Haley, here are my three questions:

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> 1. I find it easier to support projects when I understand how the money will be spent. Please specify the top three infrastructure improvements (and their estimated cost) planned for the sewer infrastructure. Please also specify the estimated annual income derived from the rate increase.

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> 2. It's my understanding that the EWS (SWF) has never produced water for distribution to ratepayers. Is this true or false? If true, why is a rate increase needed and how will it be used? If false, please quantify the amount of water produced in the past three months.

3. What is the monthly debt service of the EWS (SWF) monthly interest payment and has anyone checked to see if its possible to refinance at today's low interest rates?

From:	John F. Weigold IV
То:	Harry Farmer; Cindy Steidel; Amanda Rice; Donn Howell; David Pierson
Cc:	Tim Carmel; Lane Harkins; Haley Dodson
Subject:	FW: Rate Increase
Date:	Sunday, May 17, 2020 9:04:35 PM

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO ALL

Passing along an email from Jim Anderson.

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

jweigold@cambriacsd.org Work: 805-927-6230 Mobile: <u>203-912-5652</u>

From: jim anderson
Date: Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 6:17 PM
To: "John F. Weigold, IV" <jweigold@cambriacsd.org>
Subject: Re: Rate Increase

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Dear Mr. Weigold,

I support the proposed water and sewer rate increase. Please pass this to the five board members.

Thank you, L James Anderson

Here's another

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

j <<u>mailto:john.weigold@navy.mil</u>>weigold@cambriacsd.org Work: 805-927-6230 Mobile: 203-912-5652 <tel:203-912-5652>

On 5/18/20, 6:40 PM, "Gail Robinette"

wrote:

Dear CCSD Board,

As Cambria residents, we support implementation of a water and wastewater rate increase and applaud the Finance Committee's recommendation to do so. A rate increase will ensure that we can count on these critical services and avoid running out of water as has sadly happened in other communities.

Best Regards,

Gail Robinette and Verlinda Bailey

Sent from my iPad

From:	
То:	BoardComment
Subject:	Rate increase
Date:	Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:12:57 PM

CCSD must find a way to cover their expenses in a better way than to continually charging citizens. Cambria is mostly made up of older folks on a fixed income. We cannot continue to use our meager earnings to pay such exorbitant rates for basic essentials like water! TY

Joe and Julie Barnett

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

MEMO

DATE: 21 May 2020

FROM: Elizabeth Bettenhausen

TO: CCSD Board of Directors

SUBJECT: 7.C. of May 21, 2020, Agenda: water, SWF, wastewater rate increase

1. I request that you table until July 16, 2020, Item 7.C. on today's Agenda: the resolution to increase water, SWF, and wastewater rates. You have insufficient information about the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Cambria to make a reasonable, informed decision today about the rate increases. You might have better information in July.

If you approve the rate increase at that meeting, the increase would begin on Sept. 1, 2020, and payment would be due on Nov. 1, 2020.

2. I request that you instruct the General Manager and the Financial Officer to reduce by \$115,000 the expenditures projected for the FY20-21 Budget being prepared. On page 229 of the Agenda today for 7.C., this is the amount posited for delaying the increase for one billing cycle.

The Budget the Board of Directors adopts in June 2020 can be changed as soon as the 2nd quarter of FY 20-21 or later.

3. I request that you consider on your Agenda revisiting your action of May 14, 2020, hiring a consultant to work on the UWMP. Reverse your action and table the hiring. This would free-up \$99,990.

(Minutes of May 14, 2020, meeting are not yet available. Thus I am assuming 6.E., the UWMP proposal was adopted 6.E.)

You could again address hiring the consultant when you have more information about the CDP and the UWMP Guidebook and changes for the UWMP later in the summer of 2020.

4. I request that you table item 7.B. on today's Agenda:

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES WITH SNIDER AND ASSOCIATES.

This would also free up ca. \$4,800 - \$5,500.

This amount is not in the FY19-20 Budget. In the Fiscal Impact discussion of this item 7.B. today, p. 64, it is important to note this statement: "If a budget adjustment is needed, there is a surplus projected for personnel services, of which a portion can be transferred to services and supplies during the 4th quarter budget report."

If such surplus carries over from one FY to the next, this would also set off some of the reduction or postponement of \$115,000 in rate revenue.

