

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

AGENDA

Regular PROS Committee Meeting

January 16, 2025 1:00 PM

In person at: Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428 AND via Zoom at: Please click the link to join the webinar: HERE Webinar ID: 832 7678 2928 Passcode: 738283

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1. OPENING

- 1.A Call to Order
- 1.B Establishment of Quorum
- 1.C Chair Report
- 1.D Agenda Review
- **1.E Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report(s)**
- 1.F Committee Member Communications

Any Committee Member may make an announcement, report briefly on his or her activities, or ask a question for clarification.

2. REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED COMMUNITY GROUPS STARTING AROUND 1:15 PM

There is no expectation that representatives from these groups necessarily report at every meeting, each will judge when to engage based on current issues and plans. To keep meeting duration to a

manageable time span, we will limit reports to 3 minutes, and keep Committee discussion brief. Where substantive issues emerge, we will identify those issues as future discussion topics.

- County Parks and Recreation Commission, District 2 Commissioner Pandora Nash-Karner
- Beautify Cambria, Claudia Harmon Worthen
- Forest Committee, Laura Swartz,
- Friends of the Cambria Dog Park, Shelly Becker,
- Greenspace the Cambria Land Trust, Executive Director Karin Argano,
- Kenneth Norris Rancho Marino Reserve, Reserve Director Keith Seydel,
- Lampton Cliffs Adopt-a-Park Iceplant Removal Project, Suzanne Fiedler,
- The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County, ED Kaila Dettman, or Daniel Bohlman

3. **REPORTS & PROJECT UPDATES**

- 3.A Facilities & Resources Manager's Report, David Aguirre
- **3.B** Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Report, FFRP Executive Director Kitty Connolly
- 3.C Skatepark Project Update Report, Juli Amodei
- 3.D East Ranch Community Park Restroom Project Update Report

4. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the public may now address the Committee on any item of interest within the jurisdiction of the Committee but not on its agenda today. Future agenda items can be suggested at this time. In compliance with the Brown Act, the Committee cannot discuss or act on items not on the agenda. Each speaker has up to three minutes.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.A Consideration to Approve the November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

- 6. REGULAR BUSINESS
 - 6.A Community Park Phase 3 Planning Update
 - 6.B Discuss and update the PROS Goals Progress Report
- 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- 8. ADJOURN



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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024, REGULAR PROS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Committee of the Cambria Community Services District was held at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall, located at 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428, on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

1. **OPENING**

1.A Call to Order

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

1.B Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with all Committee Members present: Michael Thomas, Steve Kniffen, Jim Bahringer, Shannon Sutherland, Juli Amodei, and Jeff Wilson.

Staff members present: General Manager Matthew McElhenie and F&R Manager Aguirre.

Public Present: Robbie Hargreaves, Chelsea Foster, Laura Swartz, Shelly Becker, Tony Church, and Dick Clark (joined at 2:50)

On Zoom: Director Harry Farmer, and Bob Trout for a portion of the meeting.

1.C Chair Report – 2:03PM

Chair Thomas reported an email update from Cambrians for Aquatics abandoning their effort to locate the Aquatic Center in the East Ranch, with an announcement of an alternative location coming soon.

Also, reminder Standing Committee terms expire in January and any open spots will be filled in January. Discussion ensued about who will be continuing. Committee member Amodei will not be re-joining. Committee member Bahringer indicated he will applying for a different Standing Committee. Committee members Sutherland, Kniffen and Wilson are committed to re-join.

1.D Agenda Review – 2:10PM

1.E Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report(s) – 2:11PM

GM McElhenie updated on status of skatepark and given apparent increase in costs to build, there has been discussion of locating at the East Ranch/Community Park to reduce costs, especially related to the bathroom. But permits, etc are still ongoing. The GM emphasized it was just an option and not decided.

1.F Public Comment not on the agenda-2:11PM

Committee Member Amodei requested time for guests Robbie Hargreaves and Chelsea Foster to speak to the benefits and value of the Skatepark. Considerable time was spent discussing the status of the skatepark and the funding subject. Committee member Amodei supports keeping the proposed location as is and working to increase funding and/or reduce line item costs.

2. REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED COMMUNITY GROUPS STARTING AT 2:26PM

SLO County Parks and Recreation Commission

- Chair Thomas reported that Pandora Nash-Karner is retiring and will be replaced by Los Osos resident and current Commission member Ron Roach.

Cambria Forest Committee – Laura Swartz

- Invasive weed guide is still being updated.
- CFC continues to learn and advocate for forest health and restoration.
- Sudden Oak Death increase in incidents in Bay Area.
- They spent some time in Camarillo/Somis area post wildfire and reported the observed significant home preservation benefits of home hardening and defensible space.

Cambria Dog Park – Shelly Becker

- Reported that 3 main areas of focus ahead are foundations for gazebos, gate latches and water supply.

Greenspace

- Chair Thomas mentioned the Saturday, Nov 23 monterey pine planting event at San San Simeon State Park.

Lampton Cliffs Restoration

- Chair Thomas reported on the 4th successful ice plant removal work party this morning, with another work party scheduled Tuesday, December 3rd, 9:00 AM.

3. REPORTS & PROJECT UPDATES

3.A Facilities & Resources Manager's Report, David Aguirre – 2:37PM

- Busy on Fiscalini Ranch with trail maintenance, trail washouts, and bridge repair.
- Fern Canyon creek bed concerns and currently steps being taken to clean out.
- Culvert at end of Rodeo Grounds Road at entrance to parking lot cleared out to open up drain and relieve flooding.
- Sand currently available at Lampton and Rodeo Grounds for bagging.
- Encampments creeping up west side of Hwy 1 into Fiscalini as Cal Trans clears out brush: been removing approximately 1,000-1,500 pounds of trash monthly.
- In final reviews of filling last open F&R Tech position.
- F&R staff driving around to CCSD parcels to proactively identify risks of falling trees.
- Working with FFRP on updated consistent trailhead signage.
- **3.B** Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Report, FFRP Executive Director Kitty Connolly 2:44PM
 - ED Connolly not present, on vacation.
 - Chair Thomas reported on the October 26 dedication of the new Linking

Boardwalk and upcoming erosion control work parties.

- Responding to a question from Laura Swartz, F&R Manager Aguirre reported on the new trail head sign at the Tipton entrance, the first of the new trail head signs.

3.C East Ranch Community Park Restroom Project Update Report, Matt McElhenie

- Late January/early February anticipated installation, with recent contract to Hartzell for site preