

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NOVEMBER 16, 2009 – VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

- 1. Call to Order:** President Sanders called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m., led the pledge of allegiance, and established quorum. Assistant District Counsel David Hirsch reported no report from closed session.

Present: Directors Clift, Chaldecott, De Micco, MacKinnon and President Sanders  
Absent: None

Also present: General Manager Tammy Rudock, Assistant District Counsel David Hirsch, District Engineer Bob Gresens, and District Clerk Kathy Choate

- 2. Public Comment:**

Amanda Rice, Cambria. Commented on moratorium and district improvements.

Tina Dickason, Cambria. Commented on Pinedorado car show impeding access to Main Street; Moonstone Beach dog walkers; witnessed three CCSD employees in CCSD trucks using cell phones while driving.

Sylvia Hannah, Represents Advocates for Quiet. Interested in the Disturbing the Peace ordinance that is in the works with Board of Supervisors.

- 3. Agenda Review:**

Stands as published. Items 4 and 5 will be reversed so Commander Hall may report before the CAL FIRE presentation.

- 4. Acknowledgements/Presentation:**

CAL FIRE presentation on Emergency Medical Services and Fire Protection Services. Chief Miller introduced Chief Matt Jenkins and Chief Rob Lewin, CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire. Chief Jenkins presented a PowerPoint on who CAL FIRE is and contractual operations including emergency operations, fire protection, Aircraft Rescue fire fighting, Emergency Medical Services, Vehicle Accidents, Technical Rescue Team, Water and High Angle Rescue, Hazardous Materials Emergencies, Air Attack Program, CAL FIRE Administration, Training, Fire Prevention and Planning, Master Plan, Public Education, Emergency Communications Center, Automotive Services, GIS Lab. Level of service is set locally, based on need, risk, and community desire. CAL FIRE is governed by statewide MOU with benefit rates and salaries set by State. A full proposal is time consuming and before preparation an agency should be very serious and have buy-in from all groups—the community, labor, and the CSD. Board questions and Chief Jenkins' responses followed.

Public Comment:

Mahala Burton, Cambria. Thanked Cal Fire for putting fire at her house and Chief Miller for the investigation. Commented on her inquiry to Cal Fire some time ago about how they would fight a forest fire in Cambria? Crews would cut fire lines and air tankers would drop retardant.

Amanda Rice, Cambria. How would services differ if CAL Fire took over CSD Fire Department? Would co-location still be an option with ambulances at the fire station?

**Board consensus to refer matter to Emergency Services Committee to review contracting options as well as any other alternatives, such as different staffing**

**within our own department.** Chief Jenkins recommended looking at goals of community needs. Speak with Pismo, Avila, Los Osos, SLO County, and Morro Bay (stayed independent). Committee should be inclusive (labor representative, reserve representative, community member at large) for an informed decision.

## 5. Special Reports

A. Sheriff's Department Report: Commander Ben Hall reported last month in Cambria 32 reports and 186 calls for service; last year 54 reports and 239 calls for service; down quite a bit from previous year. Recent crimes included vehicle thefts, probation searches, stabbing of homeless person sleeping and house arrests. Recruiting for Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteer Patrol (SAVP).

## 6. Manager's and Board Reports

A. Manager's Report: Tammy Rudock summarized and presented the Managers' report. Commended staff and volunteers on safe Halloween event. District Engineer Bob Gresens highlighted activities for October 22 to November 10 and provided a brief PowerPoint on cost per acre foot for various water supply alternatives. Board discussion followed.

Public Comment:

Mahala Burton, Cambria. Requested PowerPoint is posted on website. Commented on Army Corps Engineer activities, contractors, and expenses. Questioned EIR for geotech process, potential trucking of desal water, and San Simeon CSD. Referenced Measure P. Whale Rock exchange is very viable.

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria. Questioned Army Corps expending the \$166,000 the CCSD sent back in September. Requested full disclosure of Army Corps' expenditures and revenues.

Mary Webb, Cambria. Commented on desal costs and one director off the record stating there is no way the CCSD is going to build a solar array. Commented that CCSD in discussion with San Simeon CSD about buying our future desalination water.

Amanda Rice, Cambria. Questioned status of Wastewater Operator hiring.

## B. Member and Committee Reports

Utilities Committee, Directors De Micco and Chaldecott met with Tammy Rudock, Bob Gresens, Jim Adams, and Mike Kuykendall to review major capital projects as a potential for the Prop 218 process. Key areas for water include Rodeo Grounds Pump Station Replacement, Stuart Street Water Storage Tank and SCADA. Wastewater projects include: Moonstone Bridge Replacement Pipelines, Influent Pump Station Electrical Panel Replacement and recoating, and SCADA.

