



CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2024, REGULAR PROS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the PROS Committee of the Cambria Community Services District was held at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall, located at 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428, on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 2:00 PM

1. OPENING

1.A Call to Order

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM and prefaced the meeting with the advisement the meeting would be one of several test meetings being conducted with CCSD Committees using a new audio/visual recording system.

1.B Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with all Committee Members present: Michael Thomas, Juli Amodei, Jim Bahringer, Steve Kniffen, Shannon Sutherland, and Jeff Wilson.

Staff members present: Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson was present to initiate the meeting. GM McElhenie attended by Zoom.

Public present: Kitty Connolly, Bob Detweiler, Mark Larsen, Ellie Etter, Marvin Josephson, Shelly Becker, and Tony Church.

Public on Zoom: Harry Farmer, Laura and Crosby Swartz, Karin Argano, Suzanne Fiedler, and Dennis Dudzik.

1.C Chair Report (2:05 PM)

Chair Thomas briefly provided an overview of key topics in the upcoming June 20 CCSD Board meeting and asked for concerns to raise at the June 19 NCAC meeting.

1.D Agenda Review (2:06 PM)

Chair Thomas reported that the agenda has been updated, moving the Reports from Affiliated Groups Community Groups earlier in the agenda. There were no further agenda changes.

1.E Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports (2:06 PM)

There were none, however with agenda item 6D, the Community Park Plan Ad Hoc Committee will be giving a more lengthy, detailed report and update.

1.F Committee Member Communications (2:06 PM)

Committee member Sutherland suggested that perhaps in future meetings, reports regarding the skate park could be a separate agenda item, since the skate park is actually a vital recreational component within PROS scope. FFRP Executive Director Connolly pointed out that FRP similarly is a vital component within PROS scope, and entirely within CCSD property.

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED GROUPS COMMUNITY GROUPS

FFRP – Kitty Connolly (2:10 PM):

Reported that the counters at the entrances indicate approximately 440,000 annual visitors to the West Ranch.

Received a report yesterday of someone gathering plants on the Ranch. Appreciation for the caring eyes in the community.

Invasive weeds are a significant problem, and weekly Wednesday weeding continues. The increasing cooperation and support from Facilities & Resources, such as having the trailer on site, enables the volunteer weeding crews to be much more effective.

The Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (USLTRCD) has offered to grow and plant approximately 500 California native plants on the West Ranch, just need CCSD approval.

Weeding and care of trees around the Dog Park took place Saturday, June 15.

There will be a Pop Up sale on July 6 near the south Bluff Trail entrance.

FFRP will be the charity recipient at Moonstone Cellars open mic nights on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

Skate Park Cambria – Juli Amodei (2:19 PM):

Saturday June 22 fundraiser event at Rod & Hammer in SLO, noon-7pm.

Have received the Land Use Permit, and working on the Construction Permit, and continuing to check the boxes on the Grant. Working to establish the maintenance fund.

Dog Park – Shelly Becker (2:21 PM):

Weeding and clearing work parties on 2 recent Saturdays, 1 organized by the Friends of the Dog Park, the other by FFRP.

Hired 2 weeders.

New disposal containers have been put in place and looking to procure a couple moveable benches.

Greenspace – Karin Argano (2:22 PM):

The Greenspace sign at the Wilton property was spray paint tagged over the weekend, submitted a report online to the County Sheriff's office.

Work in Strawberry Canyon with USLTRCD to commence sometime in mid to end July.

The RCD is also gifting some CA natives for planting in Strawberry Canyon.

There is a July 13 star gazing event, with films to be shown.

There is a second evening bat event planned for July 31.

Speakers series will begin in July.

New signs at Creekside Reserve and Strawberry Canyon in a few months.

Cambria Forest Committee – Laura and Crosby Swartz (2:22 PM)

Reported spray paint tagging in Fern Canyon.

Working on the CFC info at the Cambria Historical Society kiosk.

CFC is seeking a grant for and will be assisting in reproducing Christine Heinrichs' Cambria's Invasive Weeds handbook.

Advised to closely monitor workers clearing lots to avoid damaging the native plants and trees.

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County - Chair Thomas provided copies of the 2023 Annual Report of, celebrating 40 years.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA (2:30PM)** There was none.

4. **FACILITIES & RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT (2:30 PM)** With F&R Manager David Aguirre and his crew fully engaged in weed abatement on CCSD lots, GM McElhenie provided the F&R report:

Weed abatement is the top F&R priority on CCSD owned vacant parcels and we will meet the July 15 deadline.

