

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MARCH 25, 2010 – VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

1. **Call to Order: President Sanders called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. and led the pledge of allegiance and adjourned to closed session. District Counsel Tim Carmel reported no reportable action.**

Present: Directors Clift, Chaldecott, De Micco, MacKinnon and President Sanders  
Absent: None

Also present: General Manager Tammy Rudock, District Counsel Tim Carmel  
District Engineer Bob Gresens, and District Clerk Kathy Choate  
President Sanders reconvened open session at 12:45 p.m.  
District Counsel Carmel reported no report from closed session.

2. **Public Comment:**  
Mickie Burton, Cambria. Commented on Resolution 10-2010 and public review period for Geotechnical Investigation environmental clearance.

3. **Agenda Review:**  
President Sanders stated agenda stands as published.

4. **Acknowledgements/Presentation:**  
None

5. **Special Reports**  
Sherriff's department Commander Ben Hall reported in last 30 days handled 241 calls for service, including various traffic, credit card fraud, domestic, juvenile, and stolen bronze statues.

6. **Manager's and Board Reports**

- A. Manager's Report

Tammy Rudock presented manager's report noting Van Scoyoc report and Congresswoman Capps release of Fiscal Year 2011 appropriation requests that contains CCSD project in the list. Bob Gresens, District Engineer reported wells are full and VFDs Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) installation was completed on Leimert Pump Station.

- B. Member and Committee Reports

Vice President Clift notified the Board he came in second on recent LAFCO election and congratulated elected Ed Eby. Vice President Clift would appreciate support in upcoming selection/election for alternate member.

7. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approve expenditures for the month of February 2010
- B. Approve minutes of Board of Directors meeting February 25, 2010
- C. Adopt Resolution 11-2010 declaring a public nuisance for the annual Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program

D. Adopt Resolution 12-2010 scheduling a public hearing to approve Water and Wastewater Standby or Availability Charges for fiscal year 2010/2011  
General Manager Rudock read consent calendar for the record.

**Director De Micco moved to approve the consent calendar. Director MacKinnon seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 0**

## **8. Hearings and Appeals**

A. Consider adoption of Resolution 10-2010 certifying Santa Rosa Creek Beach Geotechnical Investigation Environmental Clearance Negative Declaration  
Tammy Rudock presented staff report and reported additional fiscal services required by FIRMA Consultants. Staff recommends continuance of the item. District Counsel Carmel concurred with recommendation to continue the item. There are a number of legal and factual issues to resolve; among them comments being considered and analyzed and a jurisdictional issue with who owns this project, and a number of other issues that merit continuance.

### **Public Comment:**

Jim Ensley, Las Vegas, Nevada. Cambria lot owner. Thanked CCSD staff and Board for continued efforts to provide Cambria an alternative water source. Encouraged Board to continue its efforts and spoke in support of Army Corps of Engineers (ACE).

Tony Rotolo, Mission Viejo, California. Cambria lot owner. Spoke in support of desalination. Has environmental background and is involved with educating public regarding environmental issues.

Cassandra Salapatas-Metz, property owner since 1989. Recognized and offered support to CCSD long envisioned plan of long term water supply in Cambria.

Shale Hanson, 1981 Benson Avenue, Cambria. Bought lot in late 1990s and looking forward to building on that lot. Due to moratorium was unable to do so and bought a home. Supports desal plant.

Jim Crezenski, Cambria. Resided in Cambria since 2000. Strongly supports desalination initiative and all studies requisite in achieving the goal of a viable long term water supply for Cambria.

Pamela Thompson, Cambria resident since 1980 and since 1927 (grandfather owned property) there have been complications with no growth. Supports desal. For the record, provided copy of The Economist, Oct 31 2009 article about cheaper desalination.

John Ehlers, Cambria. Supports Board's efforts for desal plant and prudent use of resources.

Jim Ragan, Cambria. Consultant to ACE for 30 years and confident CCSD has chosen the right organization, very thorough and highly professional. Supports desal plant as best alternative water source and commended the Board.

Harry Farmer, Cambria. 23-year resident. Was more involved with 1990 issues of desal, East/West Ranch, Incorporation Study. With economic uncertainties, desal is important issue.

