

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

TO: PROS Committee Members

AGENDA NO. **6.D.**

FROM: Michael Thomas, Chair

Meeting Date: November 7, 2023

 Subject: Discuss and Consider a Standing Agenda Topic, Brief Reports from Groups and Individuals with Roles and Responsibilities Related to Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces within CCSD Jurisdictional Boundaries

DISCUSSION: In response to suggestions from committee members, I propose we include a standing agenda topic, brief reports from groups and individuals with roles and responsibilities related to parks, recreation and open spaces within CCSD jurisdictional boundaries.

From discussions with directors and staff from dozens of special districts at various CSDA training programs, one common theme is pervasive. Funding the acquisition and ongoing maintenance of parks, recreation, and open space projects is a challenge all over the state. I'm ever amazed at the creativity of groups and individuals in finding various forms of public/private partnerships for the betterment of the community. Cambria is no exception. It's truly amazing what the community has accomplished over the decades by working together, and this suggestion is just one way to keep that community spirit flowing.

Here are my preliminary thoughts regarding who to invite:

- Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, Kitty Connolly
- Skate Cambria, Juli Amodei
- Friends of the Dog Park, Shelly Becker
- Greenspace, Karin Argano,
- Forest Committee, Laura Swartz
- The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County, Daniel Bohlman

Who am I missing?

I recognize this will add time to our meetings, but I believe it is incumbent upon us to take the time needed to effectively engage the community.