

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 2:31:12 PM

CCSD Board of Directors:

I heartily agree with the three public comments by Christine Heinrichs, just read to you by Ms Dodson.

Elizabeth Bettenhausen
Cambria

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: General Public Comment
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 1:59:09 PM

I'd like to commend the board and staff for your excellent performance during these interesting times. The use of technology to keep us all connected and informed certainly has been a learning experience for us all, while at the same time giving attendees a different view into how the CCSD operates.

Particular kudos to:

Chief Hollingsworth for his crisp, detailed and confidence-building reports on what is happening in the Emergency Services world, and clearly tying together the various inputs from local, county, state and federal sources. Great job, chief.

Carlos Mendoza gets things done with professionalism and humility. His reports capture the activities he and his team manage, while never losing sight of the human factors that drive these actions. It is also great to see him out on the ranch, making sure it is safe and accessible to all. Thanks, Carlos.

Pam Duffield is always ready with the numbers, and details behind the programs and processes that keep the business of the district moving forward in these fluid times. A picture of skill and competence. Thanks Pam.

Haley Dodson, for keeping the communication flowing, directing multiple Zoom sessions, and being unfailingly responsive to the community, the board, and her fellow staff members. Thanks, Haley, for keeping the information highway open for us!

And to Community leader extraordinaire Karen Dean, for her dedication and determination to keep the community aware and informed about the meetings and activities that support the District. Karen, you are awesome!

MC

Michael Calderwood
[REDACTED]

My blog - MTCalderwood.com

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Haley Dodson](#)
Subject: R&I report
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 4:12:17 PM

Director Pierson and Board:

There would appear to be no way for several years --even up to 10 years, to have our licenses reviewed/and or changed to exceed 799 AFY from the San Simeon aquifer.

Any thoughts regarding such a scenario?

Thanks,
Tina Dickason

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Haley Dodson](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 9C
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 4:04:34 PM

To Board members and Staff:

I concur with Director Howell's comments, made earlier in the meeting, referring to the CCSD Board being privy to the Draft form of the CDP, prior to submittal to the County Planning Department and Coastal Commission. I would ask that the community have an opportunity to view the Draft and submit comments, should they wish to do so. The process for the CDP, seems to have meandered from what we had been told last summer and fall. There was a great deal of emphasis placed on the Project Description, yet to my knowledge, there have been no updates related to the CDP, either from the assigned ad hoc committee or staff. What I've gathered in reading this very brief, one-page agenda item (9C), is that considerable work has actually been accomplished on completing the regular CDP application. If that is the case, is there really a need to spend \$150,000 on Water Systems Consulting, which represents \$120,000 over the budgeted \$30,000, to complete work on the UWMP?

Thank you,
Tina Dickason

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Haley Dodson](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 2:41:15 PM

Haley,

I meant no disrespect to you, I merely was making the point that we, the members of the public, should be allowed to ask our questions, ourselves. I think Director Rice misinterpreted what I was saying in my comments.

Please share with the board if you are able--maybe at last Public Comment. I would like this clarified.

(Thanks--you do a great job!)
Tina

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Haley Dodson](#)
Subject: Agenda item 5A
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 2:49:40 PM

To the Board:

In checking the Expenditure Report, I saw that legal fees amounted to a total of \$37,922.71. Here is the breakdown:

Rutan and Tucker, \$21,014.70 (I assume these fees are related to the CDM Smith lawsuit)

Carmel and Naccasha, \$17,358.85

Liebert, Cassidy and Whitmore, \$9,549.85 (These charges were not primarily for labor negotiations, but rather Admin. related fees)

Since there is generally no report from Closed Session on legal items, I would ask if there is a status update on any of the lawsuits and costs related that the district is involved in?

Thank you,
Tina Dickason

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Haley Dodson](#)
Subject: CCSD Board Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 2:15:54 PM

Good afternoon, Haley.
Please read these two items at Public Comment.

To Board members:

1) Why is the public no longer able to participate in District meetings, conducted via Zoom, as was the case in very first Zoomed meeting? It is difficult enough due to current circumstances, to be unable to attend a physical meeting, but to have our comments read out by the District Clerk, rather than ourselves, is demeaning, and shows very little respect to members of the community, who care enough about attending CCSD meetings. Please explain your rationale.

2) A question for legal counsel: Why was Mr. Swift reimbursed all costs associated with his application to build on his property on Moonstone Beach Dr., amounting to \$8,099.50. This project was appealed by Coastal Commissioners, Escalante and Rice, and staff recommended denial. Shortly before the item was to be heard by the Coastal Commission, Mr. Swift withdrew his application. Is the reimbursement of **all** fees associated with an application for development, once withdrawn, a policy that the CCSD has established, which in this case also included reimbursement of \$7,750 for retrofit points?