Director MacKinnon, Finance Committee, reported on its review of quarterly report and ability to project water and wastewater as being fiscally sound for this fiscal year. Commented on previous Board request for forgiveness of pay raise from staff, which was rejected. General reserves are being reduced and need to be addressed. Besides another increase in rates our only alternative is cut in staffing, roughly ten percent. Board discussion followed. President Sanders reported the Executive Committee has instructed General Manager to present the draft furlough plan at the December regular meeting, pending SEIU agreement. The mid-year budget review in January will be an opportunity to assess the budget.

Director Chaldecott reported on his attendance at Assemblyman Blakeslee's conference regarding Senate Bill for Water Bond at \$11 billion. There are grounds for a good governing body to manage the Delta. Groundwater monitoring would go back to a central location to see if the state is over drafting.

#### Public Comment:

Mary Webb, Cambria. Supports reduction in staffing. Opposes lobbyist costs.

Tina Dickason, Cambria. Agreed with Mary Webb. Commented that Director MacKinnon previously discussed 10% cuts across the board. Commented on Social Security. Opposes any rate increase.

Jerry MacKinnon, Cambria. Questioned priority determination and financing for CIP projects?

### 7. Consent Agenda

A. Approve expenditures for the month of October 2009

B. Approve minutes of Board of Directors meeting October 22, 2009

**Director DeMicco moved to approve consent agenda. Director Clift seconded.**

**Motion carried unanimously.** General Manager read items into the record.

### 8. Hearings and Appeals

None

### 9. Regular Business

A. Adopt Resolution 50-2009 approving certification of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Master Environmental Impact Report (EIR); Adopt Resolution of 54-2009 approving the revised Community Park Plan; authorize General Manager to sign and file Notice of Determination; and Adopt Resolution 56-2009 approving a contract change order for Morro Group SWCA. Tammy Rudock presented the resolutions and reviewed the revisions to the EIR, Statement of Findings, revised Errata TC/mm – 4, in number 3 the word "onsite" needs to be deleted in transportation and circulation section on page B164 (lot is not on Fiscalini Ranch Preserve).

Shawna Scott, Morro Group, division of SWCA presented PowerPoint of Final Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) Errata Sheet Summary.

- Noise Mitigation measure N/mm-3 amended by deleting "c."
- Because amplified sound is prohibited in the Conservation Easement, MEIR references to prohibiting amplified noise are retained in Noise-MM-3.
- In the Traffic & Circulation section Parking Mitigation TC MM-4 is replaced with: "Upon application for the first land use or construction permits from the County, and prior to site disturbance for any further trail improvements, a comprehensive parking study for the West FRP shall be prepared that assesses parking impacts associated with use of the Bluff and Marine Terrace Trails and other uses of the West FRP. The parking study shall include input from the neighborhoods that may be impacted by off-site parking, the County, the FRP easement holder, the CCSD and the general public. The parking study shall take into consideration the FRP Conservation Easement, impacts to the FRP and neighborhoods adjacent to the West FRP. If the parking plan developed as a result of the parking study proposes onsite parking, such parking shall adhere to the provisions of mitigation measures GEO/mm–1, 2 and 5; BIO/mm–13; and CULT/mm–1–8."

- Traffic & Circulation(TC) section V-164 d. West FRP Parking Demand  
The word “onsite” is deleted from the sentence that currently reads: “The Public Access and Management Plan called for one onsite ADA parking space at the Huntington Lot...”
- Biological section relating to deletion of “...no vehicular parking shall be allowed on the Fiscalini Ranch...” Mitigation measure BIO/mm-27 has been deleted. Essentially replaced by TC MM-4.
- TC/mm-3 is amended to clarify: “Upon preparation of informal publication regarding the West FRP including, but not limited to online resources, brochures, posters, and docent walk informational materials, the CCSD shall include a description of and encourage alternative transportation methods to access the FRP, including trolley stops, bicycle routes, and pedestrian walkways.”
- Change “Open Meadow” on Revised Community Park Plan to “Informal Active Recreation Area (Non-Irrigated).”
- Throughout the document, “Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve” and “FFRP” shall be clarified to state “Easement Holder.”
- Public Services & Utilities (PSU) section is corrected: “The CCSD Ranch Manager currently maintains shaded fuel breaks on these boundaries, and will continue to do so as public access increases on the FRP.”
- PSU/mm-1 clarified to state: “Upon application for land use and construction permits, and prior to site disturbance for trail development, the CCSD shall develop a signage plan in consultation with the Easement Holder to address any safety signage needs on the FRP.”
- Aesthetics (AES) section: Mitigation measure AES/mm-5 clarified to state: “d. The proposed signage plan shall be developed by CCSD in consultation with the Easement Holder, and incorporated into the Management Plan.”
- Mitigation measure PSU/mm-3 amended: “The Cambria CSD Fire Department shall use existing vehicles and trucks capable of carrying rescue personnel and their equipment, as well as individual victims, throughout the FRP.”
- Mitigation measure BIO/mm-25 amended to state: “Outside of the typical nesting season, trees proposed for removal shall be inspected by the Ranch Manager or designee.”
- Mitigation measure WS/mm-4 clarified to state: “Proposed plans shall be reviewed and approved by the State Coastal Conservancy, and reviewed by the Easement Holder, and the Management Plan shall be amended prior to well development.
- Mitigation measure BIO/mm-8 and BIO/mm-9 to state: Replacement plantings to be “...native to the FRP to the maximum extent feasible.”
- Mitigation measure BIO/mm-14 to state: “Prior to initiation of construction activities, including trail construction...”

