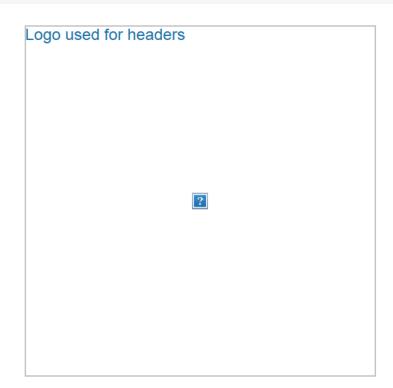
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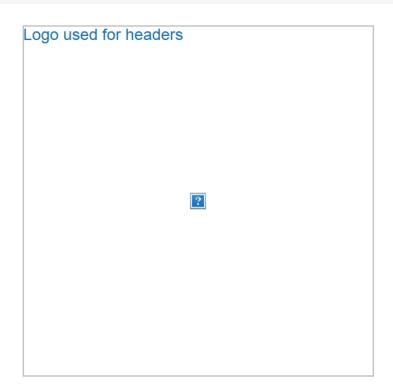
First Name:	Bryant
Last Name:	Lum
Address:	
Email:	
	RE: CCSD meeting agenda item 8A Drowning is a leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths worldwide, and the ability to swim significantly reduces the risk of such tragedies. Over 4000 Americans per year die from drowning, including over 600 Californians. Swimming is a vital survival skill. Accidents can happen, and knowing how to swim can be a lifesaver in situations involving

#### water, especially in our beautiful coastal town. I am parttime Cambrian, working and residing in Ventura. My wife and I who would love to eventually live here full time. I currently swim about 5 miles a week. I am a former high school All-American, Stanford varsity swimmer, and 2022 US Masters National Champion. In order for me to continue swim workouts while in Cambria, I have to travel to pools in Paso Robles, Morro Bay, or San Luis Obispo. Written Swimming promotes physical fitness and overall health. It Public is an excellent full-body workout that improves Comment: cardiovascular endurance, muscle strength, and flexibility. Swimming is a low-impact exercise, making it accessible to people of all ages and fitness levels, including those with joint problems or injuries. Moreover, a pool could serve as a hub for community gatherings and events. It would offer a space for swimming lessons, water aerobics, and recreational programs, fostering social connections and promoting a healthy lifestyle among residents. In conclusion, a year round pool is necessary for Cambria, not only for its recreational and tourism value but also for its potential to enhance community life. It would complement the town's natural beauty and contribute to the well-being of its residents, making Cambria an even more desirable place to live and visit. Thanks, Bryant J. Lum, MD Written Resources & Infrastructure Committee Meeting Comment to be read at:: Written Board Meeting Comment to be read at:: Written PROS Committee Meeting Comment to be read at::

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Subject: New form submission received: Written Public Comment

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 2:27:29 AM



First Name:	Bev
Last Name:	Praver
Address:	
Email:	
Written Public Comment:	For the health and safety of our entire community, young and old alike, I urge the CCSD to approve the use of enough land in the east ranch for a pool to be built. A covered pool would be a benefit for everyone including visitors. But mainly it would serve the residents of Cambria to provide swimming lessons, provide non weight bearing exercise for arthritic people and provide

	recreational swimming as well.
Written Comment to be read at::	Board Meeting

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President Dean, Vice President Gray, Members of the Board:

I want to thank and commend our General Manager, Matthew McElhenie, for publicly falling on his sword,' as he has so dramatically put it, and taking responsibility for the poorly administered weed abatement program this year.

Mr. McElhenie has 'taken the heat, stayed in the kitchen,' and acted to address the district's oversight. Bravo!

After hearing my concerns at the last Board meeting, on September 14, about the lack of timely weed abatement activity, and understanding that they are the concerns of many others in our community, our GM promised to do something and, in fact, went to work immediately.

This weekend, after a silence of two months, the snarl of weed whackers is once again whirring in my neighborhood and continues into the week. I assume this is happening throughout the community. The delinquent lots that I spoke about are being cleared as I write this. Mr. McElhenie is making good on his promise and I am grateful.

I hope that this means that steps are being taken to rethink and administer the program more urgently and efficiently next year.