Thank you,
Tina Dickason

For reference:

Here is a response I received from a PRR related to reimbursement of the fees.

From: Melissa Bland <mbland@cambriacsd.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Jeremy Heidrick
Cc: Pamela Duffield <pduffield@cambriacsd.org>
Subject: RE: CCSD's Third Response to your Public Records Request

Good morning, Jeremy:
Attached, please find a credit memo for the prepaid fees related to the withdrawn project at APN
022-053-041 (XXXX Moonstone Beach Dr). I will hand deliver this to our Accounts Payable team today.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Remote meetings
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 10:39:35 AM

16 April 2020

Re: Remote meetings

To the Board:

Thank you for holding meetings via electronic technology during these difficult times. However, excluding the public from participating is neither necessary nor desirable

Zoom meetings can include all participants. I have been in Zoom meetings with over 30 participants that have gone smoothly.

Mr. Weigold's claim that "Unless you are a panelist (participant) in the meeting, there is no option for you to see other attendees during a Zoom webinar" is simply not true. The meeting can be adjusted to allow all to see the other participants and to speak as appropriate.

I ask the board to direct staff to make the necessary changes to provide for public engagement in board meetings. Thank you.

Christine Heinrich

Cambria

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Christine Heinrichs

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 1:38:00 PM

Forest Survey

To the Board:

Recently, the board approved sending a survey on Fire Mitigation and Forest Health to the community as an insert in water bills. Unfortunately, the survey was not written yet when the board approved it in February. The survey that was sent out was disappointing. I ask the board to withdraw its approval.

Its title is misleading. It isn't about Fire Mitigation and Forest Health. Fire Safe Council business manager Dan Turner said it is about aesthetics, although it doesn't say that. It's confusing, and misleading.

Its construction and questions present impossible choices and do not allow for reasonable variation in opinions. Its flaws are too serious to allow its results to be used in any kind of decision making. The survey items are only tangentially related to fire mitigation and forest health.

Survey items present choices between Treatment to reduce the chance of a catastrophic fire event, and No Treatment, as if anyone were to choose in favor of a catastrophic fire.

The survey has several typographical errors and names an organization incorrectly.

The survey was presented as the work of a graduate student, and no doubt the board anticipated a high quality, professionally polished, thoughtful survey. The actual document is far below professional standards.

Please send this survey back to the drawing board. It is unprofessional and unworthy of academic credit. I ask the board to withdraw its support for this project, and to inform the student and her faculty advisor of the decision.

Thank you.

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Christine Heinrichs

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Cambria Fire Mitigation and Forest Health Survey
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:32:54 AM
Attachments: [Forest Survey 2020 comment letter.docx](#)

To the board:

I sent the attached letter to Erin Lucett, the Cal Poly graduate student responsible for the survey, and her advisors. I strongly object to the district sponsoring this survey by including it district water bills. That gives it the appearance of official business. it isn't, and it isn't well constructed or written.

I ask the board to withdraw its support for this survey, which was approved before the board reviewed it. Please revisit this subject and inform the community that it is not endorsed by the district.

Thank you.

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Christine Heinrichs

9 April 2020

Erin Lucett, elucett@calpoly.edu

Dr. Yamina Pressler, in the Department of Natural Resource Management and Environmental Sciences, ypressle@calpoly.edu

Dr. Michael Black, Chair of the Cal Poly Institutional Review Board, mblack@calpoly.edu

Trish Block, Director of Research Compliance, pbrock@calpoly.edu

To Ms. Lucett, Dr. Pressler, Dr. Black and Ms. Block:

The Cambria Fire Mitigation and Forest Health survey is not acceptable as a public opinion measure relevant to its title. Its construction and questions present impossible choices and do not allow for reasonable variation in opinions. Its flaws are too serious to allow its results to be used in any kind of decision making. The survey items are only tangentially related to fire mitigation and forest health. Please send this survey back to the drawing board. It is unprofessional and unworthy of academic credit.

At the April 8 meeting of the Cambria Forest Committee, Dan Turner, business manager of the San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council, said that the survey was not intended to concern forest health, but is instead intended to measure aesthetics. In that case, the survey misrepresents itself from the beginning.

Aesthetic preferences may be the goal, as the first section concerns Visual Preferences. Appearances may influence forest management decisions, which should be based on scientific facts.

The photos are instantly prejudicial. Separating them along the parameters of Treatment vs. No Treatment is a binary choice that is inappropriate applied to forest health and management decisions. It's dubious in reference to aesthetics. If opinion on aesthetics is the goal, the item should relate in those terms, whether one is prettier than the other. Residents who enjoy walking in the forest will be inclined to favor the carefully manicured photo over the unkempt, dried-out forest.

