conducted by the San Luis Obispo Clerk-Recorder's Office, which occurred during the week of July 28. Digitized original signatures of registered voters in Cambria were used for comparison. Representatives from the CCSD and the League were present as observers.

As publicly discussed by District Counsel Art Montandon, the tabulation of the written protests was reviewed per CCSD Customer Service Account and per CCSD Service Parcel.

The League is prepared to certify the following results at the CCSD's next regular Board Meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2008, Veterans Memorial Building, Cambria.

RATE PROTEST RESULTS

PER CCSD CUSTOMER SERVICE ACCOUNT

Valid Protests Received	1,965
Majority Protests Required	2,001 (3,999÷2 plus 1)

PER CCSD SERVICE PARCEL

Valid Protests Received	1,939
Majority Protests Required	1,966 (3,929÷2 plus 1)

These results are posted on the CCSD website at www.cambriacsd.org.

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