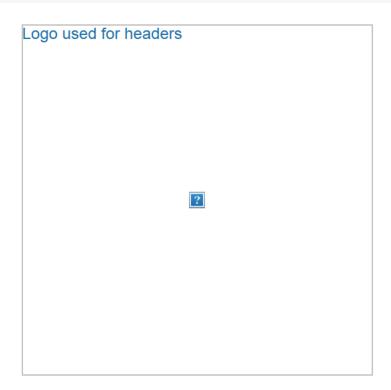
I would also like to add a thank you to President Dean for responding in public to my concerns about the Mission Disposal discount for low income households and for looking into and giving me a heads-up on the glitches the company has had in administering the program.

I can say, personally, that writing letters, attending community meetings, and making public comments can get a listening ear and positive response from the CCSD administration and the Board. And that is refreshing!

Thank you, Donald Archer Cambria

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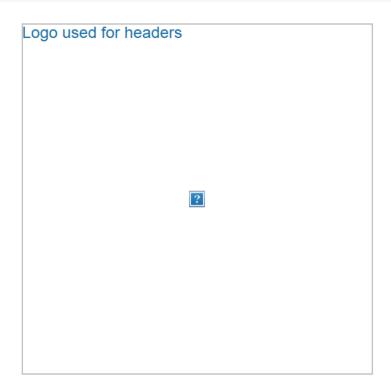
First Name:	Elizabeth
Last Name:	Simonds
Address:	
Email:	
Written Public Comment:	I am a senior citizen with a physical condition that can be disabling. Prior to moving to Cambria I derived much benefit from swimming at a local pool. It's disheartening to have to drive long distances with my age & condition to find a pool for lap swimming. Having a pool here would be immeasurably healthful to me!

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Written Comment to be read at::	Board Meeting
Written Comment to be read at::	Finance Committee Meeting
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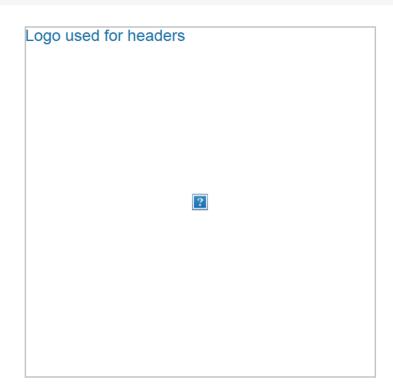
# Written Public Comment

First Name:	Evelyn
Last Name:	Wiseman
Address:	
Email:	
Written Public Comment:	I am strongly in support of a swim center in Cambria.
Written Comment to be read at::	Board Meeting

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Subject: New form submission received: Written Public Comment

**Date:** Monday, September 18, 2023 1:40:16 PM



Name:	Gayıı
Last Name:	Phifer-Houseman
Address:	
Email:	
Written	Dear CCSD: Twenty years ago I suggested to a fellow Cambrian that we should have a viable lap swimming pool in Cambria. She laughed, "Not likely in this town." Now, two decades later we have a well-resourced, persistent group of Cambrians who have been diligently working to make sure that another generation of Cambrian swimmers don't have to make the long trek to Morro Bay

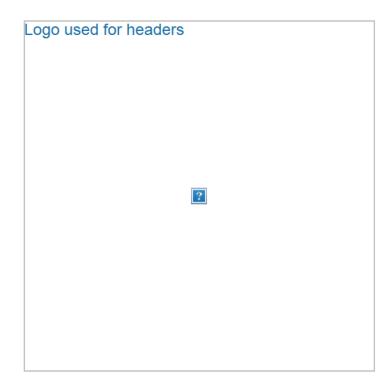
Public Comment:	or San Luis Obispo, just to get a swim workout. I strongly encourage the CCSD and the community at large to embrace the project of creating a swim center in Cambria. This has been a need for a long, long time and will be a valuable resource for all Cambrians, young and old, for generations to come. Please set aside the land needed on the East-West Ranch so that Cambrians for Aquatics can lead us in creating a resource that will greatly enhance our community.
Written Comment to be read	Board Meeting

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Subject: New form submission received: Written Public Comment

**Date:** Friday, September 15, 2023 11:40:09 AM



First Name:	JOEL
Last Name:	CAIN
Address:	
Email:	
Written Public Comment:	I support the proposal for a swimming pool on the east- west ranch. Exercise is important for health and swimming is one of the best exercises.
Written Comment to be read at::	Board Meeting

#### **Haley Dodson**

From: Streamline <noreply@specialdistrict.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 9:02 PM