Steve Cole, Cambria. Spoke in support of desal plant and test wells.

Dean Helble, Cambria. 20-year resident. Supports Board and urged Board to continue. As a retired engineer, understands and approves of Board's efforts. Commended Bob Horvath's writing in The Cambrian and identifies with Deryl Robinson and those with lots who are unable to build under moratorium.

Mike Dill, Paso Robles. Cambria lot owner. After last meeting, thought about what opposition was saying about their concerns for environmental issues. Opposition is not about saving environment and the wildlife; it is about stopping all growth. Property owners have a legal right to build on their lots. Urged Board to move forward with the test wells.

Valerie Bentz, Cambria. Impressed by lot owners who want to promote more building in Cambria to speak in favor of desalination and understands their plight.

Deborah Dill, Paso Robles. Member of UNLOC, owned lot for 25 years. Thanked Board. Cambrians want and need this resource.

Mahala Burton, Cambria. Comment period for drilling project, not desalination. Not opposed to growth, but is opposed to drilling and co-opting public beaches that are for the people who cannot afford to do many things.

Steve Figler, Cambria. Posed a number of fiscal questions regarding desal.

Amanda Rice, Cambria. People who own lots on wait list should not have to support desal in order to get service from CCSD. Other alternatives could come into play.

Ron Crummitt, Cambria. Commented on risk of fire and drought danger. He and his wife lived here in 1980s through droughts, no water in streams, no fish. Spoke in support of desal as a dependable source of water. Buildout reduction tied in with desal will prohibit unlimited growth.

Ann Cichowski, Cambria. One of studies she's read and checked with California Coastal Commission that concerns her is that out of 17 desal projects along the coast of California they have all failed. There are no operating desal plants that are using ocean water as the source of water at this time.

Steve Figler, Cambria. Commented on Director De Micco giving specific answers to his specific questions. A public forum would be proactive and public friendly.

Randy McDowell, Cambria. 25-year resident. Saw early 1980 droughts, fist fights and disputes. Expressed concern with understaffing field techs that do an exemplary job.

Written comments were submitted in support of negative declaration: Joan Cobin, Marylyn and Don Villeneuve, Robert and Alice Beam, Roger Robinson, Christine Landgren

Pat Child, Cambria. Resident since 1989, 14 years since speaking at a meeting, past Board director. In 1996 there was a completed project with engineering studies done, 12-0 Coastal Commission vote in favor. Does not want to go through another workshop where we've already had a vote of the community supporting a desal project. Whale Rock Reservoir, Lake Nacimiento pipeline, State Water, don't fit Cambria due to cost factors. Get the feasibility study done.

Richard Breen, Cambria. Owner, Breen Realty, 25 years in community. Remembers Mr. Childs in 1996 and CCSD did have an approved project. Have tried to do reservoirs, exhausted State water situation, ACE has mandate, right, and ability to do this drilling.

John MacKinnon, Cambria. 20-year resident. May need test well project regardless of desal. He is a member of WEACC and committee is studying catastrophic failure; i.e., two-year drought or earthquake. Desal may be needed for such events and he supports desal.

Board discussion followed.

**Director MacKinnon moved to continue consideration of Resolution 10-2010 to regular April 2010 meeting. Director De Micco seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 0**

## **9. Regular Business**

A. Consider adoption of Resolution 13-2010 ratifying agreement with International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4635, and Side Letter No. 1; Consider Adoption of Resolution 14-2010 reporting the payment of member contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System; and Consider adoption of Resolution 15-2010 for Employer Pick-Up – IRC 414(H)(2). General Manager Rudock presented the staff report and passed out the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and side letter and reviewed the highlighted changes within the MOU.

President Sanders thanked Director Clift for working along with him with the Firefighters. **Vice President Clift moved to continue Resolution 13-2010, 14-2010, and 15-2010 to April 22 regular meeting. Director MacKinnon seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 0**

## **10. Public Comment**

Amanda Rice, Cambria. Commented on well production charts not part of staff report. Reported potential leak on west bound side of Ardath between Wilcombe and Leona. Asked about expenditures in Monthly Expenditure Report.

**11. Adjourn** President Sanders adjourned the meeting at 3:33 PM to closed session, Dining Room, Veterans Memorial Building