Fyi

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

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On 5/19/20, 7:41 AM, "Karen Chrisman"

wrote:

Dear Directors of the CCSD,

For the reasons set forth in the CCSD Staff Report dated May 13, I urge you to implement the water and wastewater rate increases as recommended by the majority of the Finance Committee.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Karen Chrisman

Sent from my iPad

FYI

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

jweigold@cambriacsd.org (M) <u>203-912-5652</u>

Begin forwarded message:

From: Wes Densmore Date: May 15, 2020 at 8:41:30 AM PDT To: Harry Farmer <HFarmer@cambriacsd.org>, Cindy Steidel <csteidel@cambriacsd.org>, Amanda Rice <ARice@cambriacsd.org>, Donn Howell <dhowell@cambriacsd.org>, David Pierson <dpierson@cambriacsd.org> Cc: "John F. Weigold IV" <jweigold@cambriacsd.org> Subject: Support for Water Rate Increases

Dear CSD Directors,

We support the Recommended Water Rate Increases.

Wes & Doris Ann Densmore

From:	
То:	Haley Dodson
Subject:	Fwd: Colleges trimming retirement plans
Date:	Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:43:13 PM

These are the comments I sent to the Board. I cannot get the Zoom meeting back.

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From: Tina Dickason		
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020		
Subject: Colleges trimming retirem	nent plans	
To: Harry Farmer	, Cindy Steidel	, Donn
Howell	, Amanda Rice	, David
Pierson		
Cc: "John F. Weigold IV" < <u>jweigo</u>	<u>ld@cambriacsd.org</u> >	

To: CCSD Board of Directors

As the Covid-19 pandemic is hitting a huge amount of our population, institutions, state agencies, businesses of every kind, are having to make cut-backs to manage their resources in a responsible way--(see links below). I just learned that the Regional Water Quality Control Board, will be furloughing their employees, two days out of every month, as will all state agencies. Morro Bay City Council members are taking a 10% cut in pay--see link below. What is the CCSD doing?

At a time when this pandemic has affected the lives and incomes of millions--37 million have applied for unemployment nationwide, the CCSD has done nothing to reduce costs, but have no problem asking their ratepayers for a significant rate increase. While some folks in Cambria, may be able to absorb more exorbitant costs, others will be struggling. I would strongly suggest, as I have before, that the CCSD take a responsible leadership role in **reducing unnecessary costs**, and soften the blow of the currently scheduled rate increase. If other agencies are recognizing the need for action, then I would suggest you folks begin to follow their lead. To not do anything, except raise rates, shows a significant lack of responsibility and leadership, and cries out for change.

Regards, Tina Dickason

https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/the-state-worker/article242854251.html

https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/05/21/more-institutions-are-suspending-orcutting-retirement-plan-contributions?utm_source=Inside+Higher+Ed&utm_campaign= 4014dceb11-DNU_2019_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1fcbc04421-4014dceb11-197815665&mc_cid=4014dceb11

https://calcoastnews.com/2020/04/morro-bay-city-council-members-forgo-pay-amid-financialcrisis/ ------ Forwarded message ------From: John Date: Thu, May 21, 2020 at 8:12 AM Subject: Colleges trimming retirement plans To: Tina Dickason

https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/05/21/more-institutions-are-suspending-orcutting-retirement-plan-contributions?

Haley Dodson

From: Sent: To: Subject: Christina Ensch Wednesday, May 20, 2020 7:32 PM BoardComment rate increase

to the board members

we are very much opposed to another rate increase especially during these difficult times. Everyone is effected financially by this pandemic and worried about their jobs, income, daycare and rising cost of food. We should not have another rate increase. Our bills are already ridiculously high and we barely even use any water. thanks Ray and Chris Ensch St Thomas Cambria resident

Sent from my iPhone

Fyi

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

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From: Cindy Steidel <csteidel@cambriacsd.org>
Date: Monday, May 18, 2020 at 2:06 PM
To: Harry Farmer <HFarmer@cambriacsd.org>, Donn Howell <dhowell@cambriacsd.org>,
David Pierson <dpierson@cambriacsd.org>, Amanda Rice <ARice@cambriacsd.org>
Cc: "John F. Weigold, IV" <jweigold@cambriacsd.org>
Subject: FW: CCSD Rate Increase

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Cindy Steidel, Vice President Cambria Community Services District

District Office 805-927-6223

From: Igor Fedoroff Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:58 PM To: Cindy Steidel <csteidel@cambriacsd.org> Subject: CCSD Rate Increase

Hi Cindy,

For the reasons set forth in the CCSD Staff Report dated May 13 we urge you to implement the water and wastewater rate increases as recommended by the majority of the Finance Committee.

