

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2026
CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DATED: November 12, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
ADDING CHAPTER 4.10 TO TITLE 4 OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES
DISTRICT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PROHIBITIONS ON IRRIGATION OF
NONFUNCTIONAL TURF WITH POTABLE WATER IN COMPLIANCE WITH
CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 10608.14 (AB 1572)

WHEREAS, the State of California has determined that the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf (NFT) contributes to inefficient water use and conflicts with long-term water sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1572 (AB 1572), signed into law on October 13, 2023, added Section 10608.14 to the California Water Code and establishes a timeline for banning potable water irrigation of NFT upon commercial, industrial, institutional, and residential common areas; and

WHEREAS, public water suppliers are required to revise their ordinances, regulations, or policies by January 1, 2027, and communicate these changes to their customers to comply with California Water Code Section 10608.14; and

WHEREAS, under California Water Code Section 375, the Cambria Community Services District has the authority to establish water conservation programs and prohibit wasteful uses of water; and

WHEREAS, the Cambria Community Services District seeks to align its water use policies with State conservation mandates, reduce dependence on potable water, and promote sustainable landscaping practices; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that adoption of this Ordinance is necessary to implement the District's water conservation program, comply with California Water Code section 10608.14, promote efficient use of potable water, and conserve the District's limited water supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Cambria Community Services District as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4.10 is hereby added to Title 4 of the Cambria Community Services District Municipal Code to read as follows:

Chapter 4.10 - PROHIBITION OF USE OF POTABLE WATER ON NONFUNCTIONAL TURF (CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 10608.14)

4.10.010 - Definitions

For purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

“Common areas” means that portion of a common interest development or of a property owned or managed by a homeowners’ association or a community service organization or similar entity

that is not assigned or allocated to the exclusive use of the occupants of an individual unit within the property.

“Common interest development” (as defined in Civil Code 4100), includes:

1. A community apartment project.
2. A condominium project.
3. A planned development.
4. A stock cooperative.

“Community service organization or similar entity” means a nonprofit entity, other than an association, that is organized to provide services to residents of the common interest development or to the public in addition to the residents, to the extent community common area or facilities are available to the public. “Community service organization or similar entity” does not include an entity that has been organized solely to raise moneys and contribute to other nonprofit organizations that are qualified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that provide housing or housing assistance.

“Community space” means an area designated by a property owner or a governmental agency to accommodate human foot traffic for civic, ceremonial, or other community events or social gatherings.

“Disadvantaged community” means a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual median household income.

“Functional turf” means a ground cover surface of turf located in a recreational use area or community space. Turf enclosed by fencing or other barriers to permanently preclude human access for recreation or assembly is not functional turf.

“Homeowners’ association” means a nonprofit corporation or unincorporated association created for the purpose of managing a common interest development.

“Nonfunctional turf” means any turf that is not functional turf, and includes turf located within street rights-of-way and parking lots.

“Potable water” means water that is suitable for human consumption.

“Recreational use area” means an area designated by a property owner or a governmental agency to accommodate human foot traffic for recreation, including, but not limited to, sports fields, golf courses, playgrounds, picnic grounds, or pet exercise areas. This recreation may be either formal or informal.

“State Water Board” means California State Water Resources Control Board.

4.10.020 – Prohibition on Potable Water Use for Nonfunctional Turf Irrigation

A. The use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, other than a cemetery, and on properties of homeowners’ associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities is prohibited as of the following dates:

1. All properties owned by the California Department of General Services, beginning January 1, 2027.
2. All properties owned by local governments, local or regional public agencies, and public water systems, except those specified in paragraph (5), below, beginning January 1, 2027.
3. All other institutional properties and all commercial and industrial properties, beginning January 1, 2028.
4. All common areas of properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities, beginning January 1, 2029.
5. All properties owned by local governments, local public agencies, and public water systems in a disadvantaged community, beginning January 1, 2031, or the date upon which a state funding source is made available to fund conversion of nonfunctional turf on these properties to climate-appropriate landscapes, whichever is later.

B. The State Water Board may, upon a showing of good cause for reasons including economic hardship, critical business need, and potential impacts to human health or safety, postpone a compliance deadline in 4.10.020.A by up to three years for certain persons, institutions, and businesses, and may create a form to be used for compliance certification to the board by property owners.

4.10.030 – Exemptions

The following uses of potable water shall be exempt from this prohibition:

- A. Irrigation necessary to sustain trees and perennial non-turf plants.
- B. Potable water use required for health and safety concerns, such as fire suppression or erosion control.
- C. Cemeteries and public spaces intended for community assembly (parks, recreational areas, and sports fields).
- D. Agricultural irrigation.

4.10.040 - Enforcement and Penalties

A. The following penalties are imposed for violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter. Any violations occurring on separate calendar days are separate violations.

1. 1st violation – warning, educational materials provided
2. 2nd violation – warning, educational materials provided
3. 3rd violation – fine of \$500, educational materials provided
4. 4th violation – fine of \$1,000, educational materials provided

B. Noncompliance by a person or entity shall be subject to state levied civil liability and penalties set forth in California Water Code Section 1846.

4.10.050 – Public Education and Outreach.

The District will communicate with customers on the requirements of this Chapter and California Water Code Section 10608.14, including but not limited to information available on the website nonfunctionalurfca.org, and applicable rebates as part of the water conservation program.

Section 2. A summary of this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper published and circulated in the District at least five (5) days prior to the Board of Directors meeting at which the proposed Ordinance is to be adopted. A certified copy of the full text of the proposed Ordinance shall be posted in the office of the Confidential Administrative Assistant. Within fifteen (15) days after adoption of the Ordinance, the summary with the names of those Board members voting for and against the Ordinance shall be published again, and the Board secretary shall post a certified copy of the full text of such adopted Ordinance.

Section 3. In accordance with Water Code Section 376(a) this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of this Ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cambria Community Services District held on the 12th day of November, 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Harry Farmer
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Haley Dodson
Confidential Administrative Assistant

Timothy J. Carmel
District Counsel



This is a true and correct copy of the record if it bears the district seal and is printed in purple ink.

Haley Dodson, District Clerk

By Haley Dodson Title Confidential
Cambria, California

Administrative
Assistant