


Written Public Comments

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Date Thu 7/2/2026 9:44 PM

To Haley Dodson <hdodson@cambriacsd.org>; Matthew McElhenie <mmcelhenie@cambriacsd.org>; BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>; Debra Scott <dscott@cambriacsd.org>

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Eucalyptus Control Requirements.pdf;

Debra, Matthew and Haley:

Attached is my public comment for next week's, July 9th CCSD Board meeting, Agenda Item 6B - Discussion and Consideration to Adopt the Updated Fiscalini Ranch Public Access & Resource Management Plan. Thank you for your consideration in this regard. I plan to attend the meeting and address this matter in person. Please have a fun and safe 4th of July!

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Thanks much,

Dennis

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Eucalyptus-caused Fire and Flood-Risks on Areas of the Fiscalini Ranch

Page 33 of the Fiscalini Ranch Public Access & Resource Management Plan, Adopted April 24, 2003 and as Revised June 17, 2026, states as follows:

“The riparian community along Santa Rosa Creek from the Ranch to where it empties into the ocean is, for the most part, a well-developed, diverse corridor of forest vegetation. Arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*), the most abundant species, forms dense thickets in many places along the creek. Black cottonwood (*Populus balsamifera ssp. trichocarpa*), sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), white alder (*Alnus rhombifolia*), and **blue gum eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus*) are all common species that were observed in the riparian corridor.**” [emphasis added]

The revised Fiscalini Ranch Public Access & Resource Management Plan understates the need to address the risks and hazards of eucalyptus in portions of the Ranch. The following is a Cambria-specific eucalyptus impact assessment and management plan, based on California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) habitat criteria. I respectfully request the Board and Staff to review this Assessment and Plan with the FFRP and discuss incorporation as a supporting document into this or the next revision of the Fiscalini Ranch Public Access & Resource Management Plan.

Big Picture: Cal-IPC explicitly notes that Eucalyptus has **become highly invasive along the coast**, especially in **fog-belt zones**—which includes Cambria.

A Cambria-specific eucalyptus impact and risk assessment:

- **Abundance:**
 - **Moderate–high** in planted groves, slopes, and mixed pine–eucalyptus stands.
 - **Spreading rapidly** along Santa Rosa Creek’s disturbed edges, and drainages near Highway 1.
- **Spread:**
 - **Ongoing recruitment:** Moisture is high (fog, drainages, creek).
 - Seedlings and saplings establishing in **Santa Rosa Creek, Highway 1 roadside right-of-way, creek banks, and overflow channel.**
- **Management status:**
 - Mostly **unmanaged, locally persistent**, with pockets of **managed removal** where CCSD Staff have taken some action.

So in Cambria, eucalyptus behaves as a **locally established coastal invasive**, especially in **moist corridor of the creek.**

Eucalyptus vs. Monterey pine interactions in Cambria

1. Competition and stand dynamics

- **Eucalyptus:**

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- **Fast-growing, tall canopy**, dense shade.
- **Heavy litter** (bark, leaves) suppresses understory.
- Alters **soil moisture and chemistry**, making native regeneration harder.
- **Monterey pine:**
 - Native, adapted to **coastal fog and sandy/rocky soils**.
 - Historically supports **diverse understory and wildlife**.

Interaction in Cambria:

- In mixed stands, eucalyptus tends to **outcompete pine seedlings**, shading them out.
- Over time, stands can shift toward **eucalyptus dominance**, with **simpler, less diverse understory**.

2. Fire regime

- **Eucalyptus:**
 - Contains **volatile oils**; sheds **flammable bark ribbons and leaves**.
 - Promotes **hot, fast-moving crown fires**.
 - **Resprouts vigorously after fire**, often expanding post-fire.
- **Monterey pine:**
 - A critical part of Cambria's ecosystem, it is fire-influenced but less oil-rich; historically part of **mixed-severity fire regimes**.

Interaction:

- Mixed eucalyptus–pine stands near Cambria and Highway 1 can experience **more intense fires**, with **eucalyptus rebounding faster than pine**, shifting composition further toward eucalyptus.

