



CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2026, SPECIAL PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE (PROS) COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A special meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Committee of the Cambria Community Services District was held at the Cambria Fire Department, located at 2850 Burton Drive, Cambria, CA 93428, on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 3:00 PM

1. OPENING

1.A Call to Order

Chairperson Thomas called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1.B Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established at 3:01.

Committee members present: Michael Thomas, Shannon Sutherland, Gary Stephenson, and Matthew Jaffe.

Staff present: General Manager Matthew McElhenie and Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson.

Public present: Gail Lampert-Thomas, Karen Francioni, Linda Finley, and Margot Ternstrom on behalf of the Cambria Center for the Arts. Laura Swartz, Juli Amodei, and Dick Clark. On Zoom: Karin Argano, Tony Church, Christina Galloway, and two others.

1.C Chair Report – 3:01

Chairperson Thomas announced that the April 16 PROS Committee meeting had been cancelled.

1.D Agenda Review – 3:01

1.E Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report(s) – 3:01

1.F Committee Member Communications – 3:02

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – 3:02

- Chairperson Thomas read into the record a comment from Claudia Harmon Worthen that any mural design would have to be approved by the North Coast Advisory Council. General Manager McElhenie said he had checked with the County Planning Department and that there were no specific permit requirements for a mural.
- Christina Galloway confirmed that the mural does not require a permit but does need to be consistent with certain planning documents. She encouraged the committee to solicit community input.
- Vice Chairperson Sutherland raised questions about why the CCSD Board had conducted a discussion before the PROS Committee had not presented anything about the mural to the Board.

3. REGULAR BUSINESS – 3:11

3.A Community Park Phase 3 Planning Update – 3:11

- General Manager McElhenie said that on March 12, the Board would discuss and consider the adoption of the Community Park plan, as well a budget adjustment to fund preliminary work that could lead to permitting.

3.B Receive a Presentation from the Cambria Center for the Arts Regarding Plans for Murals on the Community Park Restroom, and Discuss and Consider Making Recommendations to the CCSD Board of Directors – 3:12

- Chairperson Thomas offered background on the mural project and thanked Vice Chairperson Sutherland, who served as PROS Committee liaison on the mural project, and members of the Cambria Center for the Arts for the work they had done.
- Gail Lambert-Thomas gave a presentation on the mural project. She spoke about different concepts for the project and ways to involve the community in the process, such as a community-wide design contest.
- Lambert-Thomas outlined design approaches and some of the visual themes.
- Lambert-Thomas said approval processes have been built into the planning effort.
- CCA would take on the maintenance responsibilities for the murals.
- The design of the structure meant that there would be different canvases, thus encouraging more participation.
- Vice Chairperson Sutherland said the murals would be consistent with regulations under the Ranch Management Plan.
- Julie Amodei spoke of the importance of community art and how it expresses who we are as a community.
- Laura Swartz asked who would judge the design. CCA will judge and then submit those recommendations for Board approval.
- The PROS Committee voted unanimously in favor of the plan (with a few adjustments), which will then be submitted to the Board.

3.C Discuss the California Department of Fish & Wildlife Human-Wildlife Conflicts Toolkit – 3:48

- Committee members discussed the materials available from CDFW. Committee members acknowledged such local issues as the nuisances caused by and the destructiveness of non-native wild turkeys, as well as the vulnerabilities of deer to being struck by vehicles. But the committee also determined that there are sharp differences of opinion within the community about the steps to manage wildlife and chose not to actively engage in such divisive issues.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Thomas asked for any future agenda items.

5. ADJOURN

Chairperson Thomas adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.