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Subject: January 21 board meeting comments
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My comments for today's meeting, Ossana. I plan to attend to read them myself. Thank you.

CSD regular meeting January 21 2021 comments

Public Comment

Christine Heinrichs, Cambria. The board and the community have learned a lot about using technology for meetings. Madame President, I ask that you direct staff to provide the version that allows all participants to see others attending CSD board meetings. District Counsel has advised you that the choice is yours to make, whether to restrict views and conceal participants from each other, or allow us to see who's here. I ask you to make that change today, and in future meetings. Thank you.

Consent agenda 4E

Consideration of Extension of the Outstanding Peoples' Self-Help Housing Project Intent to Serve Letter

I ask you to pull Item 4E from the Consent agenda for separate discussion. I hope a representative of Peoples Self Help Housing will be here to discuss their progress on meeting the conditions of the CDP, including the Water Conservation Plan and the Water Offset Plan. As you know, Cambria's Water Offset Plan has been beset with problems that make it unclear whether the Retrofit Points actually accomplish water use reduction, and should not be used to offset new water use.

"Much of the community of Cambria has already been retrofitted with efficient fixtures, and there are limited options available for additional retrofits. when the ordinance was adopted these retrofits were not intended to be "pre-allocated mitigation" that can be "banked" for some future impact (i.e., as mitigation banks are typically structured); rather they are independently required by regulation because of the issues the community had and still has with water supply adequacy with respect to new development projects. To require them once for this purpose, and then to allow others to rely on them for additional offsets would appear to be a form of "double-dipping" on the benefits of the mitigation required in each case of offset. To actually offset proposed new water use, any offsetting *reductions* must be derived from the project itself and applied independently."

The district has failed in the past to re-inspect installed retrofits, so whether those water use reductions are still in place isn't known.

"Because the CCSD does not have an accounting of its retrofit points, including from which retrofit they were generated, it is also possible for the same structure to be retrofitted more than once, and to be deemed to have reduced the same amount of water use over and over again, and to generate additional retrofit points, even if only one water use reduction episode is possible."

There's a number of other problems with the district's retrofit points program, which have been specified by the Coastal Commission in its Hadian staff report as well as in other documents, so I would like assurance that those are resolved before this Letter of Intent to Serve is extended. Thank you.

5A. Discussion and Consideration Regarding the Facility Presently Known as the Sustainable Water Facility and the Manner in Which it is Referred to Internally by the Staff and the District

This agenda item is confusing, so I look forward to the board discerning exactly what is under discussion. Regarding the Emergency Water Supply Project name change to Sustainable Water Project: That name change was never, to my knowledge, officially adopted. The project remains the Emergency Water Supply Project, unless you can direct me to some document that made that change.

In addition to changing the name, the board should change the project description in the CDP application. It currently reads: "The water supply augmentation goal of 250 AFY was determined to meet the minimum capacity necessary to improve water supply reliability for a buildout of approximately 4,650 residential units (including both existing connections and CCSD-approved wait list customers)." It should be revised back to the original permit language: "To serve existing authorized water connections only (to abate the emergency), within the CCSD's service area (i.e. not to serve new development."

This will also revise the CDP application in line with the district's strategic advisor, Paavo Ogren's recommendation that the district apply for a CDP for emergency use only.

The idea of changing the name of the plant for internal district purposes while others call it something else will only increase confusion. Please, make the changes for all so that at least everyone will be talking about the same project. Thank you.

Closed session Public Comment:

You will be discussing the General Manager's performance evaluation at this closed session. In November, the board funded a Retirement Account for the general manager, a \$20,000 bonus. Was that discussed at one of the previous closed session evaluations? At the November 19 meeting, the board narrowly voted to approve it. Afterward, one board member told me that directors were restricted from voting against the bonus in the open session, after they had agreed in closed session to give him the money. Salary and benefits for an individual employee are specifically NOT allowed in closed sessions under the Brown Act. Open sessions are not intended merely to ratify decisions reached behind closed doors. Please report more fully to the public as to the substance of closed session discussions.

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Christine Heinrichs

From: [REDACTED]
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hello board

please report from close session regarding CCSD vs CDM Smith court case set for trial in March.