3. Wildlife and habitat

- **Eucalyptus:**
 - Provides some perches and nesting sites, but **limited native biodiversity support**.
- **Monterey pine:**
 - Key habitat for **native birds, insects, fungi, and understory plants**.

Net effect:

- Eucalyptus presence **adversely impacts habitat** and **reduces native species richness**, especially in the understory and soil community.

Eucalyptus risks along Highway 1

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Along Highway 1 in Cambria, eucalyptus adds a specific layer of risk:

- **Fire and evacuation risk:**
 - **Dense roadside eucalyptus stands** can act as **high-intensity fuel corridors**.
 - In a wind-driven fire, these stands can **accelerate fire spread along the highway**, complicating **evacuation and firefighting access**.
- **Road safety and infrastructure:**
 - Large trees near the roadway pose **fall risk** during storms or after fire.
 - Heavy litter can **clog roadside ditches and culverts**, increasing **localized flooding**.
- **Visibility and access:**
 - Dense growth can **limit sightlines**, hide driveways or side roads, and **complicate emergency access**.

Along Highway 1, eucalyptus is a **public safety and infrastructure issue**.

Eucalyptus in Santa Rosa Creek: invasive growth and flood-flow blockage

In Cambria, and specifically where Santa Rosa Creek flows under Highway 1, eucalyptus in and near the creek and related drainages have created another hazard: **Flood Flow Blockage**

- **Channel obstruction:**
 - Dense saplings, fallen trunks, and heavy litter can **block stream flow**, especially in these **narrow or incised channels**.
 - During **storm or flood conditions**, these blockages cause **water to back up**, overtop banks, and **reroute into roads and properties**.
- **Debris jams:**
 - Bark strips and branches can **accumulate at culverts, bridges, and crossings**, forming **debris dams**.
 - This increases the risk of **sudden failure and downstream surge** when blockages break.
- **Bank stability and vegetation:**
 - Eucalyptus are **displacing native riparian plants** that stabilize banks and slow water.
 - Loss of native vegetation can **increase erosion**, sending more sediment downstream and further **reducing channel capacity**.

So in the Santa Rosa Creek, eucalyptus is both an **ecological invader** and a **hydrologic hazard**, especially under **flood conditions**.

Management and removal strategies for the Fiscalini Ranch

1. Prioritization

- **High-priority areas:**

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- **Highway 1 corridor** (for fire and evacuation safety).
- **Santa Rosa Creek, drainages, and culverts** (for fire, flood, and debris-jam risk).
- **Mixed Monterey pine–eucalyptus stands** near homes and critical habitat.
- **Goals:**
 - Reduce **fire intensity and spread**.
 - Protect **evacuation routes and infrastructure**.
 - Restore **native pine/scrub and riparian vegetation**.
 - Improve and maintain **flood conveyance** in and along the creek.

2. Removal techniques

- **Cut-stump method:**
 - Fell trees and **immediately treat stumps** with appropriate herbicide to prevent resprouting.
 - Essential for eucalyptus, which **resprouts aggressively** if only cut.
- **Phased removal on slopes and creek banks:**
 - Remove trees in **stages** to avoid sudden erosion or bank failure.
 - Combine removal with **replanting native riparian species** (willows, alders, etc.) and **coastal scrub**.
- **Sapling and seedling control:**
 - Regular **hand-pulling or cutting** of young eucalyptus in:
 - **Roadside rights-of-way** along Highway 1 and **clear 50 feet from the Highway**.
 - **Creek banks and floodplains**.
 - **Disturbed lots and edges of pine stands**.


3. Post-removal restoration

- **Replant natives:**
 - **Monterey pine, coastal live oak, coastal scrub** (coyote brush, sages), and **native riparian species** in and adjacent to creek corridors.
- **Manage debris:**
 - Remove or chip **bark, branches, and trunks**, especially near creeks and culverts, to **prevent future blockages**.
- **Monitor and retreat:**
 - Follow-up for **several years** to catch resprouts and new seedlings.



