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## CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

### MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 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, August 21, 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, Ronald De Luca, and Gordon Heinrichs. Tony Safford was absent.

Staff present: Fire Chief Michael Burkey, Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson. Firefighter Tyler Loudermilk, Fire Engineer Christian Evers, and Fire Captains Craig Brooks and Michael Castellanos.

##### **1.C Chair Report**

Chairperson Gray did not have a report.

##### **1.D Committee Member and Staff Communications**

Chief Burkey reported on neighborhood fire prevention and evacuation readiness meetings and completion of weed abatement lot clearance.

Committee Member Pierson reported on forest health projects in Leimert, Covell Ranch and Fiscalini Ranch Preserve.

There was no public comment.

##### **1.E Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

Member Heinrichs asked about the current status of the CERT program and whether there is any coordination with CERT is other parts of the County. Chief Burkey said the program is active and will be revamped, but there is no active coordination with other CERT programs.

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Terri Adishian, Cambria

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **3.A Consideration to Approve the July 8, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes**

Committee Member Pierson moved to approve the minutes as written.

Committee Member Heinrichs seconded the motion.

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

### **4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **4.A Discussion of Progress Report from Committee Member Pierson on Feasibility of Fire Benefit Assessment**

Member Pierson reported he had requested and received two informal proposals from consulting groups, SCI Consulting Group and NBS Consulting describing the process for establishing a public engagement process and setting in place a fire suppression special assessment to fund needed fire department infrastructure and service improvements as required by Proposition 218. The proposals submitted detailed the process required to assess community support for a special assessment and to undertake assessment balloting.

There was no public comment on this item.

Following discussion, the item was continued to the Sept. 18 meeting, at which Mr. Pierson will be submitting a written report.

#### **4.B Discussion on Fire Department Needs as Related to a Potential Benefits Assessment**

Chief Burkey submitted a needs list for benefit assessment planning. Items on the list were discussed among members with input from Chairperson Gray. Some of the items may be candidates for grant funding and/or funding from the District general fund. Input from a consultant specializing in guiding special districts through the special assessment process would be helpful in determining what should be included and excluded from funding by a special assessment.

There was no public comment on this item.

Following discussion, the item was continued for consideration at a later date, when a more detailed needs assessment, with funding needs could be developed.

### **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)**

Chairperson Gray asked for any future agenda items. Items suggested included work on a wildfire protection plan, special assessment planning, and an ordinance amendment defining limitations on open fire pits.

### **6. ADJOURN**

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