Iggy and Suze Fedoroff

Sent from my iPad

Fyi

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

jweigold@cambriacsd.org Work: 805-927-6230 Mobile: 203-912-5652

From: Igor Fedoroff
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 10:00 PM
To: Donn Howell <dhowell@cambriacsd.org>
Cc: "John F. Weigold, IV" <jweigold@cambriacsd.org>
Subject: CCSD Rate Increase

Hi Donn,

For the reasons set forth in the CCSD Staff Report dated May 13 we urge you to implement the water and wastewater rate increases as recommended by the majority of the Finance Committee.

Iggy and Suze Fedoroff

Sent from my iPad

21 May 2020

To the Board:

Raising rates at this time, with many people struggling financially ignores the real problems the Covid-19 pandemic has caused.

However, the district is in such deep debt, even this rate increase isn't going to bring in enough money to cover the costs.

The Emergency Water Supply Project has beggared the district. It starts with the annual payments of over \$650,000. That takes a big bite out of district finances right there. But that's never enough. Costs have been running at around a million dollars a year. Currently, the district is also pursuing a \$3.5 million lawsuit against the contractor, which adds to legal expenses. At the last meeting, the board approved another \$100,000 contract related to the plant. Although only about \$25,000 of that is designated for work related to the EWS, the board approved the additional \$75,000, for work on the Urban Water Management Plan, even after the utilities manager told them that he and the district staff could do that work in house.

That's another \$25,000 in the EWS column. The application is not yet complete, six years after the plant was constructed.

So that's the reason the district needs a rate increase. As they have pursued the EWS, they have ignored normal maintenance on water and sewer infrastructure. To address that, they entered into an agreement with PG&E for a Sustainable Solutions Turnkey Program, for an initial payment of about half a million dollars, looking forward to ten million or so more in repairs and upgrades. It's hard to argue against this, either. After years of deferred maintenance, the district's pipes are rusty and its electrical and electronic systems are outdated. Where's that money going to come from?

I feel like a piker for bringing it up, but on today's agenda, the board is considering hiring yet another contractor to come up with a Strategic Plan. I applaud the staff for reducing that to \$4,800 plus travel and expenses. Heck, while they are paying bills in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, what's another five or ten?

So that's why the board is under pressure to raise rates. They need to pay the bills. Cambrians want reliable water and sewer service. They aren't able to stop making those EWS payments and are apparently unwilling to stop hiring contractors to reach for that elusive permit to operate the EWS – despite their own advisor telling them to scale back.

That's where the money's going. The district has continued to spend millions of dollars on the EWS, ignored water and sewer maintenance, and now is in a bind. Now or later, the money can only come from the ratepayers.

--Christine Heinrichs FYI

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

jweigold@cambriacsd.org (M) <u>203-912-5652</u>

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bill Hughes Date: May 15, 2020 at 9:09:10 AM PDT Cc: Bill Hughes Subject: Implement Rate & Water Increases

Dear Directors, Cambria Community Services District:

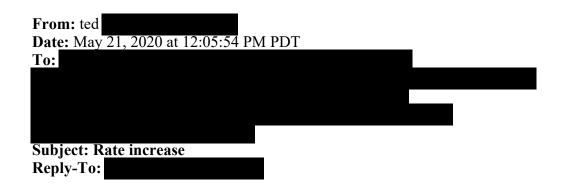
For the reasons set forth in the CCSD Staff Report dated May 13, we urge you to implement the water and wastewater rate increases as recommended by the majority of the Finance Committee.

Bill & Suzanne Hughes

Hi Haley will you please include this letter in the record. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:



Directors:

Today you are yet again contemplating another rate increase. Like death and taxes over time we can be sure the rates are going to go up.

For quite some time now I have been most disappointed by the expenditures in some areas particularly, the never-ending financial drain presented by the AWTP. This project is slated to receive another 12% of the proposed increase. My question to each of you, is there any amount of money that would be too much to spend on a device that is hundreds of percent over estimates and that your currently suing the manufacturer for non performance? How many hours of staff time and now another 100k of consulting which is really still all about the AWTP CDP, not the water plan?

