

From: [Suzanne Fiedler](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Cc: [Kitty Connolly](#)
Subject: Proposed Boardwalk in Fiscalini
Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:43:48 AM

Hello Haley,

This recommendation is intended for the April 11th meeting of CCSD.

I'm writing in regard to the proposed boardwalk to connect the bluff walk to the Marlborough service road at the south end of the ranch. This is a frequently used cutover which seems to accumulate a significant amount of runoff from the hills above after the rains and a few weeks afterward. The trailhead from the service road remains wet and muddy for a while. In January of 2023, I slipped at that spot resulting in a minor fracture to my ankle and slight damage to a tendon. Physical therapy was required and the healing is now complete.

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Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Suzanne Fiedler

From: [donald](#) [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Re: COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM 6A
Date: Monday, April 8, 2024 3:11:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thank you, Haley,

I found that I left out something in the copy I sent you. Could you please replace my previous comments with this correct version?

Donald

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Who understands that it's THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE that is PAYING THE COSTS THAT BOTH SIDES ARE INCURRING in this dispute? It's a double-whammy and a lose-lose for all of us.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe that what the CCSD originally requested of the CUSD was eventually, after some volleying back and forth, not only met by the CUSD, but sweetened in the CCSD's favor.

However, by then the CCSD had become determined to own the land, not lease it. And that has opened this can of worms. Who advised this change of policy/strategy...and why?

As far as the community at large is concerned, this conflict is not one sovereign agency against another; it's more like one's liver badly infecting one's kidneys. It's created two adversaries, rather than two partners, in resolving what is, in fact, a 'family' dispute. And in the end, who truly wins?

We, the public, deserve answers to these questions.

***Donald Archer,
Cambria***

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From: BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 12:21 PM

To: donald [REDACTED] >

Cc: Matthew McElhenie <mmcelhenie@cambriacsd.org>; James Green <jgreen@cambriacsd.org>

Subject: RE: COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM 6A

Hi Donald,

I received your written public comment.

Thank you,



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From: donald [REDACTED] >

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 11:53 AM

To: BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>

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From: [BoardComment](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
Date: Monday, April 1, 2024 5:47:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thank you.



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From: donald [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 12:25 PM
To: BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>
Subject: Re: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Thanks for the heads up, Haley,

I've done some editing, after your comments, and I think this version is better in all respects. Could you replace my first draft with this? I may be able to attend the meeting and present it myself.

Here's the final:

President Gray, Vice President Scott, and members of the Board:

I recently sent each board member, and the General Manager as well, the following suggestion (here condensed):

'It would be extremely helpful to have a clear, concise, easy-to-comprehend district report on the progress, or lack thereof, of the district's *major* projects with just the salient points, dates, and deadlines...bulleted for clarity and emphasis. This could be included as a 1-page insert in the CCSD bi-monthly billing statement mailed to rate-payers.'

The information included would pertain ONLY to the status of the MAJOR projects the CCSD undertakes to provide the community with essential, life-sustaining services: water treatment, delivery, and storage; and wastewater collection, transmission, and treatment...i.e., replacing the main water line, replacing the Stuart Street tanks, updates to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, EWS permitting, and other essential infrastructure issues.

Ideally, *the main message and points should be made to be digested at a glance.*

Some directors regarded my request as redundant with information already available from the district and commented that it would be wasteful of paper and staff time.

I respectfully disagree.

When I converse about CCSD issues with my neighbors, I am dismayed by the general public's lack of knowledge of the CCSD and its projects. That's why I made this suggestion.

It's not easy to navigate and find this information readily, if at all, on the CCSD website. And it is not presented concisely. I believe such

information should be quick and easy to access.

The reason I have suggested a paper insert in the billing is that while everyone in the community may not have access to the internet, to email, nor to the General Manager's letter, every CCSD customer receives a bi-monthly statement. And, unlike these other information conduits, it can't be as easily overlooked or as difficult to find.

With something as important as creating a well-informed and engaged public, I don't think including a 1-page insert is a waste of resources or a waste of staff time but I'm open to any workable and efficient alternatives if they make this information easily available and easy to digest.

Finally, I believe these suggestions are important enough to be included and considered for the future board agenda.

Thank you,

Donald Archer

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From: BoardComment <boardcomment@cabriacsd.org>

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 7:55 AM

To: donald [REDACTED]

Cc: Matthew McElhenie <mmcelhenie@cabriacsd.org>; Tom Gray <tgray@cabriacsd.org>

Subject: RE: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Good morning, Donald,

I received your written public comment, and I may not be able to finish reading it due to the length. Written and oral comments are only allowed three minutes.

Thank you,



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From: donald [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 12:30 PM
To: BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>
Subject: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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While, Vice President Scott and Director Dean were positive and open to my suggestions, President Gray, Director Thomas, along with General Manager McElhenie all regarded my request as redundant with what is already readily available from the district...on its website as well as in the 'Letter from the General Manager. These members unanimously expressed the opinion that the request would be wasteful of paper and staff time.

I respectfully disagree.

Should you survey your neighbors, as I have done in my own neighborhood, you might be as dismayed, as I have been, by the general public's lack of knowledge of the CCSD and its projects as well as by the public's lack of engagement. That's why I made this suggestion.

Contrary to the view of some board members and staff, the CCSD website is not easy to navigate to access this information. I think such information should be quick and easy to access. It currently is not.

