

## Care and Upkeep of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve

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From C Campe [REDACTED]

Date Sun 8/3/2025 6:49 PM

To BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>

To: CCSD Board Members

One of the most valuable, most unprecedented and important aspects of life in Cambria is the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. It is indeed the very reason that so many of us live, thrive and love it here. I know that it is a constant in my, and my family's, lives and a positive, welcome source of joy and conversation in the community.

Yet, we face some major concerns that the CCSD is not living up to their agreement in maintaining the Ranch. Many areas and examples of this concern has been shared with the CCSD Board. It is imperative that the Ranch not become a fire or safety hazard or lose any ground on control of invasive plants. It should retain its reputation as a rewarding experience, support local biodiversity, and continue to welcome both Cambrian and out-of-town visitors.

I ask that the CCSD live up to its legal obligation to appropriately use the budget that is required to maintain this most highly valuable and essential resource of the Cambria Community.

Sincerely,  
Cathleen Campe  
Cambria Resident  
FFRP Board Member

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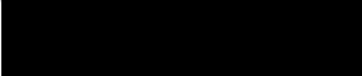
**From** Streamline <noreply@specialdistrict.org>

**Date** Sun 8/10/2025 9:13 PM

**To** Haley Dodson <hdodson@cambriacsd.org>

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## Written Public Comments

<b>Full Name:</b>	Gilbert Eastman
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Written Public Comment:</b>	Concern about the drastic cut in funding for the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve

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Date Mon 8/11/2025 4:08 PM

To Haley Dodson <hdodson@cambriacsd.org>



## Written Public Comments

<b>Full Name:</b>	Debbie Josephson
<b>Email Address:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Phone Number:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Written Public Comment:</b>	<p>I've been a Wednesday weeder (and frequent Saturday) volunteer at the Fiscalini Ranch for the past 5 yrs. As I often say - we are a small but mighty group of dedicated people. We are mostly seniors working as hard as possible every week, physically working to maintain the Ranch. However we can only do so much. Unfortunately the invasive weeds have exploded in volumes. We're playing catch up now. As there is no way we can keep pace with this explosion, we're happy when professional chemical spraying takes place, as well CCSD's assistance with tractor mowing, trail maintenance, brush and tree clearing, etc. etc. FFRP volunteers cannot handle all that needs to be done to keep the Ranch in the shape it needs to be in. We need the help of CCSD. One need only look at places like Harmony Headlands, to see what happens when just one invasive, mustard, takes hold. Harmony Headlands trail looks like a tunnel with towering (10 ft.) mustards on each side of the trail. It is not inviting. We have many invasives trying to take over our native plants at Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. Other areas of concern, like keeping the very heavily used Boardwalk trail in tip top condition, also are handled by us volunteers. Now the Midden area and Creek to Ridge areas appear to be getting</p>

overrun with weeds as well as very high grass. The potential for fire is evident. Do we want Fiscalini Ranch Preserve to look unkept and uncared for? No way. Cambria is known for the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve and many many people love it. The Ranch is something that benefits all of us who live here as well as our ever important visitors. Please allocate enough funding from CCSD to support and protect the Ranch. We cannot afford to lose Cambria's jewel.

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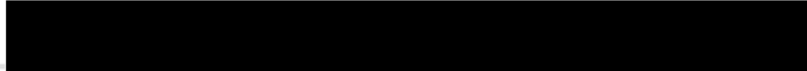
To Haley Dodson <hdodson@cambriacs.org>



## Written Public Comments

<b>Full Name:</b>	Marvin Josephson
<b>Email Address:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Phone Number:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Written Public Comment:</b>	<p>Fiscalini Ranch – Comments to CCSD meeting August 14, 2025 For the past 5+ years I have been a weekly Wednesday Weeding volunteer on Fiscalini Ranch working on removing invasives during the warmer months, and trail maintenance in the fall and winter. We are a tough group of mostly seniors who love Fiscalini Ranch and give of our time, energy, and bodies in doing the hard physical work of maintaining the Preserve. I am saddened that the Finance Committee has voted to recommend continuing with the drastic cuts that the CCSD made last year for maintaining the Ranch. In light of our current and future fire seasons, this is unwise and irresponsible. FFRP volunteers are proud of the work that they do. You may be aware of the news on social media this spring by locals and visitors alike of the beautiful bloom of native plants on the Ranch along the Bluff Trail. It is not only Mother Nature at work, but also volunteers who each year remove invasive species attempting to take over these areas. Please be aware that wonderful blooms like these attract tourist dollars to Cambria and into the County's coffers, not to mention bolstering Cambria's community pride. But there are obvious limits as to what volunteers and the FFRP organization can do, and what they</p>

