

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Fwd: Agenda Item 8D
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:13:50 PM
Attachments: [EDIT TO TABLE 8-2 \(2\).pdf](#)

Good afternoon, Ossana.

Please add this to Public Comment for the minutes. I hope to be speaking when the item comes up this afternoon.

Thanks,
Tina Dickason

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From: Tina Dickason [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 1:02 PM
Subject: Agenda Item 8D
To: Cindy Steidel [REDACTED]
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Cc: Ray Dienzo <rdienzo@cambriacsd.org>, John F. Weigold IV <jweigold@cambriacsd.org>

Good afternoon, CCSD Board of Directors!

I write to draw your attention to page 254 of today's agenda, under Agenda Item 8D--Utilities Report.

Please see, if you haven't already, the most recent well-level readings posted on CCSD's website, August 16, 2021, as well as the table attached below indicating Stages of Drought in correlation to well-levels and gradient levels.

<https://www.cambriacsd.org/files/dd6e3516b/2021+Well+Reads.pdf>

The table shown on page 254 of the agenda, implies that the August 2, SS well-level average reads indicate a **Drought Stage 3, which is 16.1 to 18.1 feet**. Since the actual well-level reads on August 2 indicated it was **12.53 feet**, I'm not understanding how the Drought Stage 3 calculation was arrived at in this agenda?

The **gradient** on August 2 was **1.46** -- SS4 to 9P2. According to the table, Mr. Dienzo presented to the Board, July 15, the gradient levels in a Drought Stage 5 are between **1.9--2.1**. (See table below for gradient levels/Stages of Drought)

The SS average well-levels reads from **Aug 16, 2021, is 11.72 feet**, indicating

a Level 6 Stage of Drought.

The gradient on August 16 was 1.36 -- SS4 to 9P2. The gradient level is shown to be at 1.8 in a Drought Stage 6. The table does not have a gradient equivalent below 1.8--we are clearly below that number!

It is incumbent upon the Board to take a serious look at the numbers presented here, and make decisions based on what is actual, as this town (as well as the state) is going through another significant drought. I find it sobering that it appears necessary to take my time to address what has not been presented to you in this agenda packet.

We have a facility that was built to address issues of extreme drought, which we are now experiencing; the District's numbers prove it! It's time to act in the best interests of our community and for the health and safety of us all.

Regards,
Tina Dickason

(For a refresher, you may want to view the July 15 Board meeting, where Mr. Dienzo gives his presentation on the Stages of Drought--at about 33 minutes into the video) <https://www.cambriacsd.org/2021-07-15-board-meeting>

**SUGGESTED EDIT TO TABLE 8-2 SHORTAGE RESPONSE ACTIONS:
INCLUSION OF ACTUAL METRICS FOR PERCENT OF NORMAL RANGES IN THE “CRITERIA”
COLUMN**

STAGE	WBE	WBW	GRADIENT	AVG SAN SIMEON WELLS
2	5.6	5.6	3.0	20.1
	5.2	5.1	2.8	18.2
3	5.1	5.0	2.7	18.1
	4.6	4.6	2.5	16.1
4	4.5	4.5	2.4	16.0
	4.1	4.0	2.2	14.1
5	4.0	3.9	2.1	14.0
	3.5	3.4	1.9	12.1
6	3.4	3.3	1.8	12.0

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [BoardComment](#)
Date: Water Rationing
Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:36:12 AM

Dear President Cindy Steidel and members Harry Farmer, Donn Howell, Karen Dean and Ton Gray,

The news is that Cambria's extreme water shortage has reached STAGE 6 in the devastating drought.

Please educate the public and issue an order to ration water now.

Sincerely,
Lori Slater

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: comment to be read aloud at CCSD meeting 8/19/21 please.
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 3:58:41 PM

- 1) I am asking the CCSD directors to work for the people who own land here, pay the water bills, and who voted them in, not for the tourists at this time of water crisis. Please, if we need to cut back so severely, at least close a few of the hotel rooms and put up port a potties until we have enough water.

- 2) No more building until you fix the infrastructure and get us a stable water supply. The WRC is worthless, not permitted, and we r spending a fortune on it. You never said in your new annual budget how much it will cost to haul out the brine if you end up starting up the water plant within the next year. Huge debt for us Cambrians. Do they know?

- 3) You cannot approve 33 new building apartments w/o an evacuation plan, which means another road at Schoolhouse lane. There's only ONE road w a dead end. Fire department should be ON that.

- 4) Most government buisnesses don't allow employees to drive their work trucks home. This adds extra wear & tear on the vehicle, and costs us ratepayers.

- 5) There are things u can do now to help Cambrians. Make it mandatory that everyone have water tanks at their homes, now! Water catch systems like in Hawaii should be mandatory. More rebates for Flume, and you should get some rebates for water tanks.

