



CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MEETING	TIME & DATE	LOCATION
PROS Committee	2:00 PM Tuesday, July 16, 2024	Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428

AGENDA

Regular PROS Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 2:00 PM

In person at:

**Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall
1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428**

AND via Zoom at:

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1. OPENING

1.A Call to Order

1.B Establishment of Quorum

1.C Chair Report

1.D Agenda Review

1.E Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report(s)

1.F Committee Member Communications

Any Committee Member may make an announcement, report briefly on his or her activities, or ask a question for clarification.

2. REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED COMMUNITY GROUPS STARTING AROUND 2:15 PM

There is no expectation that representatives from these groups necessarily report at every meeting, each will judge when to engage based on current issues and plans. To keep meeting duration to a

manageable time span, we will limit reports to 3 minutes, and keep Committee discussion brief. Where substantive issues emerge, we will identify those issues as future discussion topics.

- Friends of the Dog Park, Shelly Becker
- [Greenspace the Cambria Land Trust](#), Executive Director Karin Argano
- [Forest Committee](#), Laura Swartz
- [The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County](#), ED Kaila Dettman, or Daniel Bohlman
- [Kenneth Norris Rancho Marino Reserve](#), Reserve Director Keith Seydel

3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the public may now address the Committee on any item of interest within the jurisdiction of the Committee but not on its agenda today. Future agenda items can be suggested at this time. In compliance with the Brown Act, the Committee cannot discuss or act on items not on the agenda. Each speaker has up to three minutes.

4. REPORTS & PROJECT UPDATES

- 4.A Facilities & Resources Manager’s Report, David Aguirre**
- 4.B Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Report, FFRP Executive Director Kitty Connolly**
- 4.C Skatepark Project Update Report, Juli Amodei**
- 4.D East Ranch Community Park Restroom Project Update Report, Tristan Reaper**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.A Consideration to Approve the June 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

- 6.A Discuss Recent Rodeo Grounds Road and Burton Drive Pedestrian Improvements**
- 6.B Discuss and Update the PROS Goals Progress Report**

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURN



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 CCSO 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 CCSO 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 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.

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

TO: PROS Committee Members

AGENDA NO. 6.A.

FROM: Michael Thomas, Chair

Meeting Date: July 16, 2024

Subject: Discuss Recent Rodeo Grounds Road
and Burton Drive Pedestrian
Improvements

BACKGROUND:

Lack of adequate service from SLO County has long been a concern, and with funding challenges at the County level, this issue won't be going away any time soon. The intent of this agenda item is to discuss recent successes, and to brainstorm additional ideas for ways to make further progress.

DISCUSSION:

At the March 27, 2024 PROS Committee Special Meeting, we discussed our *List of the Most Urgent Pedestrian and Transportation Needs in Cambria*, which I forwarded to GM McElhenie April 1. Improving Rodeo Grounds Road was at the top of the list.. Subsequently, on May 9 the Board adopted a Resolution requesting that the County repair Rodeo Grounds Road, which the GM immediately communicated to the County. The following Tuesday May 14, County Public Works scraped and leveled Rodeo Grounds Road. While most of us want Rodeo Grounds Road paved, at least it's better than it was, and the County was very responsive to our request.

Working to continue the energy Kermit Johansson brought to pedestrian improvement projects, I took on the 2nd item on our list. On Friday June 21, 2024, I sent an email to Supervisor Gibson's Legislative Assistant Blake Fixler:

Following up on my comment at the NCAC meeting Wednesday night, rather urgent need to trim back the invasive vegetation overgrowth along the north side of Burton Drive between the intersection of Burton Drive and Eton Road and the Santa Rosa Creek bridge, between points A&B on the Google Maps screenshot below. This is about a 0.4 mile section that would have fairly substantial foot traffic if it weren't so hazardous.

