

Written Public Comments to the July 21, 2022 CCSD Board Meeting:
Agenda 7. A. - REGULAR BUSINESS
Discussion and Consideration to Review District Core Values and Adopt the Strategic Plan Update
Dennis A Dudzik, Cambria Lot Owner

Directors and Staff

As you are aware, I have been a frequent, supportive, and collaborative participant in CCSD Board meetings and Workshops, including last year's Strategic Planning effort and the most recent June 27, 2022 meeting (which was set up to secure public input to your Strategic Plan Update workshop of June 28, 2022). I viewed the video of that June 28th all-day workshop and reviewed the associated documents in this Agenda Item Packet.

In response to my comments at the June 27th meeting, Board President Howell stated that before the District could "discuss" ending the moratorium the District needs to "know what happens with no winter rain". Board Member Gray stated that the UWMP is "the way we address safe yield" a statement to which none of the members disagreed. The GEI report which the United Lot Owners of Cambria submitted to the Staff and Board over four months ago, and which utilized the 2020 UWMP data to look specifically at the current situation, concludes that is safe to immediately begin issuing intent to serve letters. Yet, this information was not even considered in developing the Strategic Plan. The Board owes it to the community to release this GEI report, along with District staff's analysis of its conclusions and recommendations, so that the public can understand and appreciate the extent to which water use conditions have changed, and be confident that it is safe and appropriate to begin issuing additional intent to serve letters. The Board needs to communicate these findings to the County and Coastal Commission, and start the process of securing their support.

In this Item 7.A. Packet, the General Manager makes the following statement, "The Board of Directors utilized community input in developing the update of the District's goals and objectives.". Sadly, the Board was selective in determining which community input it utilized. Of the six members of the public, including myself, who provided input, not only was **my input completely ignored, but now, after more than 20 years of moratorium, and millions of lot owner dollars paid in taxes, wait list fees, and assessments levied on their lots – the District's proposed Strategic Plan now has eliminated any discussion of growth; has NO MORE PLAN to balance growth and resources; and NO PLAN to do what it takes to end the moratorium ... ever! This is Taxation Without Representation!!**

The CCSD Board has a duty to adopt CORE VALUES and a STRATEGIC PLAN THAT INCLUDE THE GOAL to end the moratorium and a PLAN with the steps, milestones, and dates needed to achieve that GOAL.

Please do the right thing now and defer Board adoption until the Strategic Plan is amended accordingly.

Thank you!

Dennis A Dudzik - Bradford Road Property Owner

From: [Lori Slater](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Water Stage
Date: Thursday, August 4, 2022 7:34:46 PM

Dear President and Directors,

Please reconsider Cambria's current water shortage immediately. The view from the Santa Rosa Creek bridge is quite dry. Hearst Castle is currently in Stage 3, implementing greater restrictions in response to the ever-increasing drought conditions. Cambria needs to be especially pro-active in this high tourist season.

Thank you,
Lori Slater



From: [Ron Keck](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Strategic Plan update
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 3:55:08 PM

Dear CCSD Board

It is my understanding that at the August 11, 2022 board meeting an update to the Strategic Plan will be discussed. I understand that obtaining a permanent permit for the water reclamation facility is listed as a priority. I couldn't agree more.

I also ask that you include in writing that lifting of the building moratorium is also a goal and will be lifted once the facility is permitted.

I have been a lot owner in Cambria and paying taxes for 20 years while waiting for my chance to build. Don't know how many years I have left, but I assure you my children will carry on my fight if necessary. Cambria needs to do right by the people on the CCSD water wait list, and the community desperately needs an inflow of cash. The community fights every attempted raise in water and sewer monthly billing rates, but when you have no new revenue coming in and water usage down, CCSD is not generating the revenue needed to maintain its infrastructure. New hook ups will allow for this extra revenue to maintain its current infrastructure as well as offset costs related to the new water facility.

Please include lifting of the building moratorium in the Strategic Plan update.

Sincerely Ron and Donna Keck

Sent from my iPhone

Letter to CCSD Board 8/11/22

I am the owner of a 1/3rd acre parcel on Kenneth Drive. Last week I visited it and did an updated count of the Monterey Pines still surviving within my property lines and along the street front. The total was 20 trees. This compares with what was recorded in my 2002 property survey of 60 trees. So 2/3^{rds} of the trees have been lost over the past 20 years.

The conventional wisdom is that the loss is principally due to drought, potentially the effects of climate change. But I don't think that is fully the case. I believe it is due more to persistent over-drafting of the water table. I'll explain:

In 1927, the Cambria Pines development created some 12,000 tiny lots for sale to the public. It was probably what initiated today's vacation-oriented community. The developers would have early on carved roads along the hilltops and hillsides for access to the lots. Wells were sunk in the valleys, the water pumped to hilltop storage tanks and then to the lots. Cabins and permanent homes were built, each served by its own private septic system. In terms of water use, it was the perfect "closed system". Other than irrigation evaporation, all water was returned to the water table.

This also introduced an artificial water source for the pines, especially on the drier hillsides where they didn't previously grow. It essentially created an "artificial Pine forest" whose increased density - coupled with a century of fire suppression - may have resulted in today's water-stressed, climax mature forest (the 'Zombie Trees' as mentioned in a past Cambrian article).

This is an obvious and serious fire threat to the community.

It is also likely the water table remained stable during the early years. But there was the 'pesky' problem of increasing levels of nitrates in the aquifer. Long timers, like me remember the odor at various low elevations in the town.

All of that changed with the coming of sewers in the 1970s. The sewers now pipe away the effluent that was inadvertently providing a water source for our trees that were healthier in previous years. And unfortunately instead of pumping the treated water back upstream of the aquifers where it could recharge the water table, the treatment plant pumped it instead into the lowest aquifers as a barrier against seawater intrusion into the wells. Effectively, the sewers drain our water table to the ocean. This of course has led to a progressive shortage of water - and a lot of dying trees!

That's where our Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) comes in: It would do what the sewage treatment plant failed to do by helping recharge the aquifers and protect the trees...and maybe even allow some extra water for a few more homes!

James Spencer, FAIA

From: [Christine Heinrichs](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 1:04:08 PM

Hello, Leah — I may not be able to attend this part of the meeting. If I am there, I'll read the comment myself. If not, I'm grateful to you to read it for me. Thanks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on WRF Expenses Report

Thank you, President Howell and Director Farmer, for your accounting of the costs of the EWS/SWF/WRF. It's unfortunate that the rest of the board did not support requiring the professional finance staff to track and account for these costs, the single most expensive project ever purchased by the district. I applaud you for being willing to wade into the snarled finances that surround this project.

Both of you reached similar final estimates. President Howell's careful accounting tracks \$26 million in total costs, partially offset. That's a big financial commitment for a community of fewer than 6,000 people. That attendant millions of dollars of debt could have been applied to water and wastewater infrastructure, avoiding the current pressure for a \$12 million bond issue.

Other expenses, especially the administrative costs, which continue, are not included in these totals. The project continues to cost the district millions.

General Manager Weigold and Utilities Manager Dienzo promise, again, that this year they will be able to complete the application for a Coastal Development Permit. It's been eight years. That long time raises questions: Did the district ever intend to apply for a CDP?

I await the resolution of this expensive, complicated project. Thank you.

Sent from my iPad