During the last six years as these CDP machinations have gone on, technology has moved forward in leaps and bounds. Will you be concerned about never ending spending on a machine quickly becoming obsolete? I urge you to please carefully note what I have just written here. On the other hand I have been urging the district to get our house in order with leak detection and control. I am very pleased to see that process moving well forward. I am all for that and fully accept those additional costs. The available water from a reduction in leak losses of 4 to 5 percent off our average 13% represent a huge change for us!

Over the last five years my bill with the same usage has increased almost \$50 a month, \$600 a year. While I might be able to absorb that figure my wife and others delivered food yesterday to many in this town who are struggling to pay their rent and feed their kids much less their utilities.

Many local districts are controlling their costs with reduction measures, adding 100k of yet more consulting is the antithesis of that.

Directors, it is cruel and unusual punishment for those who are struggling financially to implement a rate increase right now. I urge either a no vote or a tabling of this issue until some semblance of stability returns.

Thank you

Ted Key



Another one.

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

jweigold@cambriacsd.org Work: 805-927-6230 Mobile: 203-912-5652

From:

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 8:57 AM

To:

Cc: Pamela Duffield <pduffield@cambriacsd.org>, "John F. Weigold, IV" <jweigold@cambriacsd.org>

Subject: please don't raise our rates anymore

Hello,

Please do not raise our rates anymore. Enough is enough.

Teresa Lees

Another one

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

jweigold@cambriacsd.org Work: 805-927-6230 Mobile: <u>203-912-5652</u>

From: Mel McColloch		
Reply-To: Mel McColloch		
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at	it 8:01 AM	
To: Harry Farmer	, Cindy Steidel	, David
Pierson	, Amanda Rice	,
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Cc: "Melvin L. McColloch"		
Subject: Re: For Board Meeting		
This letter of support is for the May 21st m Thank you Mel	neeting.	
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Mel McColloch		
President		
Cambria Chamber of Commerce		
Principal Asset Logic Group		
McColloch Consulting LLC		



Sent from my iPhone

Fyi. Another one.

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

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From: Cindy Steidel <csteidel@cambriacsd.org>
Date: Monday, May 18, 2020 at 2:09 PM
To: Harry Farmer <HFarmer@cambriacsd.org>, David Pierson <dpierson@cambriacsd.org>,
Amanda Rice <ARice@cambriacsd.org>, Donn Howell <dhowell@cambriacsd.org>
Cc: "John F. Weigold, IV" <jweigold@cambriacsd.org>
Subject: FW: Rate increase

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Cindy Steidel, Vice President Cambria Community Services District

District Office 805-927-6223

From: Nancy McLaughlin Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 2:52 PM To: Cindy Steidel <csteidel@cambriacsd.org> Subject: Rate increase

Dear Ms. Steidel,

For the reasons set forth in the CCSD Staff Report dated May 13 I urge you to implement the water and wastewater rate increases as recommended by the majority of the Finance Committee.

Nancy McLaughlin

FYI

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

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Begin forwarded message:

From: BEATRICE MOORE

Date: May 17, 2020 at 10:02:51 PM PDT To: Harry Farmer <HFarmer@cambriacsd.org>, Cindy Steidel <csteidel@cambriacsd.org>, Amanda Rice <ARice@cambriacsd.org>, David Pierson <dpierson@cambriacsd.org>, Donn Howell <dhowell@cambriacsd.org> Cc: "John F. Weigold IV" <jweigold@cambriacsd.org> Subject: Wastewater rate increase

Dear Directors,

For the reasons set forth in the CCSDStaff Report dated May 13 we urge you to implement the water and wastewater rate increases as recommended by the majority of the Finance Committee. Thank you.