are permitted to do. That is where the CCSD as legal steward of the Ranch is to step in for maintaining and improving the Preserve for safety and access to the public. This has been the case for the past 25 years since the Ranch's acquisition, and those diligent efforts need to be continued. Work such as fallen trees, clearing fire breaks, out of control weeds, and flooded trails needs to be increased, not decreased, as has been observed in the past with the 70% reduction in funding for last year. To not deal with these items NOW, will only make it that much harder and costly in the future, and prevent a potential disaster for the Ranch and the town. I realize that money is tight, and is needed for numerous projects, including the Fire Department. However, by not taking care of fire safety on the Ranch, it will only add to the Fire Department's woes, and could be considered putting the cart before the horse. Cutting funding will risk public safety and ultimately the enjoyment of our unique "Gem of the Central Coast". Please vote to resolve this serious matter and continue supporting the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. Marvin Josephson



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## Written Public Comments

<b>Full Name:</b>	Victoria Krassensky
<b>Email Address:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Written Public Comment:</b>	I am writing in support of Cambria becoming a Sanctuary town. I have been a permanent resident of Cambria for over 30 years and many of our friends and neighbors have been targeted unfairly by ICE .. This is NOT a political issue. This is a moral issue. .

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From Streamline <noreply@specialdistrict.org>  
Date Wed 8/6/2025 8:44 AM  
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## Written Public Comments

<b>Full Name:</b>	Jordan Lampert
<b>Email Address:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Phone Number:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Written Public Comment:</b>	<p>Re: Budget line item 01-6033R-02 in the Services and Supplies Budget M&amp;R-Ranch – Fac &amp; RESRC DPT I ask that the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) restore the allocation to the Maintenance of the Fiscalini Ranch so that it is at least at the 2023 – 2024 budget level of \$50,000. The proposed allocation (\$16,197) is a cut in the Fiscalini Ranch Maintenance line item by of a factor of 3. This decrease severely impacts Ranch maintenance and upkeep. Restoring the maintenance budget and attention to the upkeep requirements of the Ranch will reverse the decline in Ranch Fire and Public use Safety resulting from the budget cuts. Fiscalini Ranch is Conserved Land designed for use by Cambrians and their visitors. As such, it requires constant attention so that it can be enjoyed by all and remain an attraction for tourists. Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve have documented many use and fire hazards on the Ranch. These are a direct result of neglect resulting from the budget cuts and lack of attention to Ranch Maintenance. FFRP volunteers do a lot to improve the Ranch, but they cannot do everything. CCSD is the actual landowner of the Ranch. It is therefore the responsibility of Cambria as a community to ensure that the Ranch continues to be a beautiful and safe haven. The return we receive on this investment is</p>

incalculable as the Ranch harbors rare California native plants, endangered wildlife and native stands of trees. It brings revenue to our community as a tourist destination, and it gives residents peaceful pleasure. I ask that you restore the funding so that the Ranch can provide these benefits into the future.

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## Haley Dodson

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**From:** Streamline <noreply@specialdistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2025 10:28 AM  
**To:** BoardComment  
**Subject:** New form submission received: Written Public Comment



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SERVICES DISTRICT

### Written Public Comment

<b>First Name:</b>	Tom
<b>Last Name:</b>	Loganbill
<b>Address:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Phone Number:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Email:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Written Public Comment:</b>	<p>July 28, 2025 CCSD Board Members: Regarding the current and recent issues addressing the Fiscalini Ranch maintenance, I am very disappointed in the current status of the ranch, which I believe is due to the reduction in budget. Many of us Cambrians and visitors have been enjoying the ranch for a great number of years. Having the opportunity to walk the trails without the fear of falling trees or uneven surfaces makes it a treasure to enjoy. We are now seeing the effects of minimal maintenance on the trails, weeds, trees, and forest. We all enjoy the Fiscalini Ranch and would hate to see the deterioration that we are currently witnessing. I encourage you to address the budget proposal and return it to the levels prior to the reductions we have recently witnessed. Best regards, Tom Loganbill [REDACTED]</p>
<b>Written Comment to be read at::</b>	Finance Committee Meeting

