



CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MAY 15, 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, located at 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428, on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 10:30 AM

1. OPENING

1.A Call to Order

Chairperson Gray called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.

1.B Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Committee members present: Tom Gray, David Pierson, Arthur Chapman, Tony Safford, and Gordon Heinrichs. Ron De Luca was absent (excused).

Staff present: General Manager Matthew McElhenie, Fire Chief Michael Burkey, Fire Captain Greg McGill, Fire Captain Craig Brooks, and Facilities and Resource Manager David Aguirre.

1.C Chair Report

Chairperson Gray alerted the committee of an ongoing discussion of developing an approach to community-wide evacuation planning.

1.D Committee Member and Staff Communications

Committee Member Heinrichs reported on attending a Mill Valley evacuation drill and learned of their system to notify community members of evacuation orders and routings. 3-400 vehicles participated. The planning was extensive and supported by the South Marin County Fire Protection District which provided funding and resources.

1.E Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports

Ad Hoc Committee Members Safford and Chapman submitted a report. Chairperson Gray solicited public comment from those present and those attending the meeting remotely. After hearing public comment, Chairperson Gray closed public comment.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Turner
Tina Dickason
Margie Zlovowitz

Thomas Johnson
M. Levkoff

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.A Consideration to Approve the March 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections

Committee Member Pierson moved to accept the minutes as written.

Committee Member Safford seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 4-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 1-Absent

4. REGULAR BUSINESS (Items Listed in Order of Presentation)

4.A Discussion and Consideration of Public Document Regarding Weed Abatement

A new draft of the proposed document was presented with the meeting Agenda. Mr. Safford gave an update on his ad hoc committee's work so far on preparing the document General Manager McElhenie also updated the Committee on information, such as maps, being developed and that could be distributed to the public in the near future.

Public Comment:

Crosby Swartz
Tina Dickason

At Chair Gray's suggestion, the item was continued for later consideration.

4.D Discussion of Follow-Up Actions Related to Fire Safety Town Halls

Chief Burkey reported neighborhood liaison meetings will begin on May 20 and will start the process to involve the community in defensible space, emergency and evacuation planning.

4.B Discussion and Consideration of Fire Department Apparatus Replacement and Financing

Fire Chief Burkey discussed the need and planning for a replacement class 1 fire engine. General Manager McElhenie discussed the current budgetary constraints about purchasing a new fire apparatus and noted that the water tender is even older and in need of replacement.

Public Comment:

Tina Dickason

A motion was made by committee member Pierson to recommend to the Board of Directors to start the process of assessing the need and funding to acquire a replacement Class 1 engine.

The motion was seconded by Committee Member Safford.

The motion was approved: 4-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 1-Absent

4.C Discussion and Consideration of Fire Station Condition and Possible Related Actions - Amended 5/12/2025

Fire Chief Burkey explained the need for upgrades and possible future replacement of the current fire station. General Manager McElhenie discussed the current budgetary issues around fire station upgrades including upgrades funded through the recent fund raising event.

Public Comment:

Tina Dickason

A motion was made by committee member Pierson to table the item for future discussion

The motion was seconded by Committee Member Safford.

The motion was approved: 4-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 1-Absent

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

Chairperson Gray asked for any future agenda items and will review them for consideration in the agenda for the meeting scheduled for July 8.

6. ADJOURN

Chairperson Gray adjourned the meeting at 12:21p.m.