



## CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

### MINUTES OF MAY 13, 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, May 13, 2024, at 2:00 PM

#### **1. OPENING**

##### **1.A Call to Order**

Chairperson Dean called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

##### **1.B Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum was established.

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

Staff present: General Manager Matthew McElhenie, Utilities Department Manager Jim Green, Program Manager Tristan Reaper, Wastewater Superintendent Toni Artho, and Water Systems Superintendent Cody Meeks.

Others in attendance: Director Michael Thomas. Public members Dennis Dudzik, Allan Dean, Chris Siebuhr, David Pierson, Jim DiPasquale (remote), Regina Larsen (remote), Crosby and Laura Swartz (remote), and Tony Safford (remote).

##### **1.C Chair Report (Time 2:24)**

Chairperson Dean reported that committee member Amodei will be leaving the R&I committee and will be joining the PROS committee. This is committee member Amodei's last R&I committee meeting. Chairperson Dean reflected the sentiment of all committee members, expressing her gratitude for the exceptional work and enthusiasm committee member Amodei brought as part of the R&I committee. The opening on the R&I committee will be advertised at the June 13 Board of Directors meeting.

##### **1.D Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report(s) (Time 2:28)**

Committee member Meeks contacted Source Global about their solar hydro-panels, but they are busy and have not provided any costs. A report on any progress getting costs will be included on the July R&I committee agenda.

Committee member Williams had no report on the geophysical surveys. A progress report for the geophysical studies will be included on the July R&I committee agenda.

General Manager McElhenie gave an update on the grant process. The grant application deadline has been delayed until June 2. The grant is targeting evacuation route hardening and hiring consultants to review the district-wide emergency evacuation plan.

### **1.E Committee Member Communications**

None.

### **1.F Utilities Department Manager Report (Time: 2:32)**

Utilities Department Manager Green reported on the following:

- **EV charging station.** The station is now complete and fully operational.
- **Skate Park.** The section 106 permitting is now covering a larger area. The mapping was completed on May 7. The District will release an RFP for skate park design and construction soon.
- **East Park Restroom.** The restroom will likely arrive in late January. The District will likely break ground and do site preparation in mid-January.
- **San Simeon pipeline project.** District staff met with State Parks last week. The fourth pipeline alignment alternative is the preferred alternative for State Parks staff. This fourth alignment alternative is along Highway 1, and it takes any infrastructure out of the wetlands and nature preserve. State Parks will write a letter of support for this alternative. This alignment may qualify the project for a CEQA categorical exemption and avoid a federal review.

#### *Public Comment*

None

- **Zero Liquid Discharge.** The contractor will be out Wednesday for a site visit. The District will receive an update after that. The pilot project is planned for October.
- **Stuart Street Tank.** This project is still on schedule. More geotechnical work is still being completed. The District is currently completing a Section 106 review.
- **San Simeon Well #3.** The District is still waiting on the contractor to provide a bond.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT (TIME: 2:51)**

None.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA (TIME: 2:52)**

#### **3.A Consideration to Approve the April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and**

Committee Member Amodei moved to adopt April 8, 2024 regular minutes as written.

Committee Member Siebuhr seconded the motion.

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

### **3.B Consideration to Approve the April 15, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes**

Committee Member Meeks moved to adopt April 15, 2024 special minutes as written.

Committee Member Webb seconded the motion.

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

## **4. REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **4.A Receive Presentation on Co-Generation Options for Cambria (Time: 2:02 pm)**

Mr. Pierson presented a proposal for a co-generation unit that could produce power from wood chips produced during fire suppression. Mr. Pierson introduced Jim DiPasquale from the U.S. Forest Service's Wood and Biomass Utilization program. The Forest Service has grant funding of up to \$300,000 to support implementing co-generation projects. The Forest Service also has a Wood Energy Technical Assistance Team to help determine the size and type of facility that might be the best for local conditions.

Mr. Pierson has investigated a biomass co-generation unit from All Power Labs. It only works on wood chips, not green waste.

Chairperson Dean asked what the expense might be beyond the \$300,000 grant. It is unclear until The District get quotes from All Power Labs.

Committee member Weeks asked what fuel is used to burn the wood chips. Mr. Pierson states that it is likely some type of fossil fuel to ignite the process, but the system runs itself after that.

Chairperson Dean asks if there is room at the treatment plant for a unit. Utility Manager Green believes there is room.

Chairperson Dean asks if there is an operating unit that staff or Board Members could visit. Mr. Pierson believes there is a similar unit operating in Berkeley.

#### *Public Comment*

Mr. Dudzik points out one advantage of this system is that the District can run the unit when power is needed. M. Dudzik states other municipalities are looking at the same type of technologies – particularly in the Sacramento area.

Chairperson Dean reads a written question from Ms. Heinrichs. Ms. Heinrichs asked if the unit requires one-half ton of waste daily to offset the cost of the unit. Mr. Pierson says the requirements are currently unknown. Ms. Heinrichs asked if the technology is newer than what the District looked at previously. Mr. Pierson says yes, this is newer technology. Ms. Heinrichs asked if we believe there is adequate waste for this unit. Mr. Pierson states yes, there is currently adequate waste to feed the unit.

Chairperson Dean states it would be beneficial to have further conversation with PG&E, All Power Labs, and the local Air Resources Control Board. Staff will research the options and costs, then bring a proposal back to the R&I Committee.

Committee member Amodei asks if there is a community similar to Cambria that is doing this. Mr. Pierson is not aware of one.

#### **4.B Receive Updated Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change, Discussion and Consideration to Forward Report to the Board of Directors (Time: 2:54)**

Chairperson Dean presented the background of the District's climate change policy.

Committee member Meeks summarizes the Climate Change Planning and Policy memo that will be forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Chairperson Dean, committee member Webb, and committee member Williams provide editorial suggestions to the Climate Change Planning and Policy memo and the cover memorandum.

Chairperson Dean suggests the report link to SLO County and SLO city codes for lighting and night sky preservation.

Committee Member Williams moved to forward the report, as amended, to the Board of Directors.

Committee Member Meeks seconded the motion.

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

#### **4.C Receive Presentation on Advanced Clean Fleet and Regulations, Discussion and Consideration to Forward a Recommendation to the Board of Directors (Time: 3:21)**

Program Manager Tristan Reaper provided background information on the Advanced Clean Fleet Regulations. Half the vehicles over 8,500 pounds purchased by the District must be electric vehicles. PG&E is offering incentives to install new charging stations. The incentive ends June 30, 2024.

##### *Public Comments*

Ms. Larsen suggested the District start early because the process can be long, and there are current funding opportunities.

Committee Member Meeks moved to forward the recommendation to the Board of Directors that the District apply for the PG&E incentives and commit to installing one charger and buy two electric vehicles.

Committee Member Amodei seconded the motion.

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

#### **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) (TIME: 3:37)**

Chairperson Dean asked for any future agenda items.

Chairperson Dean states that the June R&I agenda will include the following:

- The annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment report
- The possible transfer of a County-owned USGS stream gauge on San Simeon Creek to the District
- A proposal to work with Creeklands Conservancy on off-stream storage and water supply enhancement.

Ms. Amodei requests that the R&I Committee receive a report on the grant application in June.

Mr. Williams requests that the R&I Committee receive an update on the Zero Liquid Discharge program in June.

Chairperson Dean states that the July R&I committee meeting will include reports about the status of the Source Global hydro-panel and the geophysics projects.

## **6. ADJOURN**

Chairperson Dean adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.