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From Streamline <noreply@specialdistrict.org>

Date Tue 8/5/2025 6:54 AM

To Haley Dodson <hdodson@cambriacs.org>



## Written Public Comments

<b>Full Name:</b>	Daniel A Runyan
<b>Email Address:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Phone Number:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Written Public Comment:</b>	<p>I'm deeply concerned about the long-term consequences of underfunding essential maintenance at the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. On a property of this size, neglecting weed abatement and trail upkeep isn't just a cosmetic issue—it poses real risks to public safety, ecological health, and community well-being. The sharp drop in funding—from \$50,000 to just \$15,724 last year, with only a slight increase proposed for this year—has already led to serious deterioration. Invasive weeds are spreading unchecked, eucalyptus seedlings are becoming fire hazards, critical fire breaks remain uncleared, and trail conditions are visibly declining. These aren't isolated problems; they compound quickly on a preserve as large and heavily used as Fiscalini Ranch. When vegetation overgrowth and trail erosion go unaddressed, the Ranch becomes more vulnerable to wildfire, flooding, and habitat loss. This neglect also directly affects residents who rely on the Ranch for recreation, mental health, and connection to nature. Just as critically, diminished maintenance threatens the Ranch's appeal to visitors, whose spending supports Cambria's economy and helps sustain local businesses. Cambria's open spaces are more than scenic amenities—they're economic assets and essential infrastructure. If we allow Fiscalini Ranch to fall</p>

into disrepair, we risk higher costs down the line and reduced eligibility for outside grants. Proactive stewardship now protects this vital public resource for future generations and demonstrates our community's commitment to resilience, safety, and quality of life.

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**Public Comment 8/4/25 Agenda Item 4.C FRP Funding**

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**From** Crosby Swartz [REDACTED]

**Date** Sun 8/3/2025 7:35 PM

**To** BoardComment <boardcomment@cambridgesd.org>; Debra Scott <dscott@cambridgesd.org>

We can all agree that the General Fund is hard pressed to meet the funding demands of many important CCSD responsibilities. Reading the agenda package for this item today implies that the maintenance expenses for the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FRP) are a significant cause of the problem. Let's look at the numbers.

The 2025-2026 Facilities and Resources FRP maintenance and repair budget line item is approximately \$16,000. By comparison the total 2025-2026 General Fund budget is approximately \$4,000,000. In other words, the Ranch maintenance budget is less than a half a percent of the General Fund budget. Even if the District reduced its funding for Ranch maintenance to zero (NOT RECOMMENDED) that would not solve the General Fund limitations.

As you know, the Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch contributes to Ranch maintenance with dollars and volunteer hours. The dollars come from donations from citizens and groups who wish to support the Ranch directly. Asking FFRP donors to contribute more to subsidize the CCSD General Fund may not be a popular solution.

We recommend focusing on implementing a special assessment to fund the important Cambria Fire Department needs. The Fire Department is allocated approximately seventy five percent of the General Fund revenues. Fix the Fire Department funding problem and you will be able to properly support the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve maintenance needs.

## De-funding Fiscalini

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**From** Marc Weber [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 8/4/2025 8:55 AM  
**To** BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>

As a proud resident of beautiful Cambria I BEG you not to take funding away from Fiscalini Ranch Preserve.

This local treasure is one of the features which makes our town so special. I understand the need to be frugal, though I think this concern is often highly overstated; in the wealthiest country in the world we certainly can protect the things that matter. Do you think that our citizens would begrudge whatever overall tax increase would be necessary to safeguard a local treasure?

I, for one, would be more than willing to shoulder a little extra burden to keep the Cambria we love.

