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Written Public Comment

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Written Public Comment:	Has the board investigated how to reduce our trash collection fees? At a previous meeting, residents suggested going to every other week collection, which I think is a great idea.
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From: [Christine Heinrichs](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Written Comment
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:36:55 PM

Item 7A:

This is a major change in the district's approach to the EWS/SWF/WRF, from providing water for new connections, back to its original purpose, providing water to existing customers only. The staff report summarizes the project's history since the County Emergency Permit was issued in 2014.

The proposed changes to the project description are likely to move completion of the Coastal Development Permit application forward.

The project description has been extensively discussed in the past. The district hired Paavo Ogren as a strategic advisor on exactly this issue in 2019. He advised in favor of this limited use project description at the November 21, 2019 meeting, https://slo-span.org/meeting/ccsd_20191121/, and against the more expansive description.

At that meeting, the board requested the staff bring the project description for existing users only to the board. Nevertheless, staff brought back the project description for growth at the June 25, 2020 Special Meeting, https://slo-span.org/meeting/ccsd_20191121/ .

Many members of the public participated in the discussion at that meeting. Despite the importance of this decision, the board determined that it did not need to take action on it, and directed staff to proceed, with the project description for growth it had previously rejected.

Since 2020, the board and staff have insisted on the description that adds new users, despite all advice and discussion.

The staff report poses this as a first Phase, to allow the project to get a permit and be operated, to collect data for future expansion. Be that as it may, it moves the project application forward, making it more likely the district will be able to complete the three-year-old County CDP application. Last week, the board accepted Mr. Dienzo's evaluation that the permit application may be completed in the third quarter of this year.

What it will take for the Coastal Commission to approve such a permit is another question. Recently, Tom Luster, senior environmental scientist with the Coastal Commission, commented on the "location of project components in sensitive habitat - underpinning our evaluation is the ongoing and unresolved nonconformity of having project elements (and

former project elements, such as the evaporation basin) located within ESHA. We are about to get to Year 9 of the project being located in sensitive habitat without mitigation and without a determination about feasible alternative locations.”

Changing the project description does not address that and other concerns, but it does remove the most significant obstacle to completing the CDP application and moving the process forward at the county level.

Phase II is dealing with the brine waste. That issue remains to be resolved.

Please adopt this revision to the project description.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Christopher Connolly](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Dr. Matt McElhenie
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 3:28:54 PM
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To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to give my enthusiastic recommendation for Dr. McElhenie for the position of General Manager. I have worked with Dr. McElhenie for the past three years at Oxnard College.

Having been involved in academia, and the first responder world for 25 years, I can tell you that without a doubt, Matt has been the best supervisor I have ever had. His work ethic and attention to detail are exceptional, and he gets the very best out of his employees.

Dr. McElhenie creates a welcoming and inclusive work atmosphere and it's been a pleasure to work with him over the years. I am sad to see him go.

Matt is truly an exceptional individual, I wish the very best for him, and for your city.

Regards,
Christopher

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From: [Holly Bow](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Matthew McElhenie
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:28:19 PM

I have known and worked with Matthew since 2017. Matthew has been asked on several occasions to take on roles within Public Safety, of which he stepped up and exceeded expectations. I have personally witnessed his time management and organizational skills. On one occasion Matthew was asked to become a board member for a new association, our organization reached out to Matthew due to his work with emergency medicine as well as his conduct at meetings where he was always willing to provide assistance and guidance when needed. When Matthew agreed to commit to this association, he was pursuing his doctoral degree, working a full-time job and taking care of his family. This small association grew very quickly into a recognized statewide association for emergency medicine educators.

Holly Bow
RJV Coordinator - Public Safety Sector



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Written Public Comment

First Name:	Michael
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Written Public Comment:	<p>April 19th, 2023 Dear CCSD Board Members, The Cambria Paramedic Association represented by SEIU Local 620 is writing to express our unanimous support for Matt McElhenie as the General Manager for the CCSD. We have had the pleasure of working with Matt for many years and can attest to his outstanding work ethic, leadership skills, and integrity. Matt has a wealth of experience working for multiple emergency service agencies, including as a reserve for the CCHD. He has also been involved in managing Paramedic and EMT education programs, which has given him a deep understanding of the issues facing emergency medical services. We believe that his experience and education, combined with his work ethic and integrity, make him an ideal candidate for the job. Matt has consistently demonstrated his dedication to his roles and responsibilities and has shown a unique ability to work collaboratively with others. One of Matt's best attributes is his commitment to doing what is best for all involved parties. He is a thoughtful and compassionate leader who always seeks to find solutions that benefit everyone involved. This has earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues, and we highly recommend him for the position of General Manager for the CCSD. We are confident that Matt would excel in this role and would be</p>

	<p>an asset to your organization. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Employees of the Cambria Paramedic Association (SEIU Local 620) *DISCLAIMER – Members of the Cambria Paramedic Association support Matt McElhenie for General Manager of the Cambria Community Services District. No other support is implied by other local public agency employees represented by SEIU Local 620.</p>
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From: [mahala burton](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Comment for the April 20 board meeting
Date: Sunday, April 16, 2023 12:48:11 PM

I commend the Board on their wise decisions on two major issues before them at the April 20th Board meeting.

