

POLICY 2225 -- Encampments on District Property

2225.1 Purpose

This policy is being created in an effort to protect the overall public health and safety of the Cambria community at large, as well as restricting activities that could negatively impact environmentally sensitive habitat.

2225.2 Background

The CCSD owns property, including the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve and parcels accepted from the Land Conservancy of SLO, dedicated to open space and subject to conservation easements that specifically prohibit camping activities.

2225.3 Policy

2225.3.1 Camping is not permitted on District property unless expressly authorized by the Board of Directors.

2225.3.2 Unauthorized encampments on District property pose significant hazards to public health and safety and create nuisance conditions affecting the surrounding neighborhoods. Thus, after providing proper notice and appropriately storing personal property and belongings, all unauthorized encampments shall be removed from District property promptly. All reasonable efforts shall be made to restore the sites to their original condition. Continued monitoring and enforcement actions will be necessary to guarantee that encampments are not reestablished on these corrected sites, a matter of particular concern for the District.

2225.3.3 Since the CCSD provides limited services to the Cambria community and lacks many of the resources necessary to address the core problems surrounding homelessness that are fostering the creation of these unauthorized encampments, the District shall coordinate collaborative efforts and enforcement partnerships with the appropriate County agencies, as well as conservation stakeholders and independent local non-profits.