Re: July 9, 2026 Board Meeting, Agenda Item 6.A.

From julie Tacker <jmtacker@gmail.com>
Date Tue 7/7/2026 5:15 PM
To Haley Dodson <hdodson@cambriacsd.org>

 1 attachment (416 KB)
Cambria CSD Skateboard Park Bids.pdf;

You're right. Sorry.
Thanks for letting me know.
Here it is.
Julie

On Tue, Jul 7, 2026 at 5:10 PM Haley Dodson <hdodson@cambriacsd.org> wrote:

Hi Julie,

I don't see an attachment.

From: julie Tacker <jmtacker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 5:09 PM
To: Haley Dodson <hdodson@cambriacsd.org>
Subject: July 9, 2026 Board Meeting, Agenda Item 6.A.

Comments attached.
Please share with the Board and the Public for Thursday's meeting.
Please confirm receipt.
Thanks,
Julie Tacker

From the Desk of Julie Tacker

July 7, 2026
Cambria Community Services District
P.O. Box 65
Cambria, CA 93428

RE: July 9, 2026 Board Meeting, Agenda Item 6.A. Discussion and Consideration of Cambria Skatepark Project Bids, Funding, and Possible Award of Contract

Dear President Farmer and Directors,

As you know my family donated a significant amount of money to Skate Cambria to memorialize the short life of our nephew, Justin West, at the Cambria Skatepark. I and hundreds of others donated a tremendous amount of money within a short timeline in order to move the project forward. To say we are disappointed with the state of the project does not adequately express our frustration.

As you also know, District delays have caused the project pause. Time being money, inflation resulting in rising costs of labor and materials has driven the price tag up, again, resulting in a shortfall in funds to accept either of the two bids submitted.

Cambria CSD's General Manager has provided your board with three difficult alternatives.

- a. Commit District reserves to complete the skatepark.
- b. Cancel the project until some future time when the public (again) comes up with the money.
- c. Hold on to the low bid for six months and see if the money shows up.

The choices between delaying the project for 6 months or forever are unacceptable. While your General Manager advises against the first option, it is your Board that makes the decision.

A years' worth of District inflicted delays put you where you are today. The Cannon engineer's estimate (the Board didn't ask for) raised the price; the flood-proof restroom raised the price, and the conflict of interest claims against the skatepark designer raised the price. Bidders bailing out, raised the price.

The District should stand behind the community and stand up for its youth. Please put up the funds necessary to complete the project and begin construct as soon as possible. As Board members, see this project through, stop the delays, and leave a positive legacy.

Sincerely,



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Written Public Comments

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Written Public Comment:	<p>I am writing this message to show my support for the Cambria Skate Park build and the amazing efforts of the community to raise much of the funds to see this project to the finish line. My name is Toby Cinque. I have been a Physical Education Teacher for the Coast Unified School District for 29 years. For 25 of those years I was also the Athletic Director at either Coast Union High School or Santa Lucia Middle School. I have worked with many children of all ages and their families to promote health, fitness, and a desire to be their best in my class. Bringing back an enhanced skate park would be a wonderful addition for our youth to explore movement and exercise in a safe environment. We as educators and parents are constantly trying to get kids off of their devices and get them into healthy alternatives to occupy their time. This would be another option for them. Cambria is and has been a wonderful place to raise a family. However, it is getting harder and harder for a family to afford to live here. I have heard from parents and seen it myself as a parent, the limited options</p>

for youth activities for kids in town. There are many trails to hike, fishing and kayaking, and surfing opportunities. As well as the organized sports at both schools and CYAA. However many of options can be expensive, or they need to be supervised by an adult. I would like to see as many opportunities for our youth to be able to stay in town to participate in healthy activities. I understand the district needs to balance a budget with fire, wastewater, and water being a priority. However our youth should have a little consideration also. I have never seen such a grass roots effort to raise money for a cause like the Skate Cambria group! Please consider this, along with the other requests to help see this project through to the finish line. Our community deserves it!

