



CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

The Cambria Community Services District Board of Directors held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428.

1. OPENING

1.A Call to Order

President Farmer called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

1.B Pledge of Allegiance

President Farmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.C Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Directors present: Harry Farmer, Karen Dean, Tom Gray, Debra Scott, and Michael Thomas.

Staff present: General Manager Matthew McElhenie, Administrative Department Manager Denise Fritz, Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson, Utilities Department Manager Jim Green, Fire Chief Michael Burkey, Fire Captain Craig Brooks, Firefighter Wil Stewart, SAFER Firefighter Cole Berkeland, Permitting & Compliance Officer Eric Johnson, Program Manager Tristan Reaper, Wastewater Systems Superintendent Toni Artho, Wastewater Operators Delon Blackburn, Art Garney, Ryan Staley, Aaron Moe, Christien McManus, Water Systems Superintendent Cody Meeks, Water Operators Clint Conroy, Oscar Mora, and Eduardo Chavez-Alvarez.

Staff present via Zoom: District Counsel Timothy Carmel.

1.D President's Report

President Farmer stated there's no President's Report.

1.E Agenda Review

There were no requested changes to the agenda.

2. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

President Farmer asked if there were any Board Communications. There were none.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

3.A Recognition of Delon Blackburn's Retirement and 20 Years of Service to the Cambria Community Services District

President Farmer read a Proclamation for Delon Blackburn.

Delon Blackburn provided a statement.

General Manager McElhenie provided Delon Blackburn with a gift honoring his 20 years of service.

3.B Other Staff Acknowledgements

General Manager McElhenie provided staff acknowledgements to Utilities Department Manager Green, Confidential Administrative Assistant Dodson, Permitting & Compliance Officer Johnson, and Program Manager Reaper.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Villeneuve, Cambria (submitted a written comment for the record)
Tony Safford, Cambria (submitted a written comment for the record)
Christine Heinrichs, Cambria (submitted a written comment for the record)
Dennis Dudzik, Cambria (submitted a written comment for the record)
Crosby Swartz, Cambria

5. PUBLIC SAFETY

5.A Sheriff's Department Report

There was no Sheriff's Department Report.

Public Comment: none.

5.B California Highway Patrol (CHP) Report

There was no California Highway Patrol (CHP) Report. A handout was provided to the Board and the Public, and it was posted on the website.

Public Comment: none.

5.C CCSD Fire Chief's Report

Fire Chief Burkey provided a report on the Fire Department's recent activities in Cambria for August.

Public Comment:
Keith Hinrichsen, Cambria
Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria

The Board of Directors moved to Regular Business Item 7B.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.A Consideration to Adopt the August 2026 Expenditure Report

6.B Consideration to Adopt the August 7, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and August 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors held a discussion.

Director Thomas stated that at the Bottom of page 21, Commander Abbas' name is misspelled.

Public Comment: none.

Director Gray moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Director Scott seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Farmer, Dean, Gray, Scott & Thomas) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

The Board of Directors took a lunch break at 11:51 a.m.

The Board of Directors reconvened the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

The Board of Directors moved to Regular Business Item 7A.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

7.A Discussion and Consideration of Strategic Plan Update

General Manager McElhenie introduced the item and provided a detailed summary. A handout was provided to the Board and the Public, and it was posted on the website.

The Board of Directors held a discussion and provided updates.

Public Comment:
Dennis Dudzik, Cambria

Director Gray moved to adopt the Strategic Plan update as proposed with one addition under Complete the Skatepark Project, add a supporting action, open skatepark for operation with portable restrooms in first quarter 2027.

Vice President Dean seconded the motion.

Director Thomas requested an amendment under Administration and Finance to insert a supporting action under the developed framework for long-term financial planning, as Director Scott was discussing a supporting action.

Director Scott stated we don't have the wording yet. We will discuss that in October.

Director Gray and Vice President Dean cordially rejected the amendment.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Farmer, Dean, Gray, Scott & Thomas) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

The Board of Directors moved to Regular Business Item 7C.

7.B Discussion and Consideration of Approval of an Agreement for Consultant Services with Kiley & Associates for Federal and State Advocacy and Grant Strategy Services

General Manager McElhenie introduced the item and provided a summary. A handout was provided to the Board and the Public, and it was posted on the website.

Greg Kiley and Jayson Braude provided a PowerPoint presentation and summary.

The Board of Directors held a discussion.

Public Comment: none.

Director Thomas moved to approve an Agreement for Consultant Services with Kiley & Associates for Federal and State Advocacy and Grant Strategy Services.

Director Gray seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Farmer, Dean, Gray, Scott & Thomas) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

The Board of Directors moved to Regular Business Item 7D.

7.C Discussion and Consideration to Authorize the Purchase of an Office Trailer and Two Connex Containers and of Adoption of Resolution 35-2026 Amending the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

General Manager McElhenie introduced the item and provided a summary.

The Board of Directors held a discussion.

Public Comment: none.

Director Gray moved to authorize the purchase of an office trailer, two connex containers, and to adopt Resolution 35-2026 amending the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.

Vice President Dean seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Farmer, Dean, Gray, Scott & Thomas) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

The Board of Directors moved to Manager Reports.

7.D Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for Use of the Veteran's Memorial Building Facilities with American Legion Post No. 432 and to Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Amendment

General Manager McElhenie introduced the item and provided a summary.

Commander Karina Tiwana provided a summary.

The Board of Directors held a discussion.

Public Comment: none.

Director Gray moved to approve Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for Use of the Veteran's Memorial Building Facilities with American Legion Post No. 432 and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.

Vice President Dean seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Farmer, Dean, Gray, Scott & Thomas) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

The Board of Directors moved to the Consent Agenda.

8. MANAGER REPORTS

8.A General Manager's Report

General Manager McElhenie provided a summary of the General Manager's Report.

Public Comment: none.

8.B Facilities & Resources Manager's Report

General Manager McElhenie provided a Facilities & Resources Manager's Report.

Public Comment:

Laura Swartz, Cambria

8.C Finance Manager's Report

Administrative Department Manager Fritz provided a Finance Manager's Report.

Public Comment: none.

8.D Utilities Report

Utilities Department Manager Green provided a summary of the Utilities Department Report.

Public Comment: none.

9. BOARD MEMBER, COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

9.A Finance Committee's Report

There was no Finance Committee meeting in August.

9.B Fire Protection Committee's Report

A written report was included in the agenda packet.

9.C PROS Committee's Report

A written report was included in the agenda packet.

9.D Resources & Infrastructure Committee's Report

There was no Resources & Infrastructure Committee meeting in August.

9.E Other Liaison Reports & Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Written reports were included in the agenda packet.

Public comment: none.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

President Farmer asked for any future agenda items. There were none.

Confidential Administrative Assistant Dodson announced the items for the October Board meeting.

Public comment:

Christine Heinrichs, Cambria (wasn't present to speak; submitted a written comment for the record)

11. ADJOURN

Approved on October 8, 2026

President Farmer adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

For further details on the CCSD meeting, please visit the District's website.