To: BoardComment

**Subject:** New form submission received: Written Public Comment



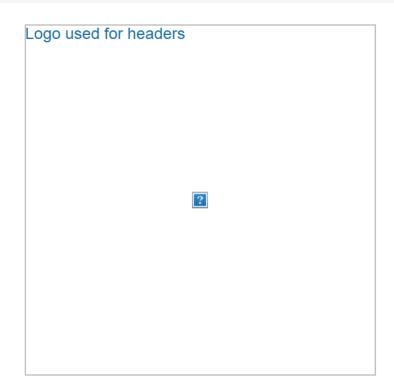
First Name:	Janis
Last Name:	Krechter
Address:	
Email:	
Written Public Comment:	As a long-in-the-tooth lot owner, I'm quite curious how you all are doing on distributing water meter permits? I have owned my lot since 1988. As an engaged young woman, the plan was to build our dream home, and raise our family in CAMBRIA. However, my children are 34, and my younger daughter will be 24 tomorrow. Back in 1988 we thought what a great investment this lot will be. However, all it has done is cost money for taxes and weed abatement and \$88 a year to maintain my place on the quote, water meter list. This list has turned out to be nothing more than a money maker for CCSD. Please answer this simple yes or no question: I'm 69 years old. Will I receive a water meter hence building permit in my lifetime? I'm hoping I have 10-20 years. Now all of you are actual human beings on the CCSD board. In your heart of hearts, do you think it's fair to allow NO growth in CAMBRIA? I understand slow growth, but seriously, this is ridiculous. I paid \$33,000 for my beautiful lot on Drake St. in 1988. It's worth less than nothing now. Please email me all written comments from this next meeting. PS: The drought is over.
Written Comment to be read at::	Resources & Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Written Comment to be read at::	Board Meeting
Written Comment to be read at::	Finance Committee Meeting
Written Comment to be read at::	Policy Committee Meeting
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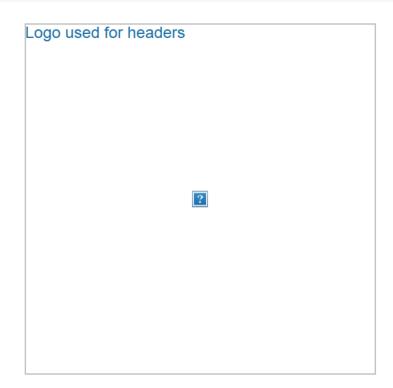
First Name:	Jeff
Last Name:	Pomerantz
Address:	
Email:	
Written Public Comment:	I am a resident living in Lodge Hill for 8 1/2 years. I strongly endorse the building of the outdoor pool on the east FISCALINI Ranch. As those of us continue to live longer and longer walking/running/elliptical, trainers, etc. are no longer viable options for us due to hip, leg or knee issues. Swimming is probably the best overall exercise for anybody of any age as it is zero impact. We need a pool

	for anybody have any age and, especially in for seniors as we continue to grow older. I strongly support the measure to have this pool built. Thank you for listening and I appreciate the opportunity.
Written Comment to be read at::	Board Meeting

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**Date:** Sunday, September 17, 2023 2:42:21 PM



First Name:	Katie
Last Name:	Gray
Address:	
Email:	
	I've been swimming for 37 years, and this hobby has contributed immensely to my physical and mental health and well-being. Listing off the benefits of swimming make it sound like a miracle sport - maybe it is! Swimmers live longer and are at lower risk for heart attack, stroke, anxiety, and depression. Swimming is an excellent full-body workout while being one of the safest. It can even

# Written Public Comment:

boost your lung capacity and brain power, both vital capabilities for an aging population (but really for anyone). Swimming may also help people with chronic pain like arthritis and fibromyalgia. A pool can be used for more than just lap swimming, of course — I can see a Cambrian pool being used frequently for specialty classes like water aerobics or scuba certification! I live in the Bay Area, where I'm fortunate to have a community pool around the corner, but I want my parents and other members of the Cambria community, of all ages, to experience this amazing resource. I know that I'll use it when I visit, and I can't wait.