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Written Public Comments

Full Name:	Cyrus Tatham
Email Address:	cytat015@gmail.com
Phone Number:	805-395-1522
Written Public Comment:	<p>From: Cyrus Tatham, President, Skate Cambria To: Board of Directors, Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) July 7, 2026 for the board meeting on July 9, 2026 Dear CCSD Board members, I cannot be at the meeting today, I am working, but I wanted to write in about this latest development with the skatepark. After years of hard work, private fundraising, and incredible community support, we have reached a critical point where we can finally bring a permanent, inclusive skatepark to the heart of Cambria on Main Street. To get this project across the finish line, we need the district's partnership now more than ever. Setting an excessively high contingency amount for the construction threatens to stall our momentum and create unnecessary barriers to breaking ground. So, I'm asking that the CCSD approve the lowest possible contingency amount for the construction bid. Additionally, I'm asking the CCSD to help bridge the final financial gap. We've had to raise so much money and the actual skatepark is not even half of the full amount of construction, we have</p>

raised money for a bathroom, a parking lot, etc. Our community has raised significant funds to meet the project's requirements, but we need the district to step in to cover some of the remaining deficit so building can commence without further delay. This skatepark is more than just concrete; it is essential infrastructure that teaches skills, brings families together, and gives our local youth a safe place to skate. Let's work together to make this vision a reality for the whole community. Thank you for your time, your continued partnership, and your commitment to Cambria's future. Sincerely, Cyrus Tatham
President, Skate Cambria

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Written Public Comments

Full Name:	Laurie and Ron Mileur
Email Address:	drlalaur@me.com
Phone Number:	801-718-9846
Written Public Comment:	<p>Public Comment – Cambria Skatepark Project Members of the Board and General Manager, We are speaking today as longtime Cambria residents who care deeply about the future of our community. Laurie's professional background in nutrition and exercise physiology has strengthened our belief that recreational opportunities are an important investment in the health and well-being of our community, especially for children and youth. Skate Cambria has spent more than six years building support for this project, raising approximately \$800,000 through 41 community fundraisers and private donations. That extraordinary commitment deserves a strong partnership from the District. This project is now substantially de-risked. The design is complete, permits have been obtained, and you have a competitive lump-sum construction bid. Because the contractor's bid already includes contingency, we believe a 10% owner contingency is both reasonable and fiscally responsible at this stage. We respectfully ask the Board to consider committing \$175,095.41 from the District's</p>

unrestricted reserves to allow construction to begin now. Skate Cambria has demonstrated its ability to raise additional funds. This approach balances fiscal responsibility with community investment, preserves today's competitive construction pricing, and demonstrates the District's commitment to a project that has earned broad public support. This approach reflects the best of Cambria—a partnership between a committed community and its public agency. We respectfully ask you to move the skatepark project forward and help make this long-awaited community vision a reality. Thank you for your consideration. Laurie & Ron Mileur

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CAMBRIA COMMUNITY
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Written Public Comments

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Written Public Comment:	Agenda 6A 7/09/2026 Board of Directors : Please do the right thing by removing GM from this project. You need to take charge as directors it's obvious this GM is incapable. A budget adjustment needs to be in order . You Board need to assume responsibility for all the delays and mismanagement of this GM.

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Written Public Comments

Full Name:	Neal Breton
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Written Public Comment:	<p>Dear Esteemed District Board Members- I am writing as a father, resident of Los Osos with step-parents residing in Cambria and enthusiastic skateboard fan to voice my strong, enthusiastic support for the Cambria Skatepark project. While we in Los Osos are so fortunate to have an amazing park, Cambria's youth and young-at-heart have been without a safe, designated space to skate since 2020. Over the years, the dedication of our community, local businesses, and the Skate Cambria initiative has been nothing short of inspiring—successfully meeting major fundraising targets and proving how deeply Cambria wants and needs this facility. A modern, well-constructed skatepark provides more than just a place for recreation; it offers our local kids a safe environment to build a positive community, stay active, and practice a sport they love right here in town. Furthermore, it serves as an excellent, healthy asset for local families and visiting tourists alike. With the hard work of securing grants, meeting fundraising targets, and resolving recent procurement</p>

