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Written Public Comment

First Name:	Tony
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Written Public Comment:	With regard to the Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Future Use and Funding for the Veterans' Hall, I note that the CCSD has MOU's in place with the County and the Red Cross for of use the Hall as an emergency facility. But the Report also notes that the Hall does NOT meet the necessary standards for such emergency use. Has the CCSD made the County and the Red Cross aware of this? If so, what was their response? If not, why not?
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From: Cheryl McDowell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 7:16 AM
To: Haley Dodson
Subject: Please read todays meeting 10/19

Hello Board

Last night NCAC land use committee reviewed plans for Dirk Winters to build 26 rooms on Burton Drive

Old Brambles building site. This item was tabled until next month -

I request CCSD board to review the Intent to Serve letter issued to Dirk Winters to build these rooms.

We are in a water moratorium since 2001 and I wonder if this intent to serve was issue prior to that date

on other properties he's moving to this site . Please verify I can't image 26 rooms being build .

Please bring this to full board next months agenda.

thank you

Cheryl McDowell

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: GENERAL COMMENT ABOUT THE GENERAL MANAGER'S MOST RECENT PUBLIC LETTER (10-13-2023)
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 7:57:25 PM

President Dean, Vice President Gray, and members of the Board,

I appreciate that the General Manager reaches out to the community in his regular public letters. But his letter dated 10/13 is baffling. Mr. McElhenie's reference to 'political theater' is so vague and unspecific that, however significant or damaging he feels it is, I have no idea to what he's referring.

After having read the GM's letter, on this issue, I don't feel any better informed than I was before I received it. If Mr. McElhenie considers the matter important enough to bring up, then it's important enough to back up his concern with concrete facts and examples. Not all of us spend time on social media.

When I suggested that Mr. McElhenie be more specific, he replied:

Thank you Mr. Archer.

I understand your position and thoughts on the matter. I can see how the vagueness can leave some asking for clarification. There have been some district matters that, in my opinion, have been tossed into that "political theater" and have been characterized in an unfair light. With that said, I chose to keep it vague rather than contribute to the continuation of the rhetoric. However, I still felt strongly enough to defend the Board and District with what I said. I hope you understand.

Matthew McElhenie

Does Mr. McElhenie in fact 'understand my position and thoughts on the matter'? I don't think so.

By just mentioning such comments in passing, and by using cryptic innuendos, Mr. McElhenie is prolonging the rhetoric he says he wishes to end. And, by remaining vague, he's simply

adding to the confusion and misunderstanding. I'm not at all comfortable assuming to read minds.

And, as he says, his conclusion reflects *his* own opinion. Whether it might coincide with my own views, I have no idea.

I suggest that it's prudent to first consider most social media posts *as pure theater*, political or otherwise. If we wish to responsibly communicate and be well-informed, it might be best to ignore a lot of it. It's also probably best to take much of it with 'a grain of salt' and, certainly, with a 'thick skin.'

Finally, if our GM 'feels strongly enough that he needs to defend the Board and District,' as he puts it, then he should be specific and tell us what he feels needs defending. Otherwise, let it rest.

Donald Archer
Cambria

Please include my comments in the public record.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Haley Dodson](#)
Subject: Public Comment October 19
Date: Friday, October 27, 2023 5:46:59 AM

Hi, Haley —

Sorry, I neglected to Send these comments from last week's meeting. Can you add them? I presented them orally. Thanks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

General Manager McElhenie's open letters to the community are welcome. He's making the district's business more accessible to the public. However, his most recent letter took a cryptic turn that I ask him to explain. The paragraphs and bullet points on political theater were effective in creating the political theater he complains about. Many people mentioned that part of his letter to me, and no two of them agreed on what he was talking about. Water, fire, the fire chief, the Emergency Water project, others.

I ask that he explain clearly what his target was, and why he considers it political theater rather than a local issue.

His concern has distracted from other mystifying points in his letter. His brief list of SST projects:

70% of design drawings have been submitted.

- Submittals approved:
 - fine bubble diffusers
 - Grit chamber blowers
- Submittals for approval:
 - Course bubble diffusers
 - Mixer anoxic zone
 - Equalization pumps

doesn't tell me much about what the district got for the three quarters of a million dollar payment to PG&E, which he doesn't mention. That's buried in the fine print of the Expenditure Report, page 45. What's a fine bubble diffuser? How much does it cost? What design materials are needed?

To improve reporting of payments made from that \$12 million dollar fund, which is now reduced to \$9.1 million, the board could ask the Finance Committee to take oversight of that fund. The public should have better information about where this money is going and what Cambria is getting for its money, rather than specifically exempting this money from the Finance Committee.

He and the district board are agonizing over the Coast Union School District well contract negotiations, distracting the public over \$10,000 or \$20,000 a year, while not blinking at nearly three million dollars unexplained. Does that count as "political theater?"

I ask Mr. McElhenie to leave the political stage and respond to the facts and figures of Cambria's business.

Item 5A:

Mr. McElhenie's general description of what this new contractor, SWCA Environmental Consultants, is going to do to update the project description leaves me guessing. He now says Merk Associates will do the biological reporting, which I guess is last year's contract, which I never understood why it wasn't done then. Who stopped that work, and why?

Mr. Green's Utility report addresses the SST project, which I appreciate, but without referring to cost. These few sentences don't explain to me what Cambria is getting for nearly three million dollars. Can the public get more specifics? Thank you.

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Christine Heinrichs