Sincerely,

David & Karen Pearson
[REDACTED], Cambria

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Prospective Water Rate Increases
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 4:23:02 PM

Dear CCSD Board,

I just want to say in advance of tomorrow's CCSD meeting, that I am a Cambria resident, and I am against rampant spending and more water rate increases like three years ago which did not lead to fixing the infrastructure problem but instead went to increased pay raises for the CCSD. We need to fix the infrastructure problem, we need to make plans to have sufficient water for the people who pay for it, and there should be no building until these things are met.

Thanks for listening,

Evaan Portillo

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: ITEM 7E
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:01:16 PM

President Steidel and Members of the Board,

I get extremely nervous every time you consider hiring a consulting firm to consider rate increases. I'm on a fixed income and receive a minimal discount on my sewer bill which is inadequate. It is hard enough to pay as it is and I fear that I, and many other Cambrians on fixed incomes, will not be able to afford to continue to live here.

To make matters worse, in my view, much of the money spent by the district over the past years has not benefitted the majority of ratepayers...particularly in regard to failing to repair and upgrade the infrastructure. The water treatment plant has sucked way too much of the district's budget since it was built. A water treatment plant has little value if water cannot be stored and efficiently delivered. And it has no value if we can't afford to run it or get rid of its waste.

This is not the time to consider raising rates and I ask that you table the matter for now.

Thank you,
Donald Archer

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Thursday August 19 meeting comments
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021 12:44:25 PM

These are the comments I intend to give at this afternoon's meeting. Please include them in the written record. Thank you.

Item 7B comment: Thank you for bringing this change to district procedures. These permit applications add new water users to a system that is already damaging the creeks and riparian habitat due to current extractions. They need to be publicly vetted before they are approved, especially now that Cambria is coming to grips with 21st century water use. The Coastal Commission may be cheered by the appearance of the district taking steps to, if not stop approving permits that add new water users, at least making the process more public, and thus accountable. The inclusion of fire considerations is also significant. Cambria's narrow, winding streets make evacuation in the event of fire slow and dangerous. Adding more residents places more demand on streets that were not built to serve that level of population. I encourage the board to adopt this ordinance amendment, and then abide by it.

Item 7C comment: I welcome this change to the automatic approval previously given to these permit applications. While the district claims not to have land use authority to issue permits, which is technically the county's authority, the board and staff are well aware that the county views its role as a Pass Through agency, a rubber stamp, on any permit application which comes to it with district approval. This process has frustrated the Coastal Commissioners, who described it as, you will pardon me, but quoting, "Bullshit," and "If there was a lawsuit to bring against anybody, to me, it would be this CCSD," no kidding, watch the video of the November 6, 2020 meeting, and have suggested that they might need to put up a billboard in Cambria to tell the public, "Don't believe these people." That's you. So thank you for dodging further embarrassment by giving yourselves a law to obey. Two more permits, Bookout and Hadian, approved by district staff and the county, are now on appeal, which will be heard September 14. I encourage the board to add these two to the short list of ITS letters being suspended, and support the appeals. The Coastal Commission has told the applicants, the county and the district that these permits will be denied. Why give the Coastal Commission another occasion to humiliate the district? Stop these permits now.

Item 7D comment: Thank you for undertaking this Instream Flow study. Specifically, it addresses one of the requirements in the county's Information Hold on the district's application for a Coastal Development Permit for the EWS/SWF/WRF. The study was supposed to happen in Summer 2020, but 2022 is close enough. The Instream Flow Study is only one item. In more than a year since the CDP application was filed, the district has been unable to provide a single document to fulfill those nine pages of requirements, such as concurrence letters from various resource agencies, including California Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and State Water Resource Control Board regarding the proposed Adaptive Management Plan. The district has a biologist surveying the area, but no reports to the public or submitted to the county yet. Please make those reports public, and invite the biologist to report publicly. Utilities Manager Dienzo has told the board that he has documents to respond to the Information Hold. Please share these with the public, and provide a response as to why a year has passed without action. Water project critics are often blamed for the failure of this project to have a permit after seven years. The district's inability to complete the permit application is the reason, not public critics.

Item 8B Comment: Please thank Utilities Manager Dienzo for focusing on commercial

accounts for water conservation. that makes sense all year, regardless of Water Emergency status. With the Stage 4 Water Emergency, another area of conservation would be replacing the public restrooms with portapotties. It does not make sense to use scarce water to flush waste. And providing local businesses with rate relief in consideration of their allowing visitors to use their restrooms is indefensible during a Water Emergency. Don't do it. Conserve water so that we will all have adequate water. Note also the Will Serves listed. Has staff already approved these? Has the impact on water use been evaluated? Those are important questions to consider as all of us are conserving water in an uncertain future.

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Christine Heinrichs

From:

Subject:

5F -Approve Director Dean's Attendance at the California Special District Association's (CSDA) Special District Leadership Academy in September

Date:

Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:39:24 PM

I plan to attend via webinar today and would like to make a verbal public comment on this item when it comes up.

Amanda R