



MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2025, REGULAR FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Fire Protection Committee of the Cambria Community Services District was held at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall, 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428, on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 10:30 AM

1. OPENING

1.A Call to Order

Chairperson Gray called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

1.B Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Committee members present: Tom Gray, Ronald De Luca, Tony Safford, David Pierson, Arthur Chapman, and Gordon Heinrichs.

Staff present: General Manager Matthew McElhenie, Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson, Fire Chief Michael Burkey, and Facilities and Resources Manager David Aguirre.

1.C Chair Report

Chairperson Gray welcomed the new Committee members.

1.D Election of Committee Officers

Chairperson Gray asked for nominations for Secretary and Vice Chairperson

Committee Member Safford moved to nominate David Pierson as Vice Chair.

Committee Member Heinrichs seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

Committee Member Heinrichs moved to nominate Arthur Chapman as Secretary.

Committee Member De Luca seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair took public comment from Dan Turner, executive director of the San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council.

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

3.A Discussion and Consideration Regarding Introduction of Ordinance 01-2025 Adding Chapter 6.05 to the Cambria Community Services District Municipal Code Regarding Weed Abatement Standards and Consider Providing a Recommendation to the CCSD Board of Directors

The Chair took public comment from Karin Argano, executive director of Greenspace – The Cambria Land Trust; and Crosy Swartz.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Committee Member Safford, seconded by Committee Member Chapman to approve draft Ordinance 01-2025 with leave for committee members to offer further recommendations for changes and staff to make further revisions for the final draft to be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

3.B Discussion and Consideration Regarding the SLO Monterey Pine Restoration Forest Health Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Consider Providing a Recommendation to the CCSD Board of Directors

Committee Member Chapman moved to approve the motion to recommend to the Board of Directors to approve and enter into the of the SLO Monterey Pine Restoration Forest Health Grant # 8GG23617 Memorandum of Understanding

Committee Member Safford seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members proposed the following items for future consideration:

- Evacuation routes and zones (De Luca and Heinrichs)
- Funding for a fire marshal position (Pierson)
- Community training and engagement (Safford)
- Setting up a fire prevention website (Chapman)
- Clarification on weed abatement requirements (Chapman)

5. ADJOURN

Chairperson Gray adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m