

President's Report

We held an excellent Town Hall on Thursday the 3rd of January to dialog with the community on our goals and initiatives for 2019. We also discussed the formation of Standing and Ad Hoc committees for the upcoming year. Both discussions and the formation of the committees is part of our efforts to improve communication with the community and provide more transparency into our deliberations.

The Board narrowed our goals for the year to two initiatives. First, to increase Public Outreach and the second is to define the mission of the CCSD Board. The Public Outreach goal will be better defined at our next few regular meetings and the mission statement will be the subject of a future Town Hall, so we can get community input. The other goals that were presented and discussed were assigned to various committees. The committees will establish their goals, with board input and approval during their first meetings.

The Board decided to form three Standing Committees. Each committee will have a Board Director as Chairperson and five community members. The Board Director will be there to provide direction from the full Board and will not vote unless there is a tie that must be broken.

- Policy Committee: To review existing policy and ordinances for possible updating and to write new policy as needed to guide the work of the CCSD board and staff. Director Rice will Chair.
- Resource and Infrastructure Committee: to continue the work on the Capital Improvement Program and asset management. Additionally, to work on resource conservation including water and energy with an eye on the community's environmental footprint. Director Howell will Chair.
- Financial Committee: To work with the staff to develop the CCSD budget. Focus on increasing reserves for future projects and emergencies. Review major purchases and possible funding options including loans. Aggressively pursue grant funding for all departments and enterprise functions. Director Steidel will Chair.

The five community members of these committees will be appointed by the Board. If anyone in the community would like to be considered for appointment there is a form available on the CCSD website. Participation is voluntary and provides no remuneration. Each Director will be recommending a member for each committee.

Additionally, the Board established the following Ad Hoc committees and Liaison assignments.

- Audit: Director Steidel and President Pierson
- General Manager Search: Director Rice and President Pierson
- Tyler Incode: (the new financial software the district will be implementing) Vice President Farmer and Director Howell
- SWF CDP: Director Rice and President Pierson
- Emergency Services: Director Howell and President Pierson
- Liaison FFRP: Vice President Farmer
- Liaison Forest Committee: Vice President Farmer
- Liaison NCAC: Director Howell

- Liaison San Simeon CSD: Director Rice

The Board will also be holding a “Listening Session” on the General Manager search in the near future.

Our next meeting is January 17th (Thursday) at 2 PM at the Vet’s Hall. We will be filling the committee assignments and establishing a Board meeting schedule among other agenda items. Agendas for Regular Board Meetings are always posted on the CCSD website 72 hours before the meeting. Agendas for Special Meetings are posted 24 hours prior to the meeting. You can find the agendas here:

<https://www.cambriacsd.org/meetings>.