

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 18, 2007 – 1000 MAIN STREET, CAMBRIA

I. Opening

President Ilan Funke-Bilu called the meeting to order with quorum established and led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Directors Cobin, Sanders, Villeneuve and President Funke-Bilu

Absent: Director Chaldecott

Also Present: General Manager Tammy Rudock, District Counsel Art Montandon, Fire Chief Bob Putney, Finance Manager Alleyne LaBossiere, and District Clerk Kathy Choate

II. Special Meeting Business

A. Adopt Resolution 41-2007 authorizing General Manager or his/her designee as Environmental Officer for the CCSD. Art Montandon reviewed the staff report.

Director Sanders moved to confirm the authority of and appointing the General Manager as the Environmental Officer for the CCSD. Director Villeneuve seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Aye – 4, No – 0, Absent – 1

B. Receive Property Owner Feedback on Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program. Chief Putney reviewed the staff report. President Funke-Bilu proceeded with public comments.

Written Comment: Jan Meshkoff, Mark DiMaggio, Dr. K.J. Greene, Craig Smith

Public Comment:

Wayne Ryburn, spoke in support of FHFR program. Commented further on adopting a defensible space ordinance that supports the Forest Management Plan.

Don Canestro, Cambria. Due to audio technical difficulty comments inaudible.

Caitlin Stearn, 393 Ardath Drive, Cambria. Cornell University, graduate student.

Consider habitat needs of forest.

Jesse Arnold, Cambria. Stumps and snags should be kept; habitat related.

Rick Hawley, Cambria. Requested implementation of Forest Management Plan.

Skip Moss, Cambria. Read memo into record.

Claude Albanese, Cambria. Due to audio technical difficulty comments inaudible.

Joyce Renshaw, Cambria. Co-chair Fire Focus Group, member Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. Spoke regarding Fiscalini Ranch Preserve management plan and requested that Defensible Space Ordinance would provide the Ranch be managed under its Management Plan and allow tree limbing performance to be done in the Fall.

Brian Stark, Exec Dir Land Conservancy SLO, their lots are subject to existing ordinances and perform some lot management each year. Proposed ordinance requiring removal of bio mass takes away life of future forest and important habitat. Dumping of vegetation happens on their properties and CCSD properties.

Phil Opperman, Cambria. Five-year resident close to Strawberry Canyon. Need plentiful water and encourages desalination plant to ensure adequate water storage. Use adequate fire professionals with priorities on fuel reduction. Down trees do need to come out. Apply equally to everyone, Camp Ocean Pines, Camp Yaeger, and Strawberry Canyon

Susan Walsh, Cambria. Forest Management Plan needs to be part of the overall program.

Pamela Thompson, spoke regarding insurance and refusal by company to insure. Supports defensible space and fire safety.

Mr. Eric Marthaler, Cambria. Due to audio technical difficulty comments inaudible

Joanne Abney, Cambria. Understands fire danger; however it comes with the territory.

Howard Vallens, Cambria. Proposed Ordinance 01-2007: 4 points unfriendly; not legally defensible; exceptions in Public Resource Code.

Denis Damian Lynch and Y.M. Lynch, Morro Bay. Owns 3 lots and see problems with proposed defensible space ordinance.

Clay Akey, Cambria. Owns various lots, retired and upslope properties; need balance between fire safety and forest management.

Valerie Bentz Cambria. Encouraged Cambria Forest Management Plan.

John Brannon, Cambria. Due to audio technical difficulty comments inaudible

John McGarry, Cambria. Supports Chief Putney, errs on side of public safety. Board discussion followed. The Cambria Forest Committee meetings are the proposed forum for continued development of the proposed defensible space ordinance.

Public Comment:

Steve Figler, Cambria. Understory and clearing already going on.

Skip Moss, Cambria. Vacant parcels with out of town owners and not neighbors who are strip clearing their lots.

Jim Cresenski, Cambria. Most fires from irresponsible humans.

Jan Meshkoff, Cambria. Ravine cleared on Cornwall, no undercover; full of nasturtiums. Consider ecology when clearing.

Warren Gay, Cambria. Proposed ordinance as written needs work.

Clay Akey, Cambria. Language was extreme in deliverance; bad press.

III. Public Comment – None

IV. President Funke-Bilu adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Kathy Choate
District Clerk

Ilan Funke-Bilu
CCSD Board President

Date: _____

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