In the final stages of federal review for the skate park grant, expect to clear for funding sometime in July. The next step will be to bring that to the Board along with the maintenance plan prior to RFP.

The GM addressed item 6A, Update on the East Ranch Community Park Restroom Project during this segment of the agenda. Recently completed negotiation of the terms and conditions with the Public Restroom Company, still forecast delivery January or February 2025. However, depending on weather conditions, delivery and installation may be delayed to ensure the ground conditions are suitable for installation. Several questions regarding site preparation - what can be done in advance. Too soon for specifics, but we will receive monthly updates. Tristan Reaper will be the Project Manager, under Jim Green's guidance.

Laura and Crosby Swartz provided public comment regarding concerns about F&R staff limited resources and wisdom of eliminating contracted restroom cleaning when F&R staff is so behind on weed abatement. GM McElhenie explained the rational and financial reasons for making this change.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA (2:43 PM)**

5.A Consideration to Approve the May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Committee member Sutherland moved to approve the minutes. Committee member Amodei seconded the motion. Motion Passed Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0

6. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

6.A Update on the East Ranch Community Park Restroom Project

Addressed above as part of Item 4. Facilities & Resources Manager's Report

6.B Discuss and Consider Recommending to the Board Support for the Lampton Cliffs Iceplant Removal Project (2:45 PM)

Suzanne Fiedler briefed us on the project and is requesting CCSD/FFRP dumpster to put pulled iceplant into and then for pick up and disposal. Conversations included several other options and comparative costs and concerns given this is a County park. It was agreed to recommend using the CCSD/FFRP dumpster, with GM McElhenie in agreement.

Committee member Amodei moved to recommend to GM McElhenie use of the CCSD/FFRP dumpster for this use. Committee member Bahringer seconded the motion. Motion Passed Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0

6.C Discuss and Update the PROS Goals Progress Report (3:18 PM)

Vice chair Sutherland led the discussion asking for updates from Directly Responsible Individuals regarding the progress on each of the Goals.

GM McElhenie reported that recent grading of Rodeo Grounds Drive, which immediately followed the May 9 Board Resolution, is the extent of SLO County's improvements. SLO County Public Works is only responsible to maintain the road to its original status. The District will be responsible for funding further improvements.

Committee member Sutherland reported on the East/West Pedestrian Crossing at Hwy 1 that she has initiated outreach to CalTrans.

Public Comment from Crosby Swartz, referencing the June 2010 Cambria Vacant Parcel Assessment Prepared for CCSD by The Land SLO Conservancy, which is available from the Cambria Forest Committee website.

6.D Update from the East Ranch Community Park Plan Ad Hoc Committee (3:36 PM)

Chair Thomas introduced the staff report, summarized the ad hoc committee efforts to date, engaged Firma Landscape Architects to develop an as-built drawing of the community park area, and developed a Project Viability Matrix to evaluate the viability of projects for the next phase of Community Park development. Explained that the next phase of development will be the Phase 3 Community Park Plan, considering that Phase 1 included the grading, parking lot and dog park, and Phase 2, the East Ranch restroom project, is underway. The ad hoc committee has sketched out our preliminary ideas for the Phase 3 Community Park Plan improvements, and verified what the CCSD can put out in the Community Park prior to completion of the restroom (anything movable, nothing permanent.)

Vice Chair Sutherland discussed the concepts we have included in draft Phase 3 Plan, and invited meeting participants to review the sketch posted on the wall, page 19 in the agenda packet. Discussion and recognition that the disc golf course starting pad for hole #8 is shown outside the boundaries of APN 013-131-038.

Public Comments from Kitty Connally, Mark Larsen, Ellie Etter and Marvin Josephson expressing support for Community Park development as long as the terms of the Conservation Easement are met, and concern regarding any such development beyond the understood community park boundaries that have been referenced in the maps associated with the Conservation Easement and Ranch Management Plan.

At 3:53 PM, Jim Bahringer made the motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes, with unanimous consent, and again at 4:08 PM, Jim Bahringer made the motion to extend the meeting for another 5 minutes, with unanimous consent.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

In Public Comment, Dennis Dudzik asked that we add Santa Rosa Creek flood risk reduction plan as an element of the Ranch Management Plan and assess whether our current practices exacerbate flood risk. Dennis referenced a paragraph on page 10 of the Ranch Management Plan.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 4:15 PM.