Please have dead tree removed Buckley and Kathryn corner behind fire hydrant

thank you

Cheryl McDowell

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#); [REDACTED] [John F. Weigold IV](#); [Ossana Terterian](#)
Subject: Public input to the CCSD January 15th and 19th Special Meetings, and Regular Meeting; January 21, 2021
Agenda Item 5A.
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Importance: High

Dear President Steidel, Directors, General Manager Weigold, and Board Secretary Terterian:

Attached please find my written public comments, for review and consideration, in the Board Meeting to be held tomorrow, January 21, 2021. I plan to participate in the Zoom meeting via my computer, add clarifications, and respond to any questions you might have at that time.

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Much appreciated,

Dennis

Dennis Dudzik, P.E.

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United Lot Owners of Cambria
“UnLOC”



Cambria Community Services District
Attention: CCSD Board President, Cindy Steidel
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Subject: Public input to the CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS January 15th and 19th Special Meetings, and Regular Meeting; January 21, 2021 Agenda Item 5A.

Dear President Steidel and Directors:

Thank you for your bold efforts and collaboration during the January 15th and January 19th workshops to develop your 2021 CCSD Strategic Plan. Except for 90 minutes during and just past your lunch break, I was listening in from 8:30 until the end, shortly before 4:00. I believe that the four Goals and associated Objectives developed and adopted by the participants will make a firm foundation from which to increase public participation and build a robust and sustainable program for the future of Cambria. My plan is to contribute as much support as possible in this process. And, to that end, I have reached out to a very senior staff scientist and water conservation and reuse expert at a major California water district. Hopefully, information is readily available to assist Directors Farmer and Dean in their efforts to identify appropriate water conservation measures for Cambria along with the associated best practices (as well as the organizations who might be farther ahead in this regard), and share that information with the community.

On the other subject of this letter, Agenda Item 5A for the January 21, 2021 CCSD Board Meeting, allow me to second and underscore the recommendation of CCSD Staff that a name change for the SWF NOT be considered until after CCSD receives full approval of the CDP.

As described by General Manager Weigold and Utilities Department Manager/District Engineer Dienzo, in their memo to the Board on this matter, the CCSD Board certified the SEIR in July 2017, incorporating modifications to the facility and the associated Sustainable Water Facility (SWF) Project Description. CCSD Staff is neutral on renaming the SWF, but would prefer that a name change not be considered until after the associated CDP is approved.

In my experience (while serving as a staff member of the California Air Resources Board, California Energy Commission, two California Municipal Utilities and as a senior CEQA consultant to the two largest municipal utilities in California), I have found that it is unwise to make changes of this nature which might, in some way, be construed to have affected or changed the project described in the certified CEQA document. Such actions further complicate the approval process, and can cause additional unnecessary cost and delay.

Dennis Dudzik, PE
Lot Owner and UnLOC Board Member

From: [REDACTED]
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From: **Elizabeth Bettenhausen** [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Jan 21, 2021 at 11:19 AM
Subject: Agenda 1/21/2021 Item 6.D.
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Re: meter replacement

Please see attached info for your study and consideration.

Thanks!
Elizabeth

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Ph.D.

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21 January 2021

Board of Directors
Cambria Community Services District
cc: CCSD General Manager John Weigold
CCSD Board Secretary Ossana Terterian
California Coastal Commission
via email

Re: Agenda Item 5.A., 21 Jan. 2021

Item 5.A.: "Discussion and Consideration Regarding the Facility Presently Known as the Sustainable Water Facility and the Manner in Which it is Referred to Internally by the Staff and the District"

How the staff and district "internally" refer to the AWTP on San Simeon Creek is a matter of private choice.

The more substantive question is twofold.

1. What is the official name of the AWTP for external reference? When will the CCSD Board of Directors take action establishing this as the official name?
2. Does the name Sustainable Water Facility (SWF) include officially the provision of water for 665 new residential customers, i.e., the customers on the CCSD's wait list? Put differently, do all the studies being done for this facility—including all dimensions of the instream flow study but not limited to that study—prepare for and assume providing water service to a minimum of 4,650 residential meter customers?

In 2014 a large minority of CCSD ratepayers opposed paying for an \$8.9 million installment sale agreement plus \$4 million interest for the Emergency Water Supply facility. A majority of ratepayers took no action and thus by implication approved it. The Emergency Water Supply facility would serve the existing customers in 2014 and no more.

