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**To:** [BoardComment](#)  
**Subject:** For CCSD meeting 7/15/21, comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 12, 2021 4:03:55 PM

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1) I'm a little confused about the new 6 Stages of Water Emergency and have a question:

How can we include "get the WRF" prepared to run, or "Run the WRF" when it hasn't been fully permitted yet? What are we going to do for water right now when we run out? We certainly can't run that facility.

2) I also would like to know why Vacation Rentals don't pay sewage fees? Can someone please give the answer for that?

Thank you for your feedback.

Dave & Karen Pearson  
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**From:** [Melissa Bland](#)  
**To:** [Ossana Terterian](#)  
**Cc:** [John F. Weigold IV](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Today's CCSD Meeting ITEM 6 A  
**Date:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 12:59:47 PM

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Ossana,

Please see below.

Best,  
Melissa

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**From:** Melvin L. McColloch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 12:40 PM  
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**Cc:** John F. Weigold IV <jweigold@cambriacsd.org>  
**Subject:** Today's CCSD Meeting

Hi Melissa

Could you please get my comments to the right person so they can be read at the comment period for agenda item number 6A.

Honorable Board and staff

I am Mel McColloch president of the Cambria Chamber of Commerce and I am representing all of the motels and restaurants in Cambria, who are all chamber members. I know ration ow water will be necessary but I suggest the district should approach rationing of water to Cambria businesses as slow as possible.

The rationing of water will at a certain point mean motels will have to shut down rooms and restaurants limit customers. This will be a real serious hardship on our businesss.

Thank you for considering this problem in deciding on the various stages.

By the way, when will our water production plant start operating. It appears the time is now.

Mel McColloch

President

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [BoardComment](#); [REDACTED]; [John F. Weigold IV](#); [Ray Dienzo](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Water Shortage 7-15-21 Agenda Item 6.A.  
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We have reviewed the agenda package discussion on the subject of available water and we have the following comments for your consideration.

- If 235 acre-feet of water is currently (July 1st) available from the San Simeon aquifer as stated, and we are using an average of 45 acre-feet per month, we will deplete the usable water in the aquifer in the early part of December ( $235 / 45 = 5.2$  months).
- In 2021 the dry season ended and the aquifer refilled on January 31st. How does the District plan to supply water until at least January 31st?
- The 2000 Kennedy Jenks Baseline Water Supply Model is 21 years old. Has the District cross checked the model predictions with current well level and pumping data as suggested in my 6-10-21 written comment on the Water Shortage Contingency Plan?

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Hi, Ossana --

Here are my comments for today's meeting. I will attend and speak as time allows. I can stay until 6 pm.

## **6. HEARINGS AND APPEALS A. Public Hearing to Discuss and Consider Adoption of Resolution 26-2021 Declaring a Stage 3 or 4 Water Shortage**

Thank you for taking up the issue of water conservation in this year of extreme drought. No one can question that Cambria's water supply is limited and every resident and visitor must take care to save every drop. We must stretch the existing water supply to cover our need for water until the next rain. No one knows when that will come.

To make decisions about the water supply, we should first get the best information on what is now available. Since the district has hired Gus Yates of Todd Groundwater to evaluate Cambria's water supply, your deliberations would be assisted by having facts about the amount of water available. I ask again, please have Mr. Yates report to the board and the public as to Cambria's water supply.

Whatever water is now in our aquifers is all the water we are going to get. It needs to last until it rains again. That may be October 31, or it may be January 2022, or even later. No one knows how long this drought will last. Perhaps it isn't a drought – it's the new normal.

Whichever Water Shortage Stage you decide to declare, please engage the commercial and business community to make this their top priority. A water shortage in Cambria can have serious effects on their businesses. They can be effective communicators to their customers and guests for water conservation. Cambria can be a model community, where guests learn about protecting the resources on which we all rely.

I do trail maintenance along Moonstone Beach Boardwalk. Visitors stop to ask me about the work, and comment on how happy they are to be in Cambria. They love Cambria and want to help keep it beautiful. Please encourage our hotels, restaurants and other businesses to engage their customers in stretching Cambria's water resources for all to enjoy.

