

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: March 11 meeting
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:36:15 AM

Hello, Ossana --

This is what I've got for today. I will attend to read them myself. Please include them in the public record. Thanks.

Public comment:

Since you became president, you have restricted public comment to only Regular Business items, and made it the first item before staff reports. At the last meeting, you interrupted Director Farmer and silenced him, while he was appropriately and legally responding to a citizen request.

While staff reports are included in the agenda packet, department heads often provide additional information when they give their reports. The public is deprived of the opportunity to comment on the staff's oral report, when public comment is allowed only before the report is given.

The board hired an expert to assist in developing a Strategic Plan. The top goal the board adopted from that process is Improving Communication with the public. Can you explain, and invite the other directors to discuss, how restricting public and director participation serves the goal of improved communication?

Thank you.

4A:

Discussion and Consideration of Establishing a Board Ad Hoc Committee for Forest Management Alternatives

Thank you for taking up the issue of hiring a Forest Ecologist to manage Cambria's rare Monterey Pine forest. I support appointing an ad hoc committee to take up this issue. Harry Farmer, who attends Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve and Cambria Forest Committee meetings, is the obvious choice to lead. Please invite other organizations that have stands of Monterey Pines on their property, such as Greenspace The Cambria Land Trust, Camp Ocean Pines, Rancho Marino Reserve, Hearst Ranch, Covell Ranch, the Land

Conservancy of San Luis Obispo, the Nature Conservancy, and of course all the property owners in Cambria who own their share of the forest, to participate. Thank you.

Item 4C:

Discussion and Consideration Regarding Renaming the Facility Presently Known as the Sustainable Water Facility (SWF)

Thank you for bringing this item back. I ask that the board drop the notion that the project can be called one thing, EWS, internally and something else, SWF, everywhere else. That's confusing. The history of changing the name from Emergency Water Supply Project to Sustainable Water Facility is unclear. It may relate to the lobbyist the board hired, who thought that the name Sustainable would allow it to qualify for funding. It didn't. Other reasons may have entered in. Regardless, the project has always been only an Emergency project and calling it Sustainable, which the board last year agreed it was not in any way, was a mistake. Take this occasion to call it by its correct name, Emergency Water Supply Project. At the same time, withdraw the application for a Coastal Development Permit from the county and revise the project description to reflect its appropriate use, as advised by your strategic and organizational advisor Paavo Ogren, who was hired expressly for that purpose, "to serve existing authorized water connections only (to abate the emergency), within the CCSD's service area (i.e. not to serve new development)."

Item 4D

Discussion and Consideration for the Current ITS Board Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Potential Action to Suspend All Active Intent to Serve Letters

The board does not need another ad hoc committee to advise on suspending all Intent to Serve letters. You have more than enough information to make that decision now. It's long overdue.

The Coastal Commission has provided the legal and environmental documentation to stop allowing these applicants to add new water users to Cambria's already overpumped creeks.

The Coastal Commission has dispensed with the legal fiction of previous commitments in several staff reports, including those on Hudzinski in 2012, Kingston Bay in 2013, Orellana in 2017, Swift and Hadian in 2019, Settini in 2020, and others. Any arguments in favor of adding new users have long since been dismissed.

Cambria is currently damaging the creeks, a valued coastal resource, in the amount being withdrawn to meet current demand of residents and visitors. CZLUO Section 23.04.430 requires that adequate water also be provided to protect significant coastal resources, including habitat for protected wildlife. It's part of Cambria's responsibility.

Allowing these letters to circulate gives false encouragement to those who want to expand Cambria. Note that one applicant has renewed his application after it was once denied by the Coastal Commission, and has been told it will be denied again. The district is misleading these applicants by continuing to approve these applications.

No need to appoint another ad hoc committee to consider issues that have long since been settled. I ask the board to suspend action on all attempts to add users under any guise, Intent to Serve letters, transferred meters, meter exchanges, whatever. Don't wait until, as one commissioner said in the November meeting, they put up a billboard in Cambria saying, Don't believe these people.

I have sent these Coastal Commission documents to every member of the board, the general manager and district counsel. Please don't hesitate to ask if you need more documentation.

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Christine Heinrichs

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Ossana Terterian](#)
Subject: March 11, 2021 CCSD Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:58:03 PM

Please read at public comment:

- 1) Please open CCSD & committee agenda meetings to in person at Vets Hall starting in April. (if Disneyland can open so can Cambria Community Service District)
All district offices also needs to be open to the public, and employees need to return to their work stations.
- 2) With only 13% completion of CDP it would be in the best interest to rescind CDP as written until all requirements are met don't waste County's time asking for extensions.
- 3) CDM Smith settlement please specify how this money will be spent? if it would be put into a set-aside account?
- 4) February 2021 CCSD public meeting Director Harry Farmer was rudely silence by the Chair I feel an public apology is in order.
- 5) employees need to be masked up when two are driving together in CCSD vehicle

Thank you very much

Cheryl McDowell

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Comment on March 11, 2021 CCSD Board agenda item 4C
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:05:35 AM

Dear President Steidel and Members of the Board:

I am writing to support the Board taking action to "rename" the water reclamation facility located on San Simeon Creek Road. I suggest the Board select and confirm via a formal vote a name that reflects the intended purpose of the facility as presented to the voters back in 2014.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this comment.

Jim Townsend

Romney Drive, Cambria

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Regarding Item #4C on March 11, 2021 Agenda
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:03:05 PM

Regarding Item 4C, I am in total support of naming the Cambria r/o facility the Emergency Water Supply project. This was the original name given to the facility. It is what the Cambria community understood what the facility was for, and accurately defines it ; that is, for emergency purposes only, and for existing Cambria customers. All efforts underway for a regular Coastal Development Permit (CDP) should be corrected to replace the name as the EWS, and I don't see any legitimate reasons why CCSD staff cannot make the changes now, rather than after the CDP process. A more streamline permit will be created if the Board names the facility the Emergency Water Supply project.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Ossana Terterian](#); [Cindy Steidel](#); [Harry Farmer](#); [Donn Howell](#); [Karen Dean](#); [Tom Gray](#)
Subject: March 11 Board Agenda Item 4C
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:46:41 AM

Dear CCSD Board,

Unfortunately I cannot attend today's meeting, however I am writing to express my full support for restoring the name of the water facility back to its original project title of Emergency Water Supply (EWS) from the revised name of Sustainable Water Facility (SWF). Correctly and accurately referring to this important project intended to serve Cambria during water emergencies is very important. Aligning the facility's intent, funding and emergency/temporary permitting BEFORE an CDP is issued will reflect the clarity, transparency and overall integrity of both the widely misunderstood and oft maligned project, as well as that of this CCSD Board and Administration which appears to be working diligently to better serve our community.

This is not a case of "What's in a name? That which we call a rose. By any other name would smell as sweet."

No, it is very much a case of integrity and accuracy, and truly meaning what is intended. Words have meaning, words have intent, words create actions, and words create problems and conflicts as much as solutions.

I urge this CCSD Board to act with the right intent in restoring the accurate name of the facility to Emergency Water Supply today, and to proceed with permitting it as such, which I believe (and CCSD's own water supply consultant advised), would be a simpler and less costly process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Reid
Cambria property owner and ratepayer
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