Sincerely,

Marc Weber  
[REDACTED]

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**From** Streamline <noreply@specialdistrict.org>

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**To** Haley Dodson <hdodson@cambriacsd.org>

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## Written Public Comments

<b>Full Name:</b>	Keyboard Confessions: The Saga No One Asked For
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Written Public Comment:</b>	<p>Cambria—California’s retirement home disguised as a town. It’s where ambition goes to die, and the median age is “just had a hip replaced.” This is a place so slow, even the fog looks bored. It’s like someone turned a postcard into a hospice for wealthy liberals who peaked in 1978. Cambria isn’t a town, it’s a smug art installation—half coastal views, half overpriced knickknack shops run by ex-hippies who charge \$300 for a “found object” sculpture that looks like it crawled out of a trash heap. Everything is artisan, organic, and</p>

somehow still bland. You haven't lived until you've paid \$19 for a grilled cheese made by a guy with a PhD in chakra alignment. The locals? Picture a room full of retired professors, watercolor artists, and at least three guys named Gary who "moved here for the peace" but now rage-write letters to the editor because someone dared to build a deck with a view. They claim to hate tourists, yet their entire local economy would collapse without weekenders panic-buying wind chimes and \$19 sandwiches. It's like Napa's neurotic cousin — all the hypocrisy of wine country, none of the wine, and a lot more passive-aggressive signage. Everyone markets the town like a dreamy coastal escape, then throws a moral panic when a Honda CR-V with out-of-county plates parks for more than 11 minutes. This is where progress goes to die. You want to build a shed? Prepare to defend your case in front of a tribunal of retired engineers and SoCal transplants who've lived here for two seconds and now believe they speak for the land. Cambria is what happens when you let a neighborhood HOA turn into a town. You can't sneeze without violating an ordinance. Want to plant a garden? Better make sure your crystals are properly aligned with Mercury retrograde first. And don't even think about playing music louder than a whisper unless you want a 74-year-old named Linda filing a noise complaint from behind her lavender hedge. Classic Cambria logic: let's keep people on the waitlist waiting forever. God forbid you allow someone to build a home for an actual human in 2025 — we might interrupt a deer's yoga class or a hedge fund manager's peace and quiet. Honestly, if Cambria were any more allergic to change, it would slap a 'Do Not Disturb' sign on the entire zip code. How thrilled I am that Cambria's top priority continues to be parks, interpretive ranch signs, and perfectly manicured hiking trails — all while actual people can't find a place to live. It's really heartwarming to know that while residents sit on decade-long housing waitlists, we can at least enjoy another scenic overlook built with funds that could've, I don't know, supported basic infrastructure or public safety. Here's a wild idea: maybe stop treating Parks & Rec like

it's a sacred cow and start funding the things that make a town livable — like housing, water access, and public safety. Because at this point, it feels like Cambria is more interested in being a postcard than a place people can actually live in. The trees are lovely, but they don't pay taxes. People do. Cambria's got \$1.2 million lined up for a skatepark, but our fire department is still waiting on basic needs — like new engines, a proper station, and fair pay and benefits for the people who actually keep us alive. Priorities? Apparently, wheelies and upgraded restrooms outrank public safety. But hey, if you break your leg at the park, just hang tight and soak in those coastal views — help might be on the way from CAL FIRE...if they're not tied up and can make the 40-minute drive from Ragged Point. Well, I just want to thank the Board for consistently keeping Cambria interesting. It's not every day you see a group of five people manage to turn a simple issues into a season-long drama. I honestly don't know if I'm watching local governance or a reboot of Parks and Recreation: Coastal Crisis Edition.

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## Wildlife Banners

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**From** Christine Siebuhr [REDACTED]  
**Date** Thu 8/14/2025 8:56 AM  
**To** BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>

Dear Members of the board,

I was unable to attend the meeting today.

I wanted to thank you for looking for CCSD property along Highway One to place Wildlife banners. I respectfully am waiting on locations you decide on. I spoke with Michael Thomas regarding this and I will be attending the next PROS meeting. I just want you to know I really appreciate your support in my nearly five years of working towards "Safety for all in Cambria" mission.