Now, the project described in the SWF Coastal Development Permit application is proposes to serve ca. 650-700 additional residential water customers. The ratepayers of Cambria have not ever had the opportunity to vote on this specific, expanded use of the AWTP or EWS facility and the additional costs attendant to it. It is also not at all clear whether the assumptions in the SEIR adequately address this expansion of environmental import and indeed degradation of both San Simeon Creek and Santa Rosa Creek and aquifers.

Thus, I repeat: **Does the name Sustainable Water Facility (SWF) include the provision of water for ca. 665 new residential water customers? If so, the CCSD Board of Directors must take official action stating that this provision is integral to the name, whether used internally or externally. The action should acknowledge that the interpretation has never been presented to the public for voting on the rates entailed in the addition of hundreds of customers and on other effects of the facility.**

The Agenda Item today does not address any of these aspects of the use of Sustainable Water Facility as a name for the Advanced Water Treatment Plant or Emergency Water Supply facility brought forward in 2014.

Thus, it would be very misleading for the Board of Directors to approve the "internal" use of the SWF label, while not addressing the substantive questions I have raised.

Thank you for giving your careful attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Bettenhausen

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21 January 2021

Board of Directors
Cambria Community Services District
cc: CCSD General Manager John Weigold
CCSD Board Secretary Ossana Terterian
CCSD Utilities Manager Ray Dienzo
via email

Re: Agenda Item 6.D., 21 Jan. 2021

Board of Directors:

I bring to your attention the issue of water meter replacement, as it's been reported to you over the past year.

What follows are quotations from the Agendas of your meetings, with citations, in reverse chronological order.

Dec. 17, 2020, Nov. 19, 2020, Oct. 15, 2020, Sept. 2020, July 20, 2020, June 25, 2020: no report

Jan. 21, 2021, p. 97

The last week of the month of December marked the final meter reading of the calendar year. Water staff is now manually reading over 800 meters per billing cycle. We are developing an RFP for replacement meters. Several approaches to replacement/upgrade are being considered by staff and will be brought to the Resources & Infrastructure Committee for review and recommendation.

Aug. 20, 2020 p. 138

Engineering staff continued to research potential meter register replacements, speaking with vendors across the industry. Engineering staff anticipates releasing an RFP for this program before the end of the year

May 21, 2020

a. See CIP list on p. 9

b. p. 19 of Agenda in Resources & Infrastructure Committee Cambria Water Demand Report –for Submittal to Urban Water Master Plan Update Consultant May 11, 2020 The year-to-year variation does not correlate clearly to demand. This suggests that the production-consumption gap may largely be due to leakage which in a pressurized system will occur whether or not people open their taps. However, the age and condition of water meters also can be a significant factor, with older meters tending to err on the down side. CCSD staff has estimated that water meter accuracy degrades by 4% to 7% over 10 years. In that case, a system where the average age of water meters is 10 years could be under-reporting consumption by up to 7%.

We assume that the CCSD will continue its efforts to reduce water losses, both by detection and repair of leaks and replacement of older water meters. How well it succeeds could have a major effect on forecasting its ability to meet new demand.¹⁹

April 16, 2020, p. 8

Water meter replacement We continue to assess a variety of vendors in order to develop a plan for replacement of all District water meters. Selection and development of the plan is being coordinated with the implementation of our new accounting system software for compatibility purposes and budgeting.

Mar. 19, 2020

Water meter replacement We continue to assess a variety of vendors in order to develop a way ahead plan for replacement of all District water meters. Selection and development of the plan is being coordinated with the implementation of our new accounting system software for compatibility purposes and budgeting.

Feb. 20, 2020, p. 7

Water meter replacement We continue to assess a variety of vendors in order to develop a way ahead plan for replacement of all District water meters. Selection and development of the plan is being coordinated with the implementation of our new accounting system software for compatibility purposes and budgeting. 7

January 22, 2020, p. 29

Finally, the year culminated with meter reads. All Water staff performed manual reads for hundreds of meters that are no longer transmitting. One more vendor is scheduled to give a presentation for battery and register replacement which would not require removing the entire brass body of the installed meter. This would be a significant cost saving to the District. Selection of a meter vendor will occur within the coming months after a thorough cost-benefit analysis.

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Board of Directors,

The water plant should never have had its name changed from EWS to SWF. Public did not support this. Please change the name of the plant back to the Emergency Water Supply (EWS).

Thank you.

Bob Fountain