

# CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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Dear Congressman Carbajal,

On behalf of the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD), we want to sincerely congratulate you on your recognition as a California Special Districts Association (CSDA) 2021 Legislator of the Year. We join the CSDA in applauding your commitment to the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of California, and particularly your diligence in serving California's special districts.

Many special districts, including the CCSD, are often too small to compete with larger agencies for funding opportunities and other resources. Special districts are highly specialized local agencies providing critical social services in the areas of water, wastewater, solid waste, parks and recreation, healthcare, air quality, pest control, resource conservation, fire protection, transit, flood control and more. We are, as the CSDA so aptly puts it, "*infrastructure experts.*" Including the CCSD's Stuart Street Tank Refurbishment project in your earmark request to congress highlights your ongoing commitment to addressing California's infrastructure and natural resources needs at every level.

Cambria's Stuart Street Tank Refurbishment Project is a small-scale example of a widespread crisis faced by countless public agencies throughout the state: reliance on aging critical infrastructure. The funding you helped secure through the House of Representatives appropriations process will assist the CCSD in updating what amounts to about 20% of our potable water storage capacity. This is one step in the right direction for the CCSD. Yet, the state of California still has a long way to go in making improvements that will ensure access to safe and reliable infrastructure for the next generation. Infrastructure which conveys clean water to all who need it. Infrastructure on which to travel the scenic highways of California. Infrastructure to light homes and to power technology in our schools and businesses. Infrastructure to keep California moving forward.

The CCSD is grateful for your continued advocacy of special districts and the needs of all those within the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of California.

***Congratulations!***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donn Howell".

Donn Howell  
President, Cambria Community Services District