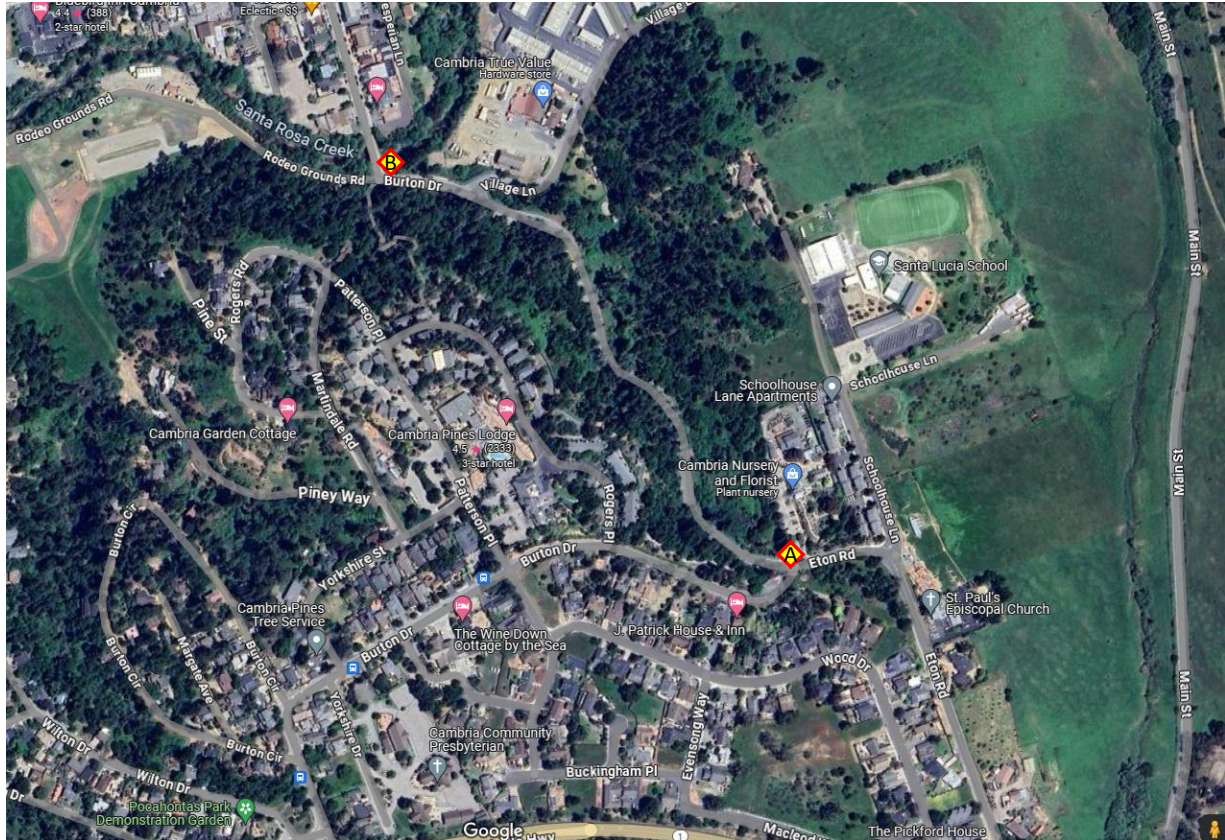


6/18/2024, from the intersection of Burton Drive and Village Lane, looking west



And looking east

Those who do walk along this section have to walk in the roadway, at their peril. Really all that's needed is trimming back the invasive thistles and mustard, as well as a few overhanging tree limbs. I will appreciate any assistance in expediting clearing to improve safety of pedestrians in this section.



Blake Fixler initiated a series of emails with Public Works, who explained they do not maintain the path in the shoulder. Our routine guard rail inspections and maintenance would include knocking down the weeds around the railing to access for inspection. But within a few days, they did much more than just knock down the weeds around the railing.

7/2/2024, Better. Not perfect, but way better!



and I sent an email to Blake Fixler, and to John Waddell, Joshua Roberts and Michael Tabares at Public Works sincerely thanking them.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

So this gets me thinking...

Asking for one thing at a time just might be working, if we ask for the right thing in the right way. What should we ask for next?