Fawnly, Christine Siebuhr

[REDACTED]

## Haley Dodson

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**From:** Christine Heinrichs [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 16, 2025 3:47 PM  
**To:** BoardComment  
**Subject:** Written comment August 14, 2025

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

I requested that the Board consider adopting a resolution opposing recent ICE raids in California, the wording for which I adapted from [California Senate Joint Resolution 9](https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SJR9/id/3259510), <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SJR9/id/3259510>

and asked for it to be considered at today's agenda. You all as elected members of the CSD board took an oath to support and defend the constitution of the United States and the State of California. You, President Scott, declined: "Under my leadership, the CCSB Board of Directors will not voice political opinions as part of a Board meeting agenda." None of the other directors responded at all.

This is not a partisan political issue. This is a human rights and public safety issue. Not to take a position is to take a position in favor. Silence is assent. Your oath supporting the Constitution requires you to defend our basic governing principles.

We stand at a moment of opportunity to speak up for human rights and the American Constitution. This is our opportunity to speak up, against secret police thugs acting under color of authority, masked and unidentified, kidnapping community members and disappearing them – to other countries, and to American concentration camps.

Other communities are taking action. Alameda rejected a contract for ICE surveillance. Culver City is actively pushing back against these raids. This is not a partisan issue.

Hundreds of Cambrians took to the streets to protest these raids and other actions of the federal administration. Cambria's district staff who are represented by SEIU Local 620 will appreciate your support for SEIU's statement condemning the detention of SEIU President David Huerta.

Showing our community's rejection of these secret police activities is important, even in our small corner of the world. I ask you, President Scott, the board, and General Manager McElhenie, who swore the same oath, to put this item on the next Agenda and take action as soon as possible.

Thank you.

We will now read it into the record.

### **Resolution Text**

WHEREAS, California is home to more than 10 million immigrants, the nation's largest by population and proportion, including over 2 million undocumented residents, who enrich our communities, strengthen our economy, and contribute to the cultural and social fabric of the Golden State; and

**Susan Ladrie Mackey**

WHEREAS, Immigrants are deeply rooted in Cambria as a community, Cambria families and workforce, and  
WHEREAS, Deporting a parent or family member has serious detrimental impacts on children, affecting 3.3 million mixed-status families in California; and

WHEREAS, Since June 6, 2025, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), along with armed federal agents, conducted military-style immigration raids and arrests at work sites, homes, and public spaces, creating a climate of fear among immigrants dropping their children off at school, going to work, attending faith services, seeking medical or emergency services, or shopping for essential needs; and

WHEREAS, Since June 6, 2025, more than 330 people have been arrested in the indiscriminate raids at work sites, homes, and public spaces across the County of Los Angeles and dozens more people have been arrested across San Luis Obispo County, as well as the Counties of Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura; and

**Julia Stanert**

WHEREAS, While conducting immigration raids and arrests, ICE and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents sealed off entire streets with the assistance of local law enforcement and the California National Guard, utilized unmarked armored vehicles, and conducted warrantless raids in a militarized and indiscriminate manner, sparking widespread panic, fear, and terror among immigrant workers, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, The recent immigration raids have been heavily militarized, included the unconstitutional detention and arrest of residents without due process, disproportionately affected communities of color, separated families, undermined public safety and trust in local governments, and deterred families from accessing health care, education, and emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, Members of Congress were denied access to conduct oversight visits at the federal “B-18” detention facility and the Adelanto ICE Processing Center to inspect the conditions of detention, despite their right to do so under federal law, and attorneys were repeatedly denied access to people who were arrested during the indiscriminate immigration raids and arrests; and

WHEREAS, The unconstitutional immigration raids and arrests quickly prompted tens of thousands of community, labor, and faith protests at multiple locations, including Cambria; and

**Donna Williams**

WHEREAS, The protests were overwhelmingly peaceful, with demonstrators exercising their First Amendment rights to oppose the Trump’s Administration’s mass immigration raids and to stand in solidarity with immigrant families impacted by these federal actions; and

WHEREAS, During the course of these protests, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), which represents Cambria’s district staff in SEIU Local 620, California President David Huerta was injured, arrested, and detained after federal authorities alleged he was obstructing enforcement activities, while union representatives and community members assert he was wrongfully arrested while lawfully observing law enforcement; and

**Gail Stevens**

WHEREAS, The immigration raids and arrests consist of potential violations of constitutional rights, including raids and arrests conducted without warrants and using racial profiling; and

