

From: [Christine Heinrichs](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Written comment
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022 3:22:06 PM

Sorry I had to leave the meeting, Leah, but I have a few more comments, on the Consent Agenda, if you would please read Items 6C and D, below.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Howell, I ask the board to consider two points which were raised in last week's meeting. Two Cambrians commented on the \$12 million financing arrangement for Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. Unfortunately, the financing was approved at the meeting the previous week, so the comments came too late to play any part in the discussion.

I hope the Board will take the lesson from this that its Top Three-Year Strategic Plan goal, To Increase and Improve Communication with the Public, is falling short. Despite the number of meetings at which this was discussed, the subject remained obscure to at least some members of the community who had opinions and wished to be heard. The board should take note and make efforts to reach its goal of improving communication.

Second: Water Wait List lot owners continue to advocate to be allowed to build on their lots. The Coastal Commission and now federal court, in the Windeler decision, are clear that the legal aspect is that new construction cannot be permitted in Cambria. The reality side of that is because there is not enough water to serve even the current residents and visitors. The Water Wait List suggests that someday, those waiting will be given permits. They will not.

The Water Wait List was established in good faith, at a time when less was known about Cambria's water supply. Now we know. Climate change has exacerbated the situation with drought, a term that scientists now advise against using.

Samantha Stevenson, assistant professor at UC Santa Barbara's Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, has said: "When we talk about being in a drought, the presumption is that eventually the drought will end, and conditions will return to normal. But if we're never returning to normal, then we need to adapt all of the ways that we manage water with the expectation that normal will continually be drier and drier every year."

I ask the board to revisit the Water Wait List and take steps to disband it. Resolving the Water Wait List will make Cambria's position clear and help vacant lot owners understand that Cambria has gone far beyond reasonable efforts to provide a supplemental water supply so that new users can be added. As it stands, the list is a source of contention and litigation. Face reality and disband this list. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Items 6C and 6D: While continuing the Local State of Emergency may be advised for administrative reasons such as qualifying for FEMA funding and allowing for utility bill accommodations. It's time to reconsider holding meetings in person. The remote option has been a boon to public participation, but it's not the same as being there. Please resume in person meetings while continuing the remote meeting option. Thank you. Christine Heinrichs

From: donald_donaldarcher.com
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: AGENDA ITEM 7-A
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022 10:52:52 AM

President Howell, Vice President Dean, and Board:

The proposed Mission Country rate increase of 62.19% is excessive. The current national inflation rate is around 8% and burdens low- and fixed-income families. This excessive 62+% increase exacerbates that burden.

The timing and amount of this rate beg many questions. Is Mission Country taking advantage of these inflationary times? Why this huge increase all of a sudden? Why now? Has the company been poorly managed? If increased rates have been so badly needed, why haven't they been done incrementally over the years?

My wife and I do not generate enough trash to bring it out each week, even with our smaller 32 gal. container. Why aren't smaller, less costly 20 gal. containers available here...as I'm told they are in Morro Bay and Los Osos?

I protest this excessive increase.

Donald Archer
Cambria

P.S.: please include these comments in the public record.

From: [Jennifer Baltes](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Board meeting comment
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022 10:45:59 AM

Dear CCSD,

My name is Jennifer and I am a resident of Cambria. I am writing you today to request that you postpone the decision on the mission disposal waste rate increase. This is a substantial increase that will affect many local residents, many of whom may already be on fixed incomes, and with a 62% rate increase that is a big deal, especially when we consider that there may also be rate increases to our water bill in the near future.

It is unlikely that much of the public has had awareness of this proposition, let alone enough time to respond as we have such a low rate of comments regarding this very important matter so far. I know this also personally because I was only informed of the matter today by seeing posts from my neighbors on next-door and I do believe that it may be too late to comment on this issue in writing so I hope that you receive and consider my comment.

If you do decide to make a vote today, please register my email here as a letter to signify my protest of the rate increase. Thank you so much for all that you do for our community.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Baltes

From: [rey carboni](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Services increase
Date: Monday, September 12, 2022 12:43:33 PM

This huge increase will cause economic hardship to the business and residential citizens of Cambria. A 41% immediate increase with an additional 20% add on for several months will compound the burden. I would propose further study with a graduated increase over 3-5 years which would take into account inflation. I do not believe this enormous proposed rate hike is the way to manage these services. I would request a continuance in order to arrive at a solid plan.

Thank you Rey Carboni 396 Atwell St.

Sent from my iPad