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Hello, Ossana --

My comments for today's meeting. I shall attend to read them myself, but ask you to include them for the record. Thank you.

Comments:

### **5A Discussion and Consideration of Strategic Plan Status Report and Update**

Thank you for referring to the board's Strategic Plan for the district. The goals of improving the web site and doing more with social media are worthy. However, the limitations that have been imposed on public comment during meetings are a step toward muzzling the public. That was effective at the last meeting, when public comment on the Emergency Water Supply Project name change was restricted to being heard before the board took up the question. As a result, the public commented on names that were not under consideration. The board unanimously adopted a new name, Water Reclamation Project, that the public had not previously discussed.

The effect was to avoid public comment on the actual name. I ask the board, in the interest of pursuing the goal of Increasing and Improving Public Communication, to welcome public comment during and after board discussion. That way, the public can participate meaningfully, rather than being sidelined and ignored.

### **Item 5C Dark Skies**

The Dark Skies initiative deserves the district's support. I urge the board to approve this letter, or its own revision of it, to advance Cambria to certification as an IDA International Dark Sky community.

Simple darkness has become rare. Artificial light spreads nearly everywhere. Too much of it, in the wrong places, disrupts ecosystems and prevents our own enjoyment of the night skies. Wildlife that relies on nighttime for essential life activities is confused by artificial lighting. Our own human systems can be disturbed.

Lighting that is too bright, in the wrong place or at the wrong time wastes energy. Cambria can take this step to reduce its energy use, costs and carbon footprint.

Darkness is becoming so rare that it is a community asset. IDA Dark Sky certification is a positive attribute that would add to Cambria's many other visitor attractions. It centers Cambria's allure as an environmentally conscious community in an iconic coastal setting.

I ask you to take this opportunity today to support the measures required to make Cambria a Dark Sky community.

**5E Discussion and Consideration of a Letter Opposing the Repeal of the Ordinance to Regulate Polystyrene**

I urge the board to support this. IWMA represents the entire county, and Cambria's district should be heard on this issue, whether our IWMA board rep considers us or not. This is an issue for everyone, but especially on our coast. Thank you for speaking up on this important issue.

**6B GM report**

As has been pointed out, the General Manager understates the district's financial obligation in repaying the principal plus interest is \$9,215,878, not the much lower figure of \$6,780,423 he cites. As the board, and the public, consider the district's financial needs for infrastructure, it's worth reflecting on the millions already spent, and yet due, on this plant, whatever it is called.

Harassment training for the staff is helpful. The board can support staff by directing the Policy Committee to develop a policy on harassment.

Thank you.

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Christine Heinrichs

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Dear Osanna Teresian,

This is a comment pertaining to item SC on your agenda, the dark skies initiative.

I'm sure you will receive a lot of knowledgeable comments on light pollution and its negative effect on the human and animal population. They are all true. But since others can present this better than I can, I'd like to comment from a slightly different perspective—that of an amateur astrophotographer. I've been shooting deep sky images from my Cambria backyard for the better part of three years. Deep sky is generally nebulae and galaxies, rather than moon, planets, and the galactic center (aka the Milky Way). People are stunned by what I can do, because most live in such a light-polluted area that they could never do this work. In fact, a significant number of people in the US can't see the Milky Way from where they live, and many have never seen it.

I have no idea if it does any good to send you any of these, as I don't know if you have any way to show them at the meeting, but I'll include a couple under this comment, in case you can. The best of them are also on my website at: <http://www.catherineryanhyde.com/my-astrophotography/>. I have never had to move my equipment to a darker location to take astro images.

I realize that most people are not interested in taking up this hobby, but many people are interested in the night sky. Just to sit outdoors at night and observe the clear edge of our own galaxy, or a constellation like Orion or Cassiopeia, is a treat. So many of our visitors come to Cambria from LA or San Francisco, where they do not have access to the beauty of a dark, starry sky at night. Dark Sky communities are a tourist draw.

There is nothing to be gained and everything to be lost by lighting our streets with blue-rich, unhooded LED streetlights, and allowing businesses to flood Main Street with light long after they close. People who leave their outside lights on at night are not really making themselves safer, but if they truly feel they are, I would ask them this question: Where are those bad guys you're afraid of? Are they on the ground, or in the sky? Individual yard lights can be hooded to direct the light toward the ground where it's needed. And those who feel it is their right to light their yard might consider that they are lighting their neighbor's yard as well, which is not their right.

All this improves with the education involved in becoming a Dark Sky Community. Cambria has a rich resource above us. Let's not throw it away by being short-sighted.

Thank you,

Catherine Ryan Hyde





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Public comment for 5E



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John  
Please accept this email to be read at the comment period on Item5(e) at today's CCSD meeting

As the chamber president we support repealing the ordinance.  
Mel McColloch

President Cambria Chamber of Commerce



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