



CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, REGULAR RESOURCES & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Resources & Infrastructure Committee of the Cambria Community Services District was held at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall, located at 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428, on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 2:00 PM

1. OPENING

1.A Call to Order

Chairperson Dean called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

1.B Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Committee members present: Karen Dean, James Webb, Steve Siebuhr, Mark Meeks, Derrik Williams, and Dennis Dudzik.

Staff present: General Manager Matthew McElhenie (remote), Utilities Department Manager Jim Green, Program Manager Tristan Reaper, Wastewater Superintendent Toni Artho, Water Systems Superintendent Cody Meeks, and Administrative Technician Eric Johnson.

Others present: Board members Harry Farmer and Michael Thomas (remote). Public members Allan Dean (remote), Chris Siebuhr, Crosby and Laura Swartz (remote) Kitty Connolly (remote) Elizabeth Bettenhausen (remote), Ben Weaver (remote).

1.C Chair Report (Time: 2:01)

Chairperson Dean reported that the October 7 meeting is cancelled. A special meeting will be held on September 30.

1.D Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report(s) (Time: 2:01)

Committee Member Meeks contacted Source Global hydro panels. He plans to meet them tomorrow. Each hydro panel will likely provide 3 to 4 liters of water per day. Utilities Department Manager Green estimates that approximately 1360 panels could be installed on one acre of land. This would provide about 675,700 gallons per year. This is about one day's water use in Cambria.

Committee Member Dudzik suggests the idea of running a test program of 10 panels to see how they perform

1.E Committee Member Communications (Time: 2:07)

Committee Member Webb states that the Chumash Heritage Sanctuary appears to be in the final approval phase in Congress. It would regulate offshore drilling and mining, but not fisheries.

Committee Member Williams reported that the County of San Luis Obispo has released an RFP for planning the regional desalination plant. Utilities Department Manager Green states that the County has chosen Carollo Engineers. The District has met with Carollo Engineers to discuss the District's needs.

1.F Utilities Department Manager Report (Time: 2:11)

Utilities Department Manager Green reports out on the following:

- **Rodeo Grounds backup generator (Time: 2:11).** An RFP has been posted for the generator. The RFP closes on September 25th.
- **East Park Restroom. (Time: 2:12)**
The District is completing the RFP for the restroom. One RFP is for site preparation, which should happen in October. The restroom has begun production, and delivery date should be late January or early February
- **Skate Park. (Time: 2:13)**
The district has selected Spohn Ranch to complete the skate park design. There will be one more round of public input before the design is completed.
- **San Simeon Transmission Line (Time: 2:15)**
The District is working on the Caltrans encroachment permit. Results of soils and geotechnical studies should be available soon. This should be the final permitting needs.
- **Stuart Street Tank (Time: 2:16)**
The District has verified Section 106 compliance requirements. The District is now working with EPA to finalize the permits.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant SST Program (Time: 2:17)**
Lift station B4 design is being developed by PG&E. The committee will see the costs and design over the next couple meetings. The new SCADA equipment has been installed at the plant. The District is trying to complete as many SST projects as possible before the rainy season begins.
- **Electric Vehicles (Time: 2:19)**
The District will take receipt of an electric vehicle over the next two months. Some funding for the charging station will be provided by the Air Pollution Control District. The District is considering a new electric backhoe because State funds might cover enough of a new electric backhoe that it is almost the same cost as a traditional backhoe

- **ZLD (2:23)**

The District is waiting for data from Global Water Solutions to submit to RWQCB. The District will use these data to develop a monitoring plan.

Committee Member Dudzik asks about water availability from Whale Rock reservoir. Utilities Department Manager Green says there are no open allocations, but this will be reevaluated in the future.

Committee Member Dudzik asks if there has been any progress on locating or siting a new well. Program Manager Reaper says the next step would be to develop a set of criteria for evaluating and siting a new well. Program Manager Reaper will gather more data on this option, and report out later.

General Manager McElhenie states that Board direction is needed before the District starts any large investments such as pipelines to Whale Rock Reservoir or new wells. The R&I committee would need to suggest the Board consider these if that is what the committee would like.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (Time: 2:30)

Kitty Connolly reminds the committee that the conservation easement for the Fiscallini Ranch may not allow a new well on the Ranch.

Crosby Swartz asks about updated information about the ZLD processes suggested by Mr. Easter. Utilities Department Manager Green says we have not received any updated designs.

3. CONSENT AGENDA (Time: 2:34)

3.A Consideration to Approve the August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chair Dean asks about the spelling of Mr. Gillham's name. Mr. Williams will correct the spelling in the minutes.

Committee Member Meeks moved to approve the minutes with the spelling changes.

Committee Member Webb seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

4.A Receive and Review the Completed Instream Flow Study and Consideration of Forwarding a Recommendation to the CCSD Board of Directors (Time: 2:36)

Utilities Department Manager Green presents an overview of the Instream Flow Study.

Committee Member Williams requests clarifications about the report.

Committee Member Meeks asks if the report impacts the District's ability to pump water. Utility Department Manager Green points out the report states that the creek will dry out in the summer whether the District pumps or not.

General Manager McElhenie emphasizes the importance of pointing out how the study identifies what happens naturally to the creek, without the WRF.

Public Comment

Crosby Swartz points out that one recommendation is that when the creek flow is between 0 and 1 cubic foot per second (cfs), no pumping should be allowed. This is potentially problematic.

Elizabeth Bettenhausen asks if this report has gone to the CCSD Board of Directors or not. General Manager McElhenie says this document was submitted to the County as part of the WRF permitting process. This document will be presented to the Board for informational purposes in the future.

Committee Member Dudzik moves to forward the report to the Board for informational purposes.

Committee Member Meeks seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

4.B Receive and Discuss Information on the Adaptive Management Plan (Time: 2:53)

Utility Department Manager Green presents the item. Under this proposed contract, SWCA will develop an addendum to the Adaptive Management Plan that will include a supplemental EIR. SWCA will also prepare a memorandum detailing the District compliance with condition 6 of the Coastal Development Permit application.

Chair Dean clarifies there are some changes to the WRF program that must be updated in the new Adaptive Management Plan.

Public Comment

None

Committee Member Meeks moved to recommend to the Board that they contract with SWCA for an updated AMP.

Committee Member Dudzik seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

4.C Discuss R&I Meeting Calendar for 2025 (Time: 2:59)

Chair Dean presents the item. The District will modify the committee meetings schedule so that there are two meetings each day. The proposal is that the Finance Committee will meet in in the morning and R&I will meet in the afternoon on the first Monday following the Board of Directors meeting.

Committee Member Williams makes a motion to approve the committee dates and times

Committee Member Dudzik seconds the motion

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) (Time: 3:03)

Chairperson Dean asked for any future agenda items.

- The Rodeo Grounds backup generator proposals will come to the committee at the next meeting
- The sanitary survey report will come to the committee at the next meeting
- An update on the ZLD pilot project will come to the committee at the next meeting
- There was a request to bring back the biomass cogeneration proposed project. Chair Dean requests that any questions or concerns about this project should be sent to Utilities Department Manager Green, Program Manager Reaper, or General Manager McElhenie. After the responses to questions have been developed, they will come to the R&I committee at a future meeting.
- Committee Member Dudzik requested the criteria for a new well be presented to the committee.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant EV charger scope and costs will come to the committee at the next meeting
- The committee will discuss and review standing committee bylaw changes

Chairperson Dean notes the next meeting could be long.

6. ADJOURN

Chairperson Dean adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.