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Cambria Conservation Efforts Cut Water Use to New Lows

Total for First Half of 2015 Is 9.6% Below 2014, 37.8% Below 2013

CAMBRIA, CA – The Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) today released data on well production for the first six months of 2015, showing a continued drop in water use reflecting strong conservation efforts by its customers.

In the first half of 2015, CCSD wells produced 220.23 acre-feet, down 9.6% from 243.67 acre-feet in 2014. The 2015 total is 37.8% below the total production of 354.24 in the first half of 2013, before conservation measures were put into effect to counter the impact of the current severe drought.

In June, the total production of 40.65 acre-feet in 2015 was the lowest on record for that month. It beats the previous record of 41.02 acre-feet set in June 2014. In June 2013, production totaled 73.58 acre-feet.

CCSD wells in the San Simeon Creek and Santa Rosa Creek aquifers provide all of Cambria's potable water, so production from those wells closely tracks the community's water consumption.

CCSD General Manager Jerry Gruber saluted Cambrians on their continued success in saving water. "Cambria has long been a conservation model for the state, and the new production totals show that it retains its leadership role," he said. "Residents here have been showing California how to conserve since the drought emergency began, and I'm glad to say that they are not letting up."

Gruber also noted that Cambria now has a backup water source, the Emergency Water Supply (EWS) project, which he said "will ensure an adequate supply as long as the drought might last." Completed in 2014, the EWS produced more than 59 acre-feet of potable water during a 63-day test run earlier this year. It will be available this summer and fall to produce water as needed to maintain adequate well levels in the San Simeon Creek Aquifer, Cambria's principal water source.

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