Beatrice C. Moore

Sent from my iPad

From:	Cindy Steidel
То:	John F. Weigold IV
Cc:	Haley Dodson
Subject:	FW: Proposed Rate Increase
Date:	Wednesday, May 20, 2020 7:55:16 AM

FYI

Cindy Steidel, Vice President Cambria Community Services District

District Office 805-927-6223

From: John Nixon

Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 7:13 AM To: Cindy Steidel <csteidel@cambriacsd.org> Subject: Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Director Steidel, Cambria Community Services District: For the reasons set forth in the CCSD Staff Report dated May 13 we urge you to implement the water and wastewater rate increases as recommended by the majority of the Finance Committee. John and Mary Nixon fyi

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

jweigold@cambriacsd.org Work: 805-927-6230 Mobile: 203-912-5652

From: Andy Pickar

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 3:15 PM

To: Harry Farmer <HFarmer@cambriacsd.org>, Cindy Steidel <csteidel@cambriacsd.org>, Amanda Rice <ARice@cambriacsd.org>, David Pierson <dpierson@cambriacsd.org>, Donn Howell <dhowell@cambriacsd.org>

Cc: "John F. Weigold, IV" <jweigold@cambriacsd.org>

Subject: CCSD FY20/21 Water and Wastewater Rate Increase

Dear Directors, Cambria Community Services District:

I have read the CCSD Staff Report dated May 13 and concur with the CCSD Finance Committee majority recommendation that the Board approve the increase effective July 1 but delay implementation 1 Billing Cycle. I urge the CCSD Board of Directors to implement the water and wastewater rate increases as recommended by the majority of the Finance Committee.

Andy Pickar

FYI.

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

jweigold@cambriacsd.org (M) <u>203-912-5652</u>

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From: Mark Rochefort Date: May 14, 2020 at 4:13:06 PM PDT To: Harry Farmer <HFarmer@cambriacsd.org>, Cindy Steidel <csteidel@cambriacsd.org>, Amanda Rice <ARice@cambriacsd.org>, David Pierson <dpierson@cambriacsd.org>, Donn Howell <dhowell@cambriacsd.org> Cc: "John F. Weigold IV" <jweigold@cambriacsd.org> Subject: FY20/21 Rate Increases

Dear Directors, Cambria Community Services District: For the reasons set forth in the CCSD Staff Report dated May 13 we urge you to implement the water and wastewater rate increases as recommended by the majority of the Finance Committee. Mark and Betty Rochefort

Mark Rochefort



This was sent individually to each director.

Thank you, John

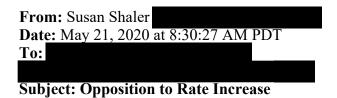
John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

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From: Susan Shaler Date: May 21, 2020 at 8:35:45 AM PDT To: Pamela Duffield <pduffield@cambriacsd.org>, "John F. Weigold IV" <jweigold@cambriacsd.org> Subject: Fwd: Opposition to Rate Increase

Begin forwarded message:



Dear Director Pierson:

We write to oppose the proposed rate increase for July 1, 2020.

The federal government, state and local governments, banks, insurance companies, and others are finding ways to reduce, postpone, or eliminate payments people must make in the wake of financial uncertainty and unemployment related to CoVid19. CCSD should do the same. This is the worst possible time for residents to face yet another increase for a necessary service. The rate and frequency of recent rate increases is sobering and shocking to residents, and should be an embarrassment to the board. Please do the right thing and postpone any consideration of another increase until this time of economic crisis for residents is behind us.

Regards, Susan & Barton Shaler



Sent from my iPad

Do one thing every day that scares you. Eleanor Roosevelt FYI

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

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Begin forwarded message:

From:

Date: May 14, 2020 at 4:54:58 PM PDT

To: Harry Farmer <HFarmer@cambriacsd.org>, Cindy Steidel <csteidel@cambriacsd.org>, Amanda Rice <ARice@cambriacsd.org>, Donn Howell <dhowell@cambriacsd.org> Cc: "John F. Weigold IV" <jweigold@cambriacsd.org> Subject: Proposed CCSD Water Rate Increases-2020-21 Reply-To:

Dear CCSD Board of Directors

We support the action recommended by the Finance Committee to implement the planned rate increases for CCSD Water and Waste services. Sincerely,

Stuart and Nancy Warrick



fyi

Thank you, John

John F. Weigold, IV General Manager Cambria Community Services District

j <<u>mailto:john.weigold@navy.mil</u>>weigold@cambriacsd.org Work: 805-927-6230 Mobile: 203-912-5652 <tel:203-912-5652>

On 5/20/20, 8:55 AM, "Lauren Younger" wrote:

Dear Mr. Weigold, This is what I sent to the Board but forgot to cc to you.

Hope you are fine. Are you kidding me? Go get a government grant. Since it is a "regional" water supply, ask the "region" to help pay. Geeeeez Louise. Respectfully, Lauren Younger