Other forest management considerations include native plants and invasive weeds, and the significance of forest understory to the ecology and as habitat for wildlife. Surveying visual preferences ignores significant ecological considerations.

In Section 2, Treatment Support, the divide of Oppose or Support is too simplistic, even on a five-point scale, to result in informed responses. No forest advocate supports disease, invasive species, or fuel buildup leading to a catastrophic event and loss of life and property. All reasonable people want to reduce severity of potential fires, control pathogens, and stimulate the growth of healthy Monterey Pine.

The items are written in such a way as to force the respondents to respond to support the survey writers' preferences. They will not elicit responses that will help the forest. They will only help justify existing attitudes.

Consistent with the poor quality of this survey, even the name of the nonprofit Greenspace — The Cambria Land Trust is incorrectly recorded, although it is easily available online. It also has typographical errors in Section 3, Locating Properties and Section 4, Background Information.

I am disappointed in this sham of a survey being circulated under the auspices of Cal Poly's graduate level studies. Please withdraw it for re-formulation into a more useful tool for supporting the best forest management of Cambria's Monterey Pine forest. Cambria has many individuals and organizations concerned with the forest who would be happy to assist this student in formulating a more professional product.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Item 9B
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 5:13:13 PM

To the Board:

Please approve this irrigation meter transfer. This does not represent any new water use. Merging the lots, part of the Buildout Reduction Plan, is part of the mitigation for the EWS. This transfer will benefit the community and use less water than the previous maximum. Thank you for approving it.

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Christine Heinrichs

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Haley Dodson](mailto:Haley.Dodson)
Subject: Re: Meeting today
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 5:30:38 PM

Haley

this is not a greater amount . The high use was **21 units**

please correct the record

20 units is a reduction AND WE ARE MERGING PARCELS

MARY

On Apr 16, 2020, at 3:48 PM, Haley Dodson <hdodson@camabriacsd.org> wrote:

Hi Mary,

Thank you for your comment.

Haley

From: Mary Webb [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Haley Dodson <hdodson@camabriacsd.org>
Subject: Re: Meeting today

Item 9B Greenspace comments on Irrigation Meter

GS agrees with the Key Points in the transfer agreement:

- CSD to waive Administrative costs
- Greenspace to be responsible for cost of installation of meter
- Mr. Arnold and GS hold CSD harmless from liability
- Arnold parcel to be merged with Boles parcel so this action permanently retires lots from development and saves water.

Limitation on use of water to be set at meeting:

GS requests that we be allowed 20 units of water per year which is less than the 21 units used by the previous owner in one year.

Greenspace is a nonprofit organization using this irrigation water as a **public benefit for the community and as required mitigation** to grow Monterey Pines to replace trees that are removed due to development, mitigate the trees that are removed due to

fire concerns, and replace trees that are harmed thru weather or disease.

***Tree mitigation is required** in our Local Coastal Plan, and Title 23 of the CZLUO identifies Monterey pine forest as Terrestrial Habitat ESHA (Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area), which is a type of Sensitive Resource Area (defined in CZLUO Section 23.11.030) where plant or animal life or their habitats are either rare or especially valuable because of their special nature or role in an ecosystem and which could easily be disturbed or degraded by human activities and development. Monterey pine forests are rare because they occur in only three areas in California out of only five areas in the world. The southernmost stand in California is the 2,500 acres surrounding Cambria, covering most of the Cambria Urban Area and surrounding areas. **Monterey pine forest is subject to increased threats from development, clearing, fragmentation, climate change, and disease.** As stated in the LCP, the Monterey pines surrounding Cambria are extremely important due to genetic variations found there that protect some trees from pine pitch canker, a disease that has caused rapid loss of Monterey pine trees.*

Because the Monterey pine tree forest is such an important environmental resource, the Local Coastal Plan provides numerous policies and standards that protect it, including ESHA Policies 1, 2, 29, 30, 35 (and their implementing ordinances CZLUO Sections 23.07.170 and 23.07.176), NCAP - the North Coast Area Plan.

We want to make our tree growing program more visible to the community thru partnerships and by having a location downtown to better educate the community on Cambria's iconic species - the Monterey Pine that underlies our very name "**Cambria Pines by the Sea**".

Thank you very much,
Mary Webb, President
Greenspace

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They already discussed item 5A, but I'll see if the Board will allow me to read it.

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Haley

From: Mary Webb [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Haley Dodson <hdodson@camabriacsd.org>
Subject: Re: Meeting today

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Haley

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