-Selection of a Potential General Manager and modification of the Coastal Development Permit for the Water Reclamation Facility.

The general manager applicants background in emergency medicine and teaching are qualities that will be beneficial as General Manager of the CCSD. Making life and death decisions, acting under pressure, working as a team member and acquiring the knowledge through rigorous educational studies is indicative of the ability to navigate the complex laws governing the CCSD and working with staff members and the community.

Approaching the complex permitting of the WRF in a tiered manner makes sense. In real time evaluation can be made under different conditions on how many new connections will be permitted based on our finite water supply. Current ratepayers will have the insurance of avoiding draconian conservation efforts in dry spells and the two creeks habitat will be protected.

Thank you for your progressive and wise decisions.

Mahala Burton
Cambria resident

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From: [Matthew Jewett](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Written Comments for my Appointment as GM
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:43:06 PM
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To whom it may concern,

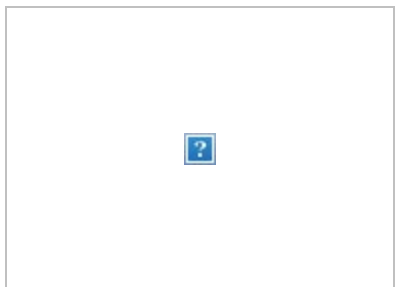
I would like to give the highest recommendations for Dr. Matthew McElhenie to be appointed as the Cambria Community Services District General Manager. Matthew has the background, experience, and leadership skills to serve your community in this role.

Matthew has worked and managed Public Safety Higher Education Programs continuously since I have known him. Matthew has been able to tackle some of the most complex problems that a General Manager could expect and he has done it seamlessly. He has supported our students and programs continuously and always goes above and beyond. I have personally referred multiple students to him. To quote on e student, "Matthew is caring, helpful and knew everything about the Emergency Medical Services!"

I have also witnessed Matthew work with participatory governance committees to develop a broad scale plan for institutional change. In these positions I saw him as a change agent making positive and long-lasting changes that will impact all students. Matthew has managed multiple budgets and faculty including EMT Program's and Statewide California EMS Association. I have witnessed Matthew going above and beyond advocating for both high school students and our college students during the Coronavirus pandemic. He reached out to over 200 students in our classes to ensure they stayed on track as we made the transition to online delivery. Matthew was critical in the effort of restarting Fire Academy and EMT programs during the pandemic.

Matthew's communication skills are second to none. Matthew also assisted our programs in writing and submittin g over a million dollars of Perkins Grants. Our faculty leaned on Matthew because of his Perkins Grant expertise.

Matthew is dedicated to public service. I have seen this firsthand while working with him. I believe that Matthew has both the mental toughness, stamina, background, skills, education, experience, and drive to do the Cambria Community Services District General Manager. Matthew has the ability to handle stress and adversity like a professional. Matthew is a perfect fit for the Cambria Community Services District GM position. Dr. Matthew McElhenie has my highest recommendation, and I am happy to furnish more details if you would like additional.



Matthew Jewett, SMFD Engineer (Retired)
Fire Academy Director, Instructor



[Miramar College Fire Fighter Academy Program](#)
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From: [Scott Jaeggi](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: In Support of Matthew McElhenie for General Manager
Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023 1:36:41 PM
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Importance: High

Honorable Cambria CSD Board Members,

I am writing to you today in support of Matthew McElhenie. Currently, he is being considered by you for the position of General Manager. I have known Matt professionally since 2018. We first met during the formation of the California Emergency Medical Services Educators' Association (CEMSEA). Matt currently serves as the President of this association and has done an amazing job connecting us to the California EMS Authority during the pandemic. He was able to open a productive line of communication that never existed. In addition, Matt has worked as a full-time EMT faculty member at Hartnell College. As their EMS Program Director, he has done an outstanding job building a very successful program. Matt has also worked for Oxnard College as a part-time faculty member and did an outstanding job teaching and running their program as well.

Matt has a can-do attitude and is always willing to help others. He has a positive attitude and is very easy to work with. He is articulate and has strong leadership skills. In addition, he has worked extremely hard at completing his education, including most recently, his doctorate degree. Matt is always punctual and well prepared when he sends out association notices, along with meeting agendas in advance for members in a timely manner. I have no doubt he will continue being a great leader for Cambria.

I highly recommend Matt for the position of Cambria's next General Manager. His education, training and experience make him an excellent candidate for this position. He has a friendly personality and will serve your community very well. And I know he is very capable of learning anything he needs to be successful in short order. I wish you well in your decision, and I certainly hope you choose Matthew. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Letter of Recommendation Matt McElhenie
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Hi all,

My name is Dr. Trefts, colleague of Matthew McElhenie, a candidate for one of your GM positions. I wanted to forward my highest recommendations for Matt, attached here. Thank you for your time and have a wonderful Tuesday!