Board discussion followed on traffic study for parking, onsite parking, noise volume level, access vehicles and trucks.

Public Comment:

Lila Evans, Cambria. Commented on East West Ranch expenses. September 1996 worked on original plan presented for the Open Space Fiscalini Park and filed with the County. She recommends another economy study and review. Concerned with CCSD legal costs.

Mahala Burton, Cambria. Commented on Open Meadow to Future Active Recreation and underlying zoning of that portion of East Ranch (active recreation). Commented on potential for unorganized games that could result in increased traffic and noise.

Mary Webb, Cambria. She has never seen any study that says community is requesting an active recreation sports complex on East Ranch. Commented on 2005 SLO County Parks & Recreation survey of what communities wanted, and CCSD survey.

Ann Winburn, Cambria. Does not oppose Community Park. Opposes community park design with activities that cause unavoidable and significant adverse impacts to water supply, traffic and noise. Suggested soliciting parking input from west ranch neighbors.

Jerry McKinnon, Cambria. Referenced Pg 47, 48, 49 Table 1 Subsequent Project Summary West Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (20 projects) and Table 2 East Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (17 projects). Referenced estimated capital outlay costs for ranch preserve and those expenses coming from property taxes.

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria. Commented on Table 1 and 2 and tentativeness of the estimated capital outlay and projects on the pages. They may or may not be proposed projects and numbers of years to complete are misleading and ambiguous. On November 16, 2009 revised Errata Sheet correct "of" to "or" in first line of TC MM-4.

Bob Detweiler, Board member FFRP, Cambria. Spoke on behalf of FFRP Board. Supported the EIR and the process that lead to the EIR, including the amendments outlined in the revised Errata Sheet that will fulfill the shared goal of protecting both the public resource value of the Ranch and accommodating public access. Urged the Board to incorporate the amendments into the final report. Introduced a letter from FFRP legal counsel offering the CEQA arguments in favor of the proposed amendments.

**Director Chaldecott moved to approve Resolution 50-2009 approving certification of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) as amended per revised Errata Sheet dated November 16, 2009. Director Cliff seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent - 0**

**Director De Micco moved to approve Resolution 54-2009 approving the Revised Community Park Plan dated November 10, 2009 with the exhibits as discussed. Director MacKinnon seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent - 0**

**Director Cliff moved to authorize General Manager to file a Notice of Determination, including the Final Master EIR, Revised Community Park Plan, and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Checklist, with the County of San Luis Obispo and State Clearinghouse. Director Chaldecott seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent - 0**

**Director Chaldecott moved to adopt Resolution 56-2009 approving Morro Group, SWCA Services Agreement change order for additional EIR preparation expenses. Director De Micco seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 0**

B. Adopt 2010 CCSD regular Board meeting schedule. President Sanders introduced the item. Tammy Rudock reviewed the staff report. **Director Chaldecott moved to adopt the 2010 CCSD Board meeting schedule as presented. Director MacKinnon seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent - 0**

## **10. Public Comment**

Amanda Rice, Cambria. Provided update on tree removal by PG&E. Census 2010 next year; March surveys to all households. April 1 is Census Day. In May through August any household not returning survey will be visited.

Ann Winburn, Cambria. Requested PROS meeting minutes be posted on CCSD website.

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria. Expressed her gratitude for Connie Davidson.

Jerry McKinnon, Cambria. Commented on expenditure to PG&E for street lights covering August 28 – Oct 5 for \$1,117.20. Commented on Cal Fire costs.

Director De Micco, on behalf of Chief Miller, shared the First Baptist Church school fourth and fifth graders learned recently about public service in communities. The students gave tokens of appreciation to the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, and were nice enough to include trail mix with a note for each of the Directors.

Director MacKinnon attended the NCAC meeting four or five months ago and dirty trash cans downtown were discussed. They are an embarrassment and something has to be done. Ben Boer and his one and a half staff cannot maintain them. A decision needs to be made; either the shop owners take care of it (and there's a benefit to the shop owners) or they are taken away. President Sanders requested the Chamber be contacted and report back in General Manager's report at December regular meeting.

Amanda Rice, NCAC. Trash cans on NCAC November 18 agenda.

Jerry McKinnon, Cambria. Consider using those who need community service hours to clean garbage cans.

**11. Adjourn** President Sanders adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m. to closed session, Veterans Building Dining Room, 1000 Main Street.