

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF PROS (Parks Recreation and Open Space) COMMISSIONERS
September 2, 2014 – 1000 Main Street, Veterans Memorial Building

1 Opening

1. A. Commission Chair Steve Kniffen called meeting to order at 10:10 AM.
Present: PROS Commissioners: Joyce Renshaw, Tim Roche, Adolph Atencio and Chair Steve Kniffen Absent Ben Bouldin
Parks & Recreation Liaison & CCSD Board: Michael Thompson present.
CCSD Staff: District Clerk, Monique Madrid absent, Facilities and Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza, present and General Manager Jerry Gruber present. Ex Officio Members: FFRP (Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve) – JoEllen Butler present, CUSD absent
- 1B. Established quorum of four commissioners present.
- 1C. **Chair Report** – Chair Kniffen reported blood donation facilities will be at Sea Chest September 16th.
- 2A. **Ex-Officio Member Reports**
Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FFRP) JoEllen reported that she is receiving many many emails by some members of the Community who are unhappy with the cutting down of the Eucalyptus trees on the East Ranch. The Berry trail and bikes is a problem even though a barrier had been put up there to slow down the bikes. She also reported on a grant that is being applied for by CCSD, Green-space, Cal fire, Fire Department and FFRP for \$300,000 to remove pampas grass, dead tree and dying trees in Strawberry canyon and on the Ranch. It is a preliminary grant written by SLO Fire Safe Council.
- 2B. **Coast Unified School District** – No report
- 3. Public Comment on Topics Not on the Agenda** – none
- 4. General Manager's and Facilities and Resources Supervisor Report**–
A. Carlos reported that we need direction for the removal of the stumps left by the eucalyptus trees. We need to seek direction from David Foote for permits etc. that will be needed.
A Topographic map is the next thing that is needed. We need to ask David Foote about this also.
The Phillips house needs to come down as it is a public health and safety issue at this point. We need permits for this to happen. It is possible that Mark Miller would pursue the demolition permit. The public needs to be informed about the possibility of this happening before it is accomplished. Perhaps a plaque could be placed in the area where the house stood and some of the wood used in other projects?

There is a powerpoint presentation on the CCSD website about the Cambria Emergency water supply project.

Once again, Carlos reported that a biological survey was done before the removal of the Eucalyptus. Three surveys were taken by a biologist and he was there on the day of the removal of the trees.

The new map of the park needs to be put on the CCSD website.

The tree trunks went to a company in Templeton who will make play and tree houses out of the material. A Film was made on the removal of the last tree trunk, on the truck and will be shown probably in November.

The fire breaks are finished on the Ranch.

5 Regular Business

A. Commissioner Atencio moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2014 as corrected. Commissioner Roche seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Ayes – 4, No – 0, Absent – 0

6. **Comments, Concerns, Other Future Discussion Items** none

7. **Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 10:50 A.M.**

Next PROS Regular Meeting: October 7, 2014 at 10:00 A.M., Veterans Memorial Building, 1000 Main Street, Cambria