

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A

## DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: August 31, 2016

To: Reviewing Agencies and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report

Project Title: Cambria Sustainable Water Facility Project

Project Applicant: Cambria Community Services District

Draft EIR Review Period: August 31, 2016 to 5:00 pm on October 14, 2016

The Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) has completed the preparation of a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) (SCH# 2014061073) for the Cambria Sustainable Water Facility Project ("Project"), summarized below. The Draft SEIR tiers from the CCSD's Water Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report, which was certified by the CCSD in 2008. The Draft SEIR has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), and the State CEQA Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.). Tiering is further referenced in Section 15152 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Location: Cambria is located in central California's coastal region, in the northwest portion of San Luis Obispo County. Cambria lies within the Santa Rosa Creek Valley, south of San Simeon. The Project site is located in unincorporated San Luis Obispo County, north of Cambria, north and east of the Hearst San Simeon State Park (State Park). The Project site is more specifically located southeast of the San Simeon Monterey Creek Road/Van Gordon Creek Road intersection, at 990 San Simeon Monterey Creek Road. The approximately 96-acre Project site is composed of two parcels (APNs 013-051-024 and 013-051-008) owned by the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD). Access to the Project site is provided along the northern site boundary, via San Simeon Monterey Creek Road.

**Description:** The Project, which was substantially completed in November 2014 and is currently operational, involves the construction and continued operation of the Sustainable Water Facility Project. CCSD's Board of Directors approved proceeding with development of the Project, which the Board determined was statutorily exempt from CEQA under the emergency exemption provisions of CEQA, on January 30, 2014. The County of San Luis Obispo issued an Emergency Coastal Development Permit (ECDP) to CCSD on May 15, 2014, permitting CCSD to proceed with the construction and operation of the Project. Construction began on May 20, 2014. One of the conditions of the ECDP was that CCSD apply for a regular Coastal Development Permit (RCDP) for the Project. The CCSD submitted an application for an RCDP on June 13, 2014. The timeline for the RCDP application has been extended by the County to allow additional time for completion of the supporting environmental analyses described within this SEIR. Following completion of the SEIR's CEQA process, the CCSD will update its June 13, 2014 RCDP application to include the Project modifications described within this SEIR.

The Project was designed and constructed to treat brackish groundwater using advanced treatment technologies, in order to augment Cambria's potable water supply in response to the area's extreme drought. Issuance of an RCDP, which this SEIR is to support, will allow the CCSD to operate the Sustainable Water Facility to avoid future water shortage emergencies while also utilizing the Sustainable Water Facility's ability to make the best use of the local groundwater supply. Using advanced technologies, brackish groundwater and treated wastewater is treated to produce high quality water meeting State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Division of Drinking Water (DDW) standards for indirect potable reuse of recycled water via

groundwater recharge. Also, micro-filtered effluent and/or de-chlorinated and oxygenated product water is surface discharged near the upstream end of the San Simeon Creek Lagoon to further protect the San Simeon Creek Lagoon during extended dry periods. The Project facilities are outlined below.

- Extraction Well:
- Advanced Water Treatment Plant (AWTP);
- Recharge Injection Well (RIW-1);
- · Evaporation Pond and Evaporators;
- Lagoon Surface Discharge;
- Monitoring Wells; and
- Pipelines (five interconnecting).

CEQA requires that this notice disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present at the project location. The project location does not contain a listed toxic site.

**Comments:** The CCSD encourages public agencies and members of the public to review and comment on this document. Copies of the Draft SEIR and supporting documents are available for public review and inspection at the following locations:

Cambria Community Services District 1316 Tamson Drive, Suite 201 Cambria, CA 93428 Cambria Library 1043 Main Street Cambria, CA 93428

The Draft SEIR can also be accessed online at: http://www.cambriacsd.org/cm/Home.html

Comments on the Draft SEIR will be accepted by the CCSD between **August 31**, **2016 and 5:00 pm on October 14**, **2016**. Please e-mail your written comments to: bgresens@cambriacsd.org or mail them to:

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**Public Meeting:** A public hearing to receive verbal comments on the SEIR has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Cambria Vets Hall (1000 Main St. Cambria CA 93428). Any changes to this tentative date will be included in a formal meeting notice by the CCSD. Similarly, a meeting of the CCSD Board of Directors to consider certifying the Final SEIR will be formally noticed by the CCSD.

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