
Re: Board Meeting - October 8, 2026

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Haley,

Attached please find my written public comments for the subject Board meeting, Item 3. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Thank you for posting them and distributing them to the Board. I will also be speaking to provide an overview of these comments during this Public Comments agenda item.

See you then! Much appreciated!!

Dennis

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Board Meeting - October 8, 2026

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Written Public Comments

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Request for Board Action to demonstrate to our Community that their comments are heard and valued. Presented to CCSD by Dennis Dudzik – 10-5-2026

Based on my own experience in providing public comments to the Board, and input from our Cambria neighbors, as I have been talking to many of them in preparation for the upcoming elections, one of the common concerns is that the CCSD needs to better respond to public input at Board meetings. And, if we are going to achieve a stronger relationship with our community, we need to make some changes to our current Board meeting agenda and follow-up processes.

So, I have done some research to determine what is possible, and here is what I have discovered, and what I ask the Board to consider at the next Board meeting.

The CCSD Board *can* strengthen public input — and several California districts already do this.

California special districts commonly use procedural tools to ensure **public comments receive follow-up**, without turning meetings into debates. CCSD could adopt similar practices **without violating the Brown Act**.

Here are the options that I am proposing for Board consideration, which are both **legal** and **commonly used**.

1. Add a standing agenda item: “Public Comment Follow-Up”

Many districts include a recurring item such as:

“Board Response to Prior Public Comments”

or

“Public Comment Log Review”

This allows staff or directors to:

- Report back on questions raised at previous meetings
- Provide factual updates
- Clarify processes
- Note items referred to committees
- Identify issues requiring future agenda placement

This is fully Brown-Act compliant because the item is **noticed on the agenda**, allowing discussion.

2. Create a “Public Comment Tracking Log”

This is used by numerous special districts.

It includes:

- Date of comment
- Topic
- Staff or board member assigned
- Status (reviewed, responded, referred, scheduled, completed)
- Notes or links to documents

The log is included in the agenda packet each month. It shows residents that their comments are not disappearing into a void.

3. Add a regular agenda item: “Staff Updates on Community Concerns”

This allows staff to:

- Summarize issues raised by residents
- Provide factual updates
- Clarify misunderstandings
- Report on regulatory constraints
- Identify next steps

This keeps responses factual and avoids debate during public comment.

4. Use committees for structured follow-up

The Board can direct committees to:

- Review issues raised by residents
- Hold public workshops
- Provide recommendations back to the Board

This is common in water districts, fire districts, and CSDs.

5. Schedule periodic “Community Q&A Sessions” (noticed meetings)

Some districts hold quarterly or semi-annual sessions where:

- Residents ask questions
- Staff provide factual answers
- Board members listen

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- No decisions are made

These are Brown-Act compliant as long as they are properly noticed.

6. Provide written responses in the next agenda packet

This is used in school districts and water districts.

Staff prepare a short memo titled:

“Responses to Public Comments from the Previous Meeting”

It is included in the next packet and posted online.

7. Allow brief clarifying questions after public comment (if agendized)

Some districts allow:

- A short staff clarification
- A factual correction
- A procedural explanation

This must be **agendized**, otherwise the Board cannot discuss it.

8. Add a “Future Agenda Items Requested by the Public” section

This allows the Board to:

- Note issues raised by residents
- Decide whether to place them on a future agenda
- Provide transparency about why items are or are not scheduled

This is Brown-Act compliant because it is a noticed item.

Identified California Districts Already Using some form of Public-Comment Follow-Up Tool or Tools

1. East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)
2. Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD)
3. Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)

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4. Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)
5. Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP Board of Commissioners)
6. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)
7. San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)
8. Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD)
9. Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors (not a special district, but relevant)
10. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA)

Why these examples matter for CCSD

These agencies demonstrate that:

- **Public comment follow-up is normal and widely used.**
- **Tracking logs** are common in water and utility governance.
- **Written responses** are standard practice in many districts.
- **Standing agenda items** are Brown-Act compliant and effective.

Consultation with CCSD Legal Counsel will, of course, be part of the final public input enhancement process. The above assessment gives CCSD a strong set of precedents to support adoption of similar tools.

Recommendation:

I recommend that the Board, at today's meeting, place an item on the agenda for next month's Board meeting, agendized as follows:

A hearing to consider, discuss, and approve changes to the CCSD Board meeting agenda to encourage public input, increase transparency, strengthen the District's responses to public input, and contribute to a more informed Board and community. Actions from this hearing would include directing the General Manager to add one of more of the above eight options (or modifications thereof) to future Board agendas. The Board actions may also include any associated changes to Board, standing committee, and staff operating procedures and practices.

Public Comment October 8 2026

From Christine Heinrichs <christine.heinrichs@gmail.com>

Date Tue 10/6/2026 1:46 AM

To BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>

I am unable to attend the October 8 meeting. Please accept as written comments. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

I propose again that the board hold a public discussion and adopt a clear position of opposition to the violent activities of Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents. After more than a year of abuse, shooting two dozen people in the U.S., killing six of them, surely the board is not willing to remain silent.

ICE arrests reached a record of nearly 51,000 in August, arresting people at hospitals, at airports, and outside schools.

In SLO County this year, ICE has abducted 218 people, 108 of them from the jail. Some of those people have been from Cambria.

Many small communities have made statements against ICE on behalf of their community members. It helps everyone in the community feel safe. Many workers and school children in our community are Hispanic. A statement from the board would help them feel safe and valued.

ICE is financed by public taxpayer money. The nonpartisan Government Accountability Office found that ICE had no strategic plan for spending the \$45 billion that Congress gave it in 2025, as reported by Heather Cox Richardson. The GAO's report found that ICE has wasted tens of millions of that on slapdash plans for mass detention. It had to close the much publicized Alligator Alcatraz, after wasting millions.

Wired reports that ICE is building up reports on ICE observers, including photos, license plate numbers, and other information, storing it all in a database built by Palantir.

They then use this information to intimidate individuals, driving past their homes, targeting them for scrutiny.

The board's concern for financial accountability, if not for protection of Cambrians, and responsiveness to the open demonstrations of Cambrians' concern, should encourage the board to take up this issue. The state's Resolution on the subject is an appropriate place to start. These candidates for the board are welcome to declare their concern, as well.

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2026/10/12/ice-is-everywhere-and-acting-with-impunity>

https://heathercoxrichardson.substack.com/p/september-24-2026?r=4viug&utm_medium=ios

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Item 9 Future Agenda Items

PUBLIC COMMENT

I renew my request to add the Resolution on ICE raids to the next regular meeting agenda.

Sent from my iPhone