

**CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
 PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
 JOINT MEETING OF CCSD PROS COMMISSION AND FRIENDS OF THE FISCALINI RANCH PRESERVE  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012, 6:30 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION OR ACTION
1A. <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Commissioner Chair Kniffen called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.
1B. <b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	
1C. <b>ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM</b>	Chair Kniffen Present Vice Chair Miller Absent Commissioner Bouldin Present Commissioner Renshaw Present Commissioner Roche Absent Staff Present: General Manager Gruber and District Clerk Choate
2. <b>WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS</b>	Jo Ellen introduced PROS Commissioners; and Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Board of Directors; Adolph Atencio, Jan Bahringer, Alese Bell, Marian King, Richard Lee, Brad Seek, and Curt Snow.
3. <b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	<b>Public Comment:</b> None
4. <b>SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS</b>	
A. Receive Equestrian Project Proposal Presentation by Susan McDonald, Kathleen Jones, and Linda Finley	Linda Finley presented the Equestrian Project proposal Power Point. Dawn Dunlap presented the history of Cambria as it related to equestrian use and activity. Linda Finley introduced Dr. Helen Wood. Dr. Wood has worked with NARA since 1997, working with therapy riding. She outlined the physical and mental benefits of horse therapy. <b>Public Comment:</b> <u>Micki Burton</u> , Cambria. Commented on her involvement with purchase of East West Ranch and Management Plan. She does not recall Equestrian plan ever being proposed. <u>Shirley Bianchi</u> , collaborated what Dawn Dunlap said tonight. Commented on the \$500,000 from SLO County Public Facility Fee that was to be used by CCSD relative to a park, recreation, or open space on the East Ranch. As to horses, she is supportive of Horse Park particularly that which helps children or adults with any type of a problem. They had a very retarded son until he got into a horse therapy program, which got him up and walking. John was never expected to walk. <u>Valerie Bentz</u> , Cambria. Impressed with hard work

and dedication with people who came forward with plan for East Ranch. Likes horses and working with doctoral people and supports efforts with hearts, just does not know if East Ranch is place for equestrian facility, particularly with certain amounts of intensity.

Steve Figler, Cambria. Commented on his involvement with original planning of the Park which amounts to seventeen acres on the East side of Highway 1, 4% of Ranch, and he is concerned that the County will want its half million dollars back if we don't do something there that deals with active recreation. Commented on his concerns regarding traffic safety related to the only entrance and exit to the East Ranch. Believes environmental laws limit all activity in a park be at least 50' away from the creek, which seems it would prohibit horses in the creek or crossing a creek.

Anne Winburn, Cambria. Thanked Horse Park Committee for impressive presentation, work, and thought to history of town. Horse, cattle ranching activities are marvelous. Is Horse Park going to rent the property from CCSD for the horse lesson therapy? Dr. Wood provided insight to the therapies and concurs with therapy. Is the activity allowed on the Ranch? Looking for clarity from powers to be as to whether it is allowed as the plan is written. Commented on return of \$500,000, does not believe it will happen, and believes CCSD has fulfilled its obligation by agreeing to complete the purchase of East West Ranch and begin the process of public access. Commented on the 2005 recreation survey that did not include horses on the Ranch. Supportive of equestrian activities.

Kelly Johnson, Cambria. Twenty year resident. Has ridden horses and cattle all over California. Representing Cambria 4H, 22 years, has used this Ranch for nature activities, learning trails. Has equestrian group and would love to come out on ranch, Cambria Corral used to ride on the Ranch. Supports equestrian activities on the Ranch.

Tina Dickason, Cambria. Holds respect for horse owners, riders, lovers of our community. However, what she saw tonight, the effort placed on this proposal, really goes far beyond what was first proposed through PROS for a community park and Anne Winburn mentioned 2005 survey and

	<p>horseback riding and equestrian trails were not considered at all at that time. Who would pay for liability insurance for children participating in riding activities? Suggested ranchers open up their properties for the program. Will there be separate hiking trails? Who will clean up horse manure? Off leash dogs and horses on the ranch?</p> <p>Presenter, Susan McDonald commented on best management practices and this first step to introduce a proposal, not fully formed, for consideration by PROS to move this to the Board of Directors level to talk about revising the East West Ranch Management Plan to include equestrian facility in the development of the Ranch Management Plan as a community activity. The horse manure would be picked up in the arena and along the trails.</p>
6. <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Commissioner Chair Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

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