



CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

The Cambria Community Services District Board of Directors held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428.

1. OPENING

1.A Call to Order

President Farmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1.B Pledge of Allegiance

President Farmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.C Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Directors present: Harry Farmer, Karen Dean, Debra Scott, and Michael Thomas.

Directors absent: Tom Gray.

Staff present: General Manager Matthew McElhenie, Administrative Department Manager Denise Fritz, Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson, Utilities Department Manager Jim Green, Facilities & Resources Manager David Aguirre, and Program Manager Tristan Reaper.

Staff present via Zoom: District Counsel Timothy Carmel, Fire Chief Michael Burkey, and Administrative Technician IV Eric Johnson.

1.D President's Report

President Farmer announced that rain is expected later this week.

1.E Agenda Review

President Farmer asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

2. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

President Farmer asked if there were any Board Member Communications. There were none.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Heinrichs, Cambria (also submitted a written comment for the record)

4. PUBLIC SAFETY

4.A Sheriff's Department Report

Commander Abbas provided a Sheriff's Department Report.

4.B California Highway Patrol (CHP) Report

There was no California Highway Patrol (CHP) Report.

4.C CCSD Fire Chief's Report

Fire Chief Burkey provided a report on the Fire Department's recent activities in Cambria for March.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.A Consideration to Adopt the March 2026 Expenditure Report

5.B Consideration to Adopt the March 2, 2026 and March 26, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and March 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

5.C Consideration of Adoption of Resolution 12-2026 Declaring a Public Nuisance for the Annual Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program (FHFRP) and Direct Staff to Issue a Request for Proposal (RFP)

The Board of Directors held a discussion.

Public Comment:

Christine Heinrichs, Cambria (also submitted a written comment for the record)

Director Scott moved to approve the Consent Agenda as stated.

Vice President Dean seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Ayes – 4 (Farmer, Dean, Scott & Thomas) Nays – 0 Absent – 1 (Gray)

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

6.A Discussion and Consideration of Approval of an Agreement with Cannon Engineering for the Santa Rosa Creek Streambank Stabilization Project, Adoption of Resolution 14-2026 Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, and Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Agreement – Amended 4/8/2026

General Manager McElhenie introduced the item and provided a summary. This item was amended on April 8, 2026, to include all Request for Proposals submitted to the District.

Utilities Department Manager Green provided a summary.

The Board of Directors held a discussion.

Public Comment:

Christine Heinrichs, Cambria (also submitted a written comment for the record)

Bill Henry from Estero Environmental provided a summary.

The Board of Directors held a discussion.

Vice President Dean moved to approve an Agreement with Cannon Engineering for the Santa Rosa Creek Streambank Stabilization Project and adopt Resolution 14-2026 amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, and authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement.

Director Scott seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Ayes – 4 (Farmer, Dean, Scott & Thomas) Nays – 0 Absent – 1 (Gray)

6.B Discussion Regarding the Advanced Brine Treatment and Water Recovery Technology Evaluation Report and Provide Direction to Staff for Funding Alternatives

General Manager McElhenie introduced the item and provided a summary.

Public Comment:

Christine Heinrichs, Cambria (also submitted a written comment for the record)

Henry Krzciuk, Cambria (also submitted a written comment for the record)

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria

The Board of Directors held a discussion.

Utilities Department Manager Green provided a summary.

Clark Easter, CEO of Global Water Innovations, provided a summary.

The Board of Directors discussed the matter and instructed staff to identify available funding sources and explore any additional options under consideration for brine disposal.

The Board of Directors took a break at 11:50 a.m.

The Board of Directors reconvened the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

7. HEARINGS AND APPEALS

7.A Discussion and Consideration to Fix Water and Wastewater Standby or Availability Charges as Provided in Government Code 61124(b) and Consideration of Adoption of Resolution 13-2026 Fixing Water and Wastewater Standby or Availability Charges for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

General Manager McElhenie introduced the item and provided a summary.

The Board of Directors held a discussion.

Public Comment: none.

Director Thomas moved to adopt Resolution 13-2026 establishing Water and Wastewater Standby or Availability Charges for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

Vice President Dean seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Ayes – 4 (Farmer, Dean, Scott & Thomas) Nays – 0 Absent – 1 (Gray)

8. MANAGER REPORTS

8.A General Manager's Report

General Manager McElhenie provided a summary of the General Manager's Report.

Public Comment:

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria

8.B Facilities & Resources Manager's Report

Facilities & Resources Manager Aguirre provided a Facilities & Resources Manager's Report.

Public Comment: none.

8.C Finance Manager's Report

Administrative Department Manager Fritz provided a Finance Manager's Report.

Public Comment: none.

8.D Utilities Report

Utilities Department Manager Green provided a summary of the Utilities Department Report.

Public Comment:

Christine Heinrichs, Cambria (also submitted a written comment for the record)

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria

9. BOARD MEMBER, COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

9.A Finance Committee's Report

There was no Finance Committee meeting in March.

9.B Fire Protection Committee's Report

There was no Fire Protection Committee meeting in March.

9.C PROS Committee's Report

Written reports were included in the agenda packet.

9.D Resources & Infrastructure Committee's Report

No written report was included in the agenda packet.

9.E Other Liaison Reports & Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Written reports were included in the agenda packet.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

President Farmer asked for any future agenda items. There were none.

Public Comment:

Christine Heinrichs, Cambria (also submitted a written comment for the record)

11. ADJOURN

President Farmer adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

For further details on the CCSD meeting, please visit the District's website.