



CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2026, REGULAR FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Fire Protection Committee of the Cambria Community Services District was held at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall, located at 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428, on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 10:30 AM

1. OPENING

1.A Call to Order

Chairperson Gray called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

1.B Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Committee members present: Tom Gray, Arthur Chapman, Ronald De Luca, Tony Safford, Gordon Heinrichs, and Bruno Gonzalez.

Staff present: General Manager Matthew, McElhenie, Fire Chief Michael Burkey, and Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson.

1.C Election of Vice Chair and Secretary

Committee member Chapman nominated Tony Safford as Vice Chair.

The motion was seconded by Committee member De Luca.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

Bruno Gonzalez volunteered to be secretary.

Committee member Safford nominated Bruno Gonzalez as Secretary.

The motion was seconded by Committee member Chapman.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

1.D Chair Report

There were none.

1.E Committee Member and Staff Communications

There were none.

1.F Ad Hoc Committee Reports

The Fire Protection Committee created an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Committee members Heinrichs and De Luca to work with staff on CIP and finances.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment noted.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.A Consideration to Approve the November 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Chapman moved to approve the minutes.

Committee Member Safford seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

4.A Discussion Regarding Cambria Fire Station Apparatus Bay: Health and Safety Considerations for Modernization & Upgrades

Chief Burkey discussed the need for action to be taken ASAP.

Recommended move equipment to a safer location not in apparatus bay but indoors possibly the large conference room. Possibly build an outdoor building to house gym equipment in the future. Ventilation for server room to be installed to help prevent any possible overheating.

4.B Discussion Regarding Cambria Fire Station Upgrades to Address Aging Infrastructure and Current Standards and Review Capital Improvement Project List

The Ad Hoc Committee will prioritize CIP needs with a focus on priorities and the financial impact.

4.C Review and Discussion of Fire Protection Funding Outlook, Including Update on Feasibility of Benefit Assessment

The general manager discussed the need for funding through a parcel tax that would generate needed revenue to fund CIP projects.

Timing of such funding would need to be determined by a consultant firm on feasibility and timing for the future election cycle 26/27.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

Chairperson Gray asked for any future agenda items. The following items were suggested:

- Cancer screening and mental health were discussed and looked into possible PFA-free turnouts for the future.
- Look into health and wellness programs to address the need for cancer prevention and mental well-being.
- Action to be taken by Chief Burkey to research what other departments are doing and bring back recommendations.
- Talked about possible evacuation signage being made to direct traffic to Highway 1 for people who may not know. County officials to be contacted.

6. ADJOURN

Chairperson Gray adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.