details behind us, I respectfully urge the Board to keep this project moving forward without any further delays. Please approve the necessary steps to get shovels in the ground as soon as possible. Our town's youth have waited patiently, and they deserve to see this project cross the finish line. Thank you for your time, your hard work, and your continued commitment to Cambria's families and future.
Sincerely, Neal Breton, age 51 Henry Cochrun, age 8

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Cambria Fire Fighter's Local 4635
2850 Burton Drive
Cambria, CA 93428

July 8, 2026

CCSD Board of Directors,

First, we would like to recognize the General Manager, District staff, and this Board for tackling difficult projects that had remained stagnant for many years. The Water Reclamation Facility is a good example. For a long time, many people questioned whether that project would ever move forward. Today, it has reached multiple major approval milestones at the County and Board of Supervisors level because staff and the Board remained committed to the process and did the difficult work necessary to move it forward.

That matters because the District is managing several major responsibilities at the same time.

IAFF is paying attention to the full District picture: fire protection, water, wastewater, parks and recreation, staffing, infrastructure, facilities, and long-term maintenance. The skatepark is one part of that larger picture, and the public record around it matters.

In 2025, Waterworth, the District's financial modeling consultant, presented General Fund projections showing future funding gaps if the District continues under the status quo. The basic message was clear: costs are rising, revenues are not keeping up at the same pace, and the District cannot keep adding obligations without a clear plan to pay for them.

During the April 23, 2026 Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) presentation, Executive Officer Rob Fitzroy emphasized several important points on the record. The District needs to be a good steward of public funds, set clear budget priorities, and avoid taking on responsibilities without the funding to support them. LAFCO identified fire protection and parks and recreation as two key areas of concern and made it clear that the District has to decide how the limited discretionary property tax is prioritized between them.

Mr. Fitzroy also stated that establishing policies for this is a common practice and a strong decision-making guide for the future. That is why Resolution 15-2026 is significant. The Board adopted a policy to prioritize General Fund revenues for core health, safety, and essential service obligations, and to limit discretionary non-essential capital expenditures.

The skatepark decision should be viewed in that larger financial context.

The District's skatepark documents identify a funding gap, rising cost concerns, floodplain and restroom issues, and long-term sustainability questions. At the March 13, 2025 Board meeting, the Board considered alternatives for completion of the skatepark, including changing its location to the East Ranch Community Park. The Board determined that the skatepark location should not change and considered concerns that had been raised by staff regarding funding shortfalls for the project. Staff has identified the East Ranch area as an alternative worth considering, especially if existing or planned public infrastructure could better support the project as part of the larger community park vision. The District already has a restroom at the East Ranch Community Park. If the Board chooses to revisit the East Ranch as a potential location for the skatepark, this would eliminate a significant additional expense while making more efficient use of existing District infrastructure. That is the record IAFF wants to place in front of the public.

Unfunded or underfunded projects are part of how our District ends up in difficult financial positions. We are asking the District to avoid repeating that pattern. Before moving down one path, the public should have a clear understanding of the full cost, the long-term maintenance, the funding source, and whether the East Ranch option offers a more practical use of public investment.

IAFF Local 4635 will continue to follow these decisions because they affect the whole District and the essential public services that this community depends on every day.

Thank you,

IAFF Local 4635

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Written Public Comments

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Written Public Comment:	In regards to the Cambria Skate Park: I believe the CCSD should provide the necessary funds to complete the Cambria Skate project. District delays and red tape have raised the price of the project leading to the shortfall of funds. Community members, young and old, as well as out of towners have put their hearts and sweat into raising money for a beloved cause. Please, CCSD Board, do the right thing and support funding the Cambria Skate Park which intern supports your community.

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