## **7. REGULAR BUSINESS A. Discussion and Consideration of Board Intent To Serve (ITS) Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations From Its Final Report**

Please accept this report and its recommendations, adding a few more.

The report specifically excludes "Grandfathered" applications. The Coastal Commission has informed you repeatedly that no such "pipeline" or "grandfathered" projects exist, in staff reports on Hudzinski in 2012, Kingston Bay in 2013, Orellana in 2017, Swift and Hadian in 2019, Settimi in 2020, and others.

From the Coastal Commission's staff report on the Hadian permit, which was denied once and, with minor changes, the district approved a second time. It is currently being appealed:

"...currently the LCP effectively prohibits approval of new water service in Cambria, taking into account the actual facts and reality on the ground. Further, the *ongoing* impacts to the Creeks are inconsistent with the terms and conditions of CCSD's water extraction licenses from the SWRCB and their CDP from the Commission, and allowing new water service in that context cannot be allowed consistent with either."

The Coastal Commission has provided the legal and environmental documentation to stop allowing these applicants to add new water users to Cambria's already overpumped creeks.

Cambria is currently damaging the creeks, a valued coastal resource, in the amount being withdrawn to meet current demand of residents and visitors. CZLUO Section 23.04.430 requires that adequate water also be provided to protect significant coastal resources, including habitat for protected wildlife. It's part of Cambria's responsibility.

Allowing these letters to circulate gives false encouragement to those who want to expand Cambria. Note that one applicant has renewed his application after it was once denied by the Coastal Commission, and has been told it will be denied again. The district is misleading these applicants by continuing to approve these applications.

Cambria does not have enough water to allow new users to be added. In the Water Supply Ad Hoc committee report of March 15, which stated: "Our committee was tasked as part of the CCSD Board's Strategic Planning process to find alternate sources of water for the community to allow growth."

The report later concluded:

"We are proposing five different opportunities for the Board's consideration. All will cost millions of dollars and require environmental and engineering studies before being pursued."

I ask the board to suspend action on all attempts to add users under any guise, Intent to Serve letters, transferred meters, meter exchanges, whatever. Don't wait until, as one commissioner said in the November 2020 Coastal Commission meeting, they put up a billboard in Cambria saying, Don't believe these people.

## **8. MANAGER REPORTS A. Public Comment: The President will be asking for Public Comment before the reports**

Commenting on the Utilities Report:

Mr. Dienzo lists applications for a full demolition and rebuild for a home on Nottingham, a bed and bath addition on Kenneth, a new garage and addition on Trenton and a garage conversion to guesthouse on Chester. These are all ways to add water users and increase demand despite the water shortage emergency you declared earlier in the meeting. This adds pressure to an already overpumped water system. I ask you to direct staff to deny these permits. If you are unwilling to do that, please bring them before the board for public discussion so that all can be informed of the increased demand the board is approving while the entire community is conserving.

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Christine Heinrichs

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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Addressed to the Board of Directors of the CCSD:

My name is Bob Fountain, and I am a resident of Cambria.

My comments are in reference to Agenda Item #6A: Adopting Resolution 26-2021, Declaring a Stage 3 or 4 Water Shortage.

I am in support of the Board declaring a Stage 4 Water Shortage, at a minimum. Our community, our County and our State are in the midst of a major West Coast drought. If not for this past Winter's atmospheric river event, Cambria would be in more dire straits than we are currently. Making assumptions that our wells and aquifers have sufficient capacity to provide adequate water services into the Fall, does not take into account the increasingly wide variation of rainfall over the past years, and into next year. There is no guarantee that this coming Winter will provide enough rainfall to replenish the aquifers. The CCSD must be proactive in alerting and informing our community of our current water situation. Water conservation efforts for our community needs to begin NOW by informing our public and commercial businesses, so they can take appropriate action in reducing consumption. All effort in water conservation should be equally required of both commercial and vacation rentals, not just upon our residents.

Thank you,  
Bob Fountain