WHEREAS, Despite clear evidence that local authorities were fully capable of responding to these events, President Trump unilaterally deployed 4,000 California National Guard members and 700 Marines over the objection of California Governor Gavin Newsom, with President Trump's stated intent to crush dissent and further intensify and militarize immigration raids and arrests; and

WHEREAS, The federal escalation appears to be part of a deliberate strategy to provoke chaos, suppress and criminalize dissent, and terrorize immigrant communities across California and the nation; and

WHEREAS, President Trump's administration has signaled an intention to intensify nationwide immigration raids and arrests, creating an ongoing threat and danger to Cambria families,

WHEREAS, Multiple elected officials, religious groups, labor unions, and advocacy organizations have denounced the mass immigration raids and pledged to protect and support immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants play a vital role in stimulating Cambria's economy as workers, business owners, taxpayers, and consumers. Their contributions boost county and local economic growth; and

**Diane Demarco**

WHEREAS, Immigrants help power San Luis Obispo County and Cambria's economy. Immigrants make up nearly one-half of California's agricultural workers, and fuel key local industries, such as construction and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, California's immigrants contributed \$8.5 billion in state and local taxes in 2022 and play a vital role in stimulating the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, On June 12, 2025, President Trump announced that changes were coming and that "Our great Farmers and people in the Hotel and Leisure business have been stating that our very aggressive policy on immigration is taking very good, long time workers away from them, with those jobs being almost impossible to replace," but on June 16, 2025, the United States Department of Homeland Security and ICE told staff that it must continue to conduct immigration raids at agricultural businesses, hotels, and restaurants, creating a whiplash of confusion that continues to wreak havoc on our economy, agricultural industry, and small businesses; now, therefore, be it

**Kelly Teevan**

Resolved by the Board of the Cambria Community Services District, That the Board hereby strongly condemns the mass immigration raids, targeting of immigrant workers and families, and the militarized federal response in California. The Board denounces President Trump's deployment of military forces to suppress community protests and engage in immigration enforcement operations; and be it further

Resolved, That Cambria Community Services District stands with immigrant families, workers, and community leaders, and will not tolerate the terrorizing of our neighborhoods under the guise of "enforcement;" and be it further

Resolved, That Cambria Community Services District rejects the criminalization of peaceful protest and reaffirms the constitutional rights of all residents to organize, demonstrate, and demand justice without fear of violent retaliation; and be it further

**Richard Hawley**

Resolved, That the Cambria Community Services District Board affirms its commitment to safeguarding the rights and safety of all Cambrians, regardless of immigration status, by upholding the fundamental principles of equal treatment, due process, and civil liberties under the law; and be it further

Resolved, That the Cambria Community Services District Board supports the expansion of legal services and emergency response resources to protect workers, children, and families affected by immigration enforcement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Cambria Community Services District Confidential Administrative Assistant transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Secretary of State, to the Secretary of the Treasury, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, for appropriate distribution.

#### **Item 4.A Sheriff's Department Report**

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

How does the Sheriffs Department plan to manage ICE invasions? How do you advise the public to react? Thank you.

#### **Item 4.C. CCSD Fire Chief's Report**

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments have been posted on social media about the fencing interfering with wildlife corridors. How are you accommodating the deer? Thank you.

#### **Item 5A July Expenditure Report**

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Legal costs so far this year, for District Counsel Tim Carmel, at \$13,500 a month, plus additional charges of \$23,901.84, plus Liebert Cassidy Whitmore labor law charges of \$24 990.50, leading to a total of \$143,392.34 for the first seven months of 2025. How much legal trouble is the district in? Is there any way these costs can be reduced? Is this the best way to spend district money?

What kind of financial planning is the district getting for the **\$20,250** three-year subscription to Muniworth, in addition to the monthly **\$1,893.85** the district pays to **Optimized Investment Partners** to manage its invested money. How do these costs figure into Return on Investment?

**What is the \$528,346.69 to Special District Risk Management Authority for?** Is this insurance premiums? That's more than half a million dollars. That would buy a lot of Vets Hall repairs.