Best,

Dr. T

Dr. Shannon Trefts

Career Center Counselor

Professor: Personal Growth

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"We all have different gifts, so we all have different ways of saying to the world who we are."

-Fred Rogers



To Whom it May Concern:

It is my honor to provide the highest recommendations for Dr. Matt McElhenie. Dr. McElhenie possesses the background, education, experience, and leadership skill to thrive in any managerial setting.

I have worked alongside and professionally partnered with Dr. McElhenie for the last several years and have personally witnessed his excellent communication skills, collaborative abilities, and solution-focused approach. He has managed complex personnel situations with a calm demeanor, and practical nature. He has created and facilitated strong relationships with both internal and external agencies to ensure successful and mutually beneficial partnerships and compliance with various state and local regulations.

In addition to the above, Dr. McElhenie has provided fiscally sound leadership as a Coordinator, managing standard department necessities, and additionally making vast improvements to equipment and technology. For example, he has solidified competitive grant funds to provide his department with the most up to date simulation and training equipment accessible. Our department truly relies on his sound fiscal reasoning, and strong demeanor to thrive.

Having Dr. McElhenie join our division as a leader, not only improved our facilities, equipment, and partnerships, but also improved culture, morale, and productivity. He is dedicated to service, thrives under pressure, and possesses a unique blend of formal education, practical knowledge, and is generally wonderful to be around. Dr. McElhenie has my highest recommendation, and I am happy to provide additional detail as needed.

Dr. Shannon Trefts

Dr. Shannon Trefts

Oxnard College

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From: [Timothy Benes](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Comments for Matt McElhenie
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:23:35 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

With great confidence and pleasure, I write a letter of support for Matthew McElhenie as he seeks employment with the CCSD. I have known Matthew since 2008, when he was recruited and hired as a paramedic with the CCHD. As a paramedic, I worked closely with Matthew for 15 years and observed his tenacity as he sought to identify opportunities for enhancing district services and development. He faced many obstacles, but he rose to the challenge and successfully implemented new policies and procedures that brought change to the district and ambulance service that were long overdue. He tirelessly and courageously faced these challenges with patience, high ethical standards, and a desire to promptly accomplish objectives primarily related to the CCHD's goals and intentions.

Matthew's leadership skills, high level of education, and diverse background in emergency services worked together to provide the groundwork for contract negotiation, decision-making of all kinds, and the critical thinking needed to move a district forward through stagnation and roadblocks. He carefully and meticulously cared for his relationships with elected officials, offering expert advice and recommendations when required. He regularly and consistently met with district executive staff to keep up-to-speed on projects and developments. He drew from his wealth of former experiences to address current affairs.

Matthew McElhenie is a friend to citizens. He actively educated senior citizens about safe-proofing homes, emergency contact lists, and medication regimens. I observed him meeting regularly with citizens and often gave much time listening to their concerns and supporting their needs. He approached new initiatives and projects courageously, unafraid to do the right and fair thing for the district's citizens.

Matthew McElhenie has the talent, knowledge, experience, fortitude, and will to lead a large or small community to build a vibrant, beautiful, economically secure, and productive district. I highly recommend Matthew McElhenie for any leadership role he seeks.

Timothy Benes
Director of Operations/Administrator, Paramedic

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To: [BoardComment](#)
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Hello CCSD Board,

It is my understanding that my colleague, Matthew McElhenie, is a candidate in your selection process for General Manager of the CSD. I hope that I may take a moment of your time to express my support for Matt.

I have known Matt for many years. At one time I was his supervisor when he served in the capacity of an EMT. I would later have the honor to serve as one of his primary faculty during his paramedic education and training at Cuesta College. As he completed his paramedic training and began his journey in that new role, I would still have the pleasure of supervising him.

Later in our careers, Matt and I would be co-workers at the Cambra Community Healthcare District with both of us serving as part-time paramedics. It was a great joy when the schedule would have us both on duty, serving on the ambulances.

Matt would move onward and upward in his career. The progress in his career would take him out of the county. Friends and associates would later be thrilled to hear that he had found his way back to San Luis Obispo County. His professional return to SLO County would be in the capacity of the Paramedic Program Director at Cuesta College. I would now experience a role reversal with Matt. In his new role, Matt was now my supervisor. I would find that new relationship as enjoyable and rewarding as our previous professional relationships.

While the thought of Matt possibly leaving Cuesta College is disheartening, I can't help but think of the terrific value he would add to the Cambria Community Service District. As a North County resident, I know my Northern Coastal neighbors would be lucky to have him serving their community.

Please accept my wholehearted support of Mr. Matthew McElhenie. Thank you for your valuable time.

Respectfully,
Tim Hallmark

Timothy R Hallmark, MICP
EMS Faculty/Paramedic Clinical Coordinator

Cuesta College Prehospital Education

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Earthquakes
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 2:03:04 PM

With regard to this topic, Earthquake Country Alliance Is a very good resource on preparedness.

<https://www.earthquakecountry.org/>

Perhaps you can share the link as part of the upcoming presentation.

Cordially,
Tony Safford

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