And while I appreciate the GM's attempt to communicate with the community, I don't find the content or format of his 'Letter from the

General Manager' easy to read or digest. Nor do I consider 7-12 pages of prose concise. The 'Letter' often repeats previous messages and reads like the minutes from a board meeting...which can be easily found online.

If I find getting specific information unnecessarily difficult, I can only imagine how less engaged community members might find the task.

I wonder what percentage of the community visits the CCSD website and what percentage receives, looks at, and digests the 'Letter from the General Manager.'

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I believe making these suggestions would not only help create an informed community, it would also assist the board, administration, and staff in establishing a clear focus on definite time schedules and phase deadlines that have to be met so that the progress or delay of each major project can be evaluated.

Finally, I believe these suggestions are important enough to be included and considered for future board agendas.

Thank you for your attention,

Donald Archer

P.S.: Please include these comments in the public record.

From: [BoardComment](#)
To: "Eugene Blanck"
Cc: [Matthew McElhenie](#); [James Green](#)
Subject: RE: Please read for SR4 eminent domain item (s) April 11, 2024
Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 1:49:00 PM

Hi Eugene,

I received your written public comment.



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From: Eugene Blanck [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 1:38 PM
To: BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>
Subject: Re: Please read for SR4 eminent domain item (s) April 11, 2024

In 1996 it was “temporary”, changing that was NOT in the spirit of the original agreement.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2024, at 1:35 PM, Eugene Blanck <lblank@icloud.com> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: BoardComment <boardcomment@Cambriacsd.org>
Date: April 10, 2024 at 12:55:01 PM PDT
To: Eugene Blanck [REDACTED]
Cc: Eugene Blanck [REDACTED], Matthew McElhenie <mmcelhenie@Cambriacsd.org>, James Green <jgreen@Cambriacsd.org>
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From: Eugene Blanck <eblanck@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 12:45 PM
To: BoardComment <boardcomment@Cambriacsd.org>
Cc: Eugene Blanck [REDACTED]
Subject: Please read for SR4 eminent domain item (s) April 11, 2024

I was a CCSD Board member in 1996 when pollution from the

Chevron station temporarily closed Santa Rosa (SR) creek well 1 and 3 and we asked the high school to install a temporary emergency well there (SR4) to get us through a seasonal crisis. The CCSD Board at that time did NOT want to threaten Santa Rosa creek rancher/farmer water rights and only asked for a part-time temporary emergency well.

Several years ago, the California Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board clean closed the Chevron leak after remedial action, making SR 1 and 3 available to use to pump Cambria's water supply again. The CCSD should rework those wells after last years flooding and raise the well heads on them and use them. This is a better situation than having CCSD staff lingering on high school grounds.

This CCSD Board is off target of the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor cooperation that allowed SR 4 to be installed on a temporary emergency basis.

Sincerely,
Lou Blanck
CA Pro Geophysicist
CA Pro Geologist
CA Cert Engineering Geologist
CA Cert Hydrogeologist
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Streamline](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: New form submission received: Written Public Comment
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024 4:22:48 PM

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Written Public Comment

First Name:	Fanny
Last Name:	Arenas
Address:	██████████ San Luis Obispo, ██████████
Email:	████████████████████
	<p>Dear Esteemed Board Members, I am writing to you on behalf of Meals That Connect, an organization dedicated to providing essential nutrition and fostering community among seniors in San Luis Obispo County. It is with a heavy heart that I bring to your attention the precarious situation facing our Cambria program. Our meals do so much more than merely nourish; they serve as a lifeline</p>

<p>Written Public Comment:</p>	<p>for many seniors, offering not only sustenance but also vital connections and companionship. However, the viability of our Cambria program is currently under threat due to low attendance in our dining area. The primary challenge we face in Cambria is our geographical location, which poses significant barriers for seniors to access our services. Many of our elderly residents are unable to travel the distance to our dining rooms, leaving them isolated and without the critical support we provide. We are currently sharing a very small space with Cambria Community Presbyterian on Yorkshire Drive. We believe that every senior in our community deserves access to nutritious meals and the opportunity to engage in social interactions that can combat loneliness and improve their overall well-being. That is why we are appealing to you today for assistance in preserving our Cambria program. We humbly request your consideration in allowing us to utilize the Veterans Hall as a venue for our meals in Cambria. This centrally located facility would vastly improve accessibility for seniors in the area, ensuring that they can benefit from our services without the hindrance of distance. Furthermore, by relocating to the Veterans Hall, we would have the opportunity to reach out to more seniors who may be currently underserved due to transportation limitations. This move aligns with our mission to serve the entire community inclusively and compassionately. We are eager to discuss this matter further with you and explore how we can work together to find a sustainable solution that ensures the continuation of Meals That Connect in Cambria. The well-being of our senior population is at stake, and we cannot afford to let them down. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We remain hopeful that with your support, we can overcome the challenges facing our Cambria program and continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our beloved seniors. Sincerely, Fanny Arenas Program Manager Meals That Connect</p>
<p>Written Comment to be read at::</p>	<p>PROS Committee Meeting</p>
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From: [Lauren Younger](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: water dispute
Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 5:13:33 PM

Just think for a minute. If the CCSD did not have the ability to threaten using eminent domain, how would you proceed in this dispute? Do that. Don't let it escalate to legal action.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Wells @ CUHS
Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024 11:32:59 AM

To: board of directors

I strongly urge you to continue to have those wells serve the needs of the high school. Sports and subsequently athletic fields are important to the well rounded education being offered at this facility. The benefits of participating in sports for children, is far more important than the use the ccsc has planned for this amount of water.

Michele Novoa

Sent from my Galaxy