#### **Item 6A Submitting an Amended EWS/SWF/WRF Project Description for the Coastal Development Permit application to the county**

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The journey on this application is long. Now, biological reports are again being done. I await them, and the county's response to them. Two, two-hour observations per quarter were never going to satisfy the requirement for baseline population data of threatened species.

Are these documents being submitted piecemeal, as County Planner Jeremy Freund specifically asked the district NOT to do? I ask the board to take note of the reliance on Zero Liquid Discharge, which is having problems and failed at its Piru test site. Whether it works, and if it does, what it will cost the district, are not trivial concerns. While economic impact is not required for the CDP application, costs are of interest to the public and should be of concern to the board.

The district passed the county's first 90-day deadline last week. Has the district requested the 90-day extension that Mr. Freund cited?

Note that operating expenses for the EWS/SWF/WRF, which is not operating, in the budget for the coming year are more than \$1.3 million.

I ask the board to consider yet again whether pursuing this project is the best use of Cambria's resources. Thank you.

**Item 6.D Approving a Will-Serve Letter for new construction, Minor Use Permit/Coastal Development Permit C-DRC2025-00020 (Broersma)**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Despite the fact that "NCAP acknowledges that Cambria has a severely limited water supply that has long been recognized as inadequate to serve new development," (Devon Jackson Coastal Planner Central Coast District, October 1, 2024, <https://www.cambriacsd.org/files/f5062dbc6/Exhibit+13+-+CCC+Letter+to+Jeremy+Freund.pdf>) and the Coastal Commission's determination that "There were originally some 64 of these grandfathered pipeline projects, but there are no more such pipeline projects remaining today." (Hadian W32e 11/9/2019 <https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2019/11/W32e/w32e-11-2019-report.pdf>), the district is determined to continue approving new construction permits. This MUP is another, backed up by copious documents and behind a court decision that allowed two new construction projects. The contention that the EWS/SWF/WRF will provide water to serve new construction is based on operating the facility, which relies on disposing of the brine, see above Item 6A, ZLD, which isn't yet working, and storing the brine to send it out of town for disposal, which would cost millions. Please consider Cambria's lack of water to serve new connections and recommend against approving this permit. Thank you.

**Item 6.E District Maintenance Responsibilities for the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

What Kitty and the others said.

The current budget recommendation for Fiscalini Ranch Preserve maintenance is inadequate. Cutting the maintenance budget from \$50,000 to \$15,724, nearly 70% cut, will have serious effects on this jewel of Cambria's landscape.

Fiscalini Ranch Preserve enhances life for all Cambrians, and attracts visitors. U.S. News and World Report called it out in its list of 21 Nicest Charming Towns in California. <https://travel.usnews.com/gallery/beautiful-small-towns-in-california?onepage>

As Utilities Manager Jim Green pointed out at the July 17 meeting, the cost of deferred maintenance is high. Reducing maintenance does not save money. It costs the district money, as conditions deteriorate and require more care when ultimately addressed in the future.

Generous donors support Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, but those donations are not enough, and the Preserve deserves community support. It is an asset to all of us, and important habitat for Cambria's wildlife.

Please examine Cambria's finances and find financial support for Fiscalini Ranch Preserve.

#### **Item 8.D Utilities Report**

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**\$10,000 to UTILIS ASTERRA leak detection system.** What did the district get for the Asterra Leak Detection Satellite the district paid \$101,000 for in June, the Option B Prevent level of service for two years? Is this in addition to that? Page 337 documents savings, in dollars, water and greenhouse gases. Could we get some clarification on this expenditure?

The June Expenditure Report paid \$26,850.79 for two charging stations. Where's the other one?

Please, bring the electric tractor and show it off to us!

#### **Item 10 Future Agenda Items**

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Please add the proposed Resolution read during Public Comment to the next available regular meeting agenda. Thank you.

#### **Item 11, Closed Session for a Performance Evaluation of GM McElhenie**

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

I ask the board to reflect on whether Mr. McElhenie is carrying out their policy goals, and whether he is serving the best interests of Cambria. The comments you have heard in today's meeting should give you several areas to discuss: the skatepark, the EWS/SWF/WRF CDP and the project itself, Cambria's financial management. His continued tenure in holding a second job should move toward resolution, choosing Cambria or his other position. Thank you.

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Christine Heinrichs