This is probably all we will get from the County this year on this section of Burton Drive. And there are surely some pathway issues the County won't be able to get to. So how about some sort of a PROS community volunteer group? Maybe pick one Saturday morning every month and tackle one area that needs some attention. We could even finish with a picnic lunch. Just ideas, let's discuss.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PROS List of the Most Urgent Pedestrian and Transportation Needs in Cambria

PROS List of the Most Urgent Pedestrian and Transportation Needs in Cambria

Background and Purpose of this Document:

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Committee (PROS Committee) is a standing committee of the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) focused on meeting the parks, recreation & open space needs of the Cambria community. Some of these needs can be met entirely by the CCSD, but many of these needs require support and funding from the County of San Luis Obispo. The PROS Committee understands that the County faces funding challenges, and that not all needs can be satisfied as quickly as the community would like. Nonetheless, it's important to be clear and consistent regarding our priorities, to enable the County to establish long term plans. The purpose of this document is to clarify the most urgent of these needs.

It is also worth noting what this document does not address. This document does not address road repairs such as the Santa Rosa Creek Road and Pine Knolls Drive, or any other scopes outside the purview of the PROS Committee.

The Most Urgent Projects Cambria Needs from the County:

	Project	Description	Justification
1.	Rodeo Grounds Road	Pave Rodeo Grounds Road from Burton Drive to the parking lot.	To enable access to our Community Park and CCSD facilities in all weather conditions.
2.	Lower Burton Drive Walkway	Provide a safe walking path from Burton Drive and Eton Road to Village Lane.	This is the primary route for Santa Lucia Middle School students to walk to the East Village, is generally overgrown with weeds and is not a safe pedestrian pathway along this busy road. This is also an essential pedestrian pathway for a large swath of Cambria residents as well as visitors staying at the Cambria Pines Lodge.
3.	Safe Pedestrian Walkways on Ardath Drive/ Main Street	Provide safe pedestrian walkway on Ardath/ Main Street on both sides of Hwy 1.	Enable Cambria residents and visitors to walk or ride safely into town. See Note 1.
4.	Safe Pedestrian Walkways on Windsor Blvd.	Provide safe pedestrian walkway on Windsor Blvd on both sides of Hwy 1.	Enable Cambria residents and visitors to walk or ride safely into town. See Note 1.
5.	Safe Pedestrian Walkways on Burton Drive	Provide safe pedestrian walkway on Burton Drive on both sides of Hwy 1.	Enable Cambria residents and visitors to walk or ride safely into town. See Note 1.
6.	Safe Pedestrian Walkways on Weymouth St.	Provide safe pedestrian walkway on Weymouth on both sides of Hwy 1.	Enable Cambria residents and visitors to walk or ride safely into town. See Note 1.

PROS List of the Most Urgent Pedestrian and Transportation Needs in Cambria

Note 1: Further details in Purpose and Need: Safe Walkways at 4 Intersections, by Kermit Johansson. It may be advantageous to discuss these 4 areas as one bundled project, but they are shown separately in this table to make it easier for the public and the committee to weigh in on priorities.

For reference, a similar starter list clarifying needs from CalTrans:

	Project	Description	Justification	
	Hwy 1 crossing connecting Fiscalini West Ranch and East Ranch	Provide a safe Highway 1 crossing, either through traffic control measures, or an improved multipurpose trail under the Santa Rosa Creek bridge.	Currently Cambria residents and visitors cannot walk from the West Ranch trails to the East Ranch trails into town without crossing Highway 1 at an uncontrolled intersection.	

Attachments for further detail:

- Purpose and Need: Pave/Drain Cambria’s East Ranch Access Road for all Season Public Use.
- Purpose and Need: Safe Walkways at 4 Intersections (Weymouth, Windsor, Burton Drive, Ardath Drive/Main Street) and Highway 1 in Cambria, CA.
- Purpose and Need for Pedestrian/biking/Multipurpose Path Under SR1 through Santa Rosa Creek Bridge 49-186 at Cambria