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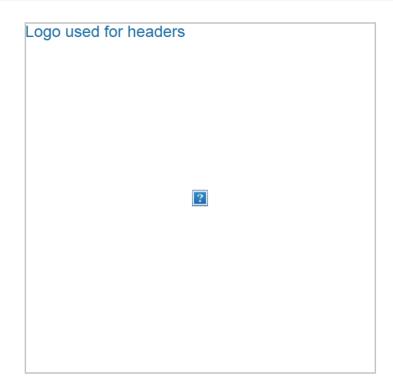
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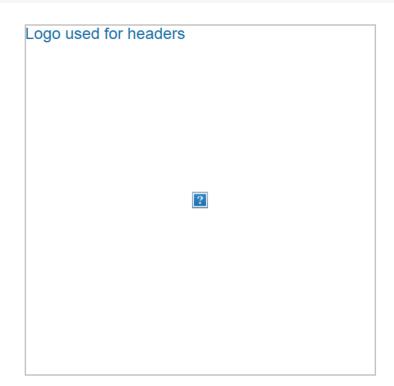


First Name:	Kathy
Last Name:	Oberg
Address:	
Email:	
Written Public Comment:	A swim center would be a wonderful way to increase the health and fitness of Cambrians. I took water aerobics classes last year at Cuesta and I found that the exercise made me stronger and healthier, but the drive was very inconvenient and long. It would be great to access a water aerobics program in Cambria.

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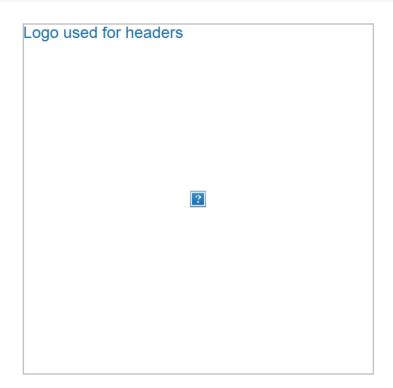
Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 1:22:11 PM



First Name:	Matthew
Last Name:	Anderson
Address:	
Email:	
Written Public Comment:	We would love to have a swimming pool in town I grew up in Cambria And this would be great asset for our town I've been traveling to morro bay high school for swimming and I meet a lot of people from Cambria that travel to morro bayand SLO for swimming Thank you

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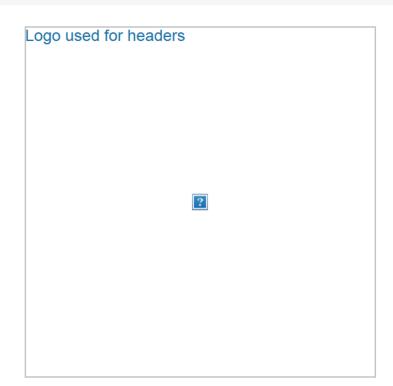
First Name:	Susan
Last Name:	Dever
Address:	
Email:	
Written	I fully endorse aquatic swim center and requesting full support and approval from the CCSD for the proposed East Ranch site. This community is in desperate need for a way for all of our population to exercise and stay healthy. Swimming and water exercise can be used by all ages. This is the one and only source of physical strengthening that elderly can use and our youth can

Public Comment:	benefit from being able to swim year round rather than just a few short time during the summer months. I am nearing 80 and attribute much of my physical health to swimming and I should not have to drive 60 or so miles round -trip to have access to a decent pool. I feel Cambria is a left out community from much of county services and should not be left out by our local Community Service District. Thank you Susan Dever
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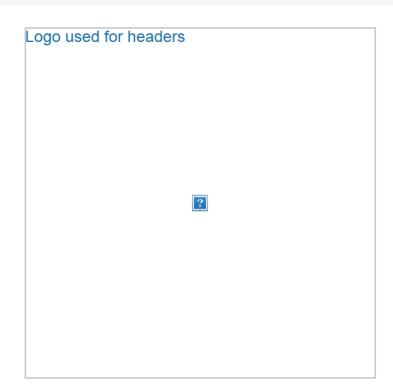
First Name:	Susan
Last Name:	McDonald
Address:	
Email:	
Written Public Comment:	Before the board even begins considering any request for approval to place an aquatics facility on the East Ranch, I strongly suggest that you follow through with creating the sports playing fields that have always been part of the district's long-ago approved community parks plan. Just because there is now no vocal, organized PR effort promoting the sports fields, that doesn't mean the need is

	not there. Like my mom used to say, finish what you've started before taking on something new. Thank you.
Written Comment to be read at::	Board Meeting

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Subject: New form submission received: Written Public Comment

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:34:11 AM



Name:	Sue
Last Name:	Nash
Address:	
Email:	
	To the CCSD in the matter of an community indoor pool September 21, 2024 2135 Andover Place Cambria, CA 93428 A personal Pleading on behalf of the community The health benefits are clear, the advantages to an indoor pool are obvious, and other agencies have supported the need for a new pool. Our children are deprived of many healthy community activities because we live in a remote

#### Written Public Comment:

area. I am writing this letter as a member of the community for 24 years, I served as an elected official from 2012 to 2016. I share your desire to build the resources and success of our community. Today I call upon you to TOTB> Think outside the box. Dream big. Imagine a community of healthy, active families where the elderly live alongside their growing families and outdoor activities abound. I fell in love with learning at age 10 in Lynwood a Los Angeles suburb. That year, a new building opened the door to a healthy future for me. A natatorium. When I learned the meaning of the word in Latin, I fell under the spell of learning about the world. The root word evokes nature and swimming and shelter. I craved all three. That building became the center of many lives in our community, young and old, Hispanic and Anglo, Male and female. The building was large and full of activities, all centered around the indoor pool. My sisters and I took ballet and performed Swan Lake in the auditorium. We watched men performing on the rings and began gymnastics. But every day we swam. Swimming helps you learn math. How many laps, how many strokes? Courage- We grew up swimming and being inspired by what we thought were really old people swimming laps and playing sports. Learning to dive off the high dive took many tries. Being healthy and active. The Natatorium put me on the path of learning, health and achievement. That opportunity is what we need for our Cambria children and adults and elderly. The past achievements of our creative community are living proof that we can d0 anything we truly value for the benefit of the community. Pardon my many mistakes in this letter. I am navigating vision loss at 79 years old. But I am not afraid. I once could do a half gainer off the high dive and 11/2 off the low board. I have a family of athletes, coaches and teachers. As I see it, you as the CCSD Board, have a rare chance to build our community's cohesion and health. Respectfully and in gratitude. Sue Nash

#### Written Comment to be read at::

**Board Meeting** 

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Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 8:47:55 PM



First Name:	Susan
Last Name:	Reischl
Address:	
Email:	
Written Public Comment:	I am in support of the building of a community pool and I hope that the East Ranch Park is the ideal place. Currently I live in Cambria part time. A water fitness routine is important to me so that I can exercise with less pressure on my joints., Currently I get that exercise at a gym at my other house in Long Beach. I am looking forward to full time status in Cambria some day when I

	can figure out how to get my pool fitness class routine locally. As a physical therapist, I feel water exercise and water safety is important for all ages and the whole community can benefit from a local pool. Thank you
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#### Good afternoon,

I expect many Cambrians are gathered in the Vet's Hall, on Zoom, and represented in written public comment, supporting the idea of building a pool complex in Cambria.

All the community, including supporters and non-supporters, and the Board must be clear-eyed about what is under consideration. Today's issue is not whether one supports a pool in Cambria – most do. The issue is support for a significant infrastructure project to build an aquatics complex on the East Ranch.

My reading of the presentation is a request for the CCSD to allocate a portion of the East Fiscilini Ranch to Cambrians For Aquatics. CFA wants to undertake a multi-million dollar infrastructure project with two pools and a locker room with showers and bathrooms. From opening the existing EIR to dealing with the obvious and significant water and sewer needs, issues are addressed with an imaginative series of puts and takes—a lot of takes.

There are many significant issues with any major infrastructure project on the East Ranch. Rather than enumerate them all, it is easier to bucket them as follows. Each area of concern has a subset of issues, and the responsibility for those resolutions will fall to the District.

The first and most crucial issue is the location. The Fiscilini Ranch Preserve, which includes the portion under discussion, is governed and protected by existing agreements, covenants, and environmental conditions. The CCSD and the Friends of The Fiscilini Ranch Board are responsible for managing the Preserve. The FFRP Board President and Executive Director have expressed their responsibility to protect and abide by the existing EIR.

A section of the East Ranch is designated for a community park, with an approved plan that calls out specific land uses. These agreements must be opened, studied, redefined, reviewed, and permitted. According to an email exchange between county planning and the CCSD General Manager, this would require a new Coastal Development permit. The sum of all these requirements seems to make the chance of success very low.

This assumes that people would be okay with ceding control of community-owned and protected land to a private organization, which will design, build, and manage the project on CCSD property. As the property owner, the CCSD would need to be the agency to define, apply, manage, and support the mountain of requirements that come with a significant infrastructure project like the proposed Aquatics Center. Should CFA fail to meet its commitments to fund all costs from design to ongoing operations and maintenance, that burden may fall back on the District and the community.

Next up – the issue of highly exaggerated reporting and positioning from CFA on matters large and small. A few examples - Previous assertions of county support and go-ahead struck me as questionable. So, I questioned county personnel and received written feedback that painted a very different, more sober picture of discussions between county representatives and members of CFA. The statement that the county saw "no obvious red flags that would prevent discussions from moving forward" is true, followed by a series of explanations and caveats on what the actual positions and concerns are and the repeated position that there is no project and no applicant, so there is nothing to approve.

I submitted a public records request with the Coast Union School District for documentation around the CFA proposal to build the aquatics facility on the High School grounds. The information they returned

paints a detailed picture of the reasons for rejecting the project. Rather than a curt "we are too busy after Covid" response (as stated by a CFA representative), a formal letter that defined the reasons behind the decision was sent. Included in the package were documents that captured the requirements for any project proposed for district property, an estimated budget prepared by a consultant to CUSD of \$7.7 million, and legal advice that highlighted the District's liability should CFA or any private organization fail to meet commitments. So, it's a very different picture again.

The CUSD opinion of future liability was shared with CCSD District counsel, who agreed that the District could face similar burdens if the private entity failed to meet commitments.

Also included in the CUSD records were detailed exchanges between CFA representatives, and in particular, a series of requests from a CFA member for detailed descriptions of water use at the school complex, including all the plumbing fixtures, water use billing data, irrigation practices – a significant undertaking for any organization. Similar to what is outlined in the CFA presentation, the goal was to develop schemes to trade water sources and redirect them to the aquatics facility. The requests came from a current sitting CCSD Director, which raises the next delicate issue.

Given the long-standing active relationship between the elected Director and Cambrians For Aquatics, is it appropriate to assume that this Director, elected to serve the community, recuses from any discussion and decision-making on this significant project proposal? Indeed, the legal definition of "Conflict of Interest" that the CCSD follows specifies a financial interest of benefit as a cause for formal action. There is no implication in my position of any such impropriety, and I believe the Director to be a person of integrity. However, the reality is the reality, and it is worth considering the issue before any discussions or actions by the Board.

The information shared in this comment comes from public records requests. The opinions are mine. The goal, again, is to have a clear and fulsome understanding of what is before us today.

Respectfully,

Michael Calderwood

Cambria

From: Christine Heinrichs
To: BoardComment
Subject: Written Comment

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023 4:57:22 PM

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT Item 5**

I'd like to thank General Manager McElhenie, and Haley Dodson, for creating an information page for the district's website on the Morro Bay Offshore Wind Projects. Although the district plays no direct role in them, these projects will impact the entire Central Coast. This page can help the public be informed by offering a central place to look for answers. More opportunities will be available for public comment. Continue to ask questions and participate in the process.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT Item 6:**

My comments involve items from the Finance Manager's Report, the Utilities Manager's report and the August Expense report.

I recall that you, President Dean, promised the community that all disbursements from the \$12 million bond fund would be noticed to the public and explained. I see that in August, the district paid PG&E \$363,727 for SST projects. This not only was not announced to the public, but it isn't noted in the Finance Manager's report, and gets only a brief and cryptic notice in the Utilities report. I guess those two sentences at the beginning of the report refer to the SST projects: "Staff attended meetings with Southland for the PG&E project, and 70% of the drawings were complete by August 4, 2023. Electrical engineers were on site on August 25 to confirm what is on the 70% drawings and will update the electrical portion by September 8, 2023."

I read these agendas, so I figured out those connections. The information may be there, but it's obscure.

The balance in the bond fund is reported to be \$9,128,666. After accounting for the August payment of \$363,727, that leaves \$2,507,607 unexplained. Could you please tell the public what that two and a half million dollars was spent on? Thank you.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT Item 8C:**

Thank you, Director Farmer, for noting that today is United Nations International Day of Peace. In that spirit, Please find your way to settle this. It is not to your honor to bully and threaten our neighbors, the school district. We all live together in this small community. Surely, you can distinguish yourselves by rising up to lead to a positive cooperative agreement rather than an expensive, damaging lawsuit that will poison relationships for years to come. The last lawsuit cost half a million dollars.

Differences can be overcome, or they can be magnified into disputes. Neighbors can decide to fight with neighbors. As individual elected representative and collectively as a board, you have the opportunity to demonstrate real leadership.

Reach down deep into yourselves and find that spark of good feeling that can re-engage these

negotiations. Beckon to that fellowship among your school board colleagues. Find common ground -- the good of the community – and build an agreement on it.

If you simply can't, consider taking the issue to mediation. It's a respected path to resolving conflicts that avoids going to court. Perhaps another legal opinion would guide the board to solutions that lead to less legal action rather than more.

Do not let your legacy on this board be The Board That Sued the School District. Make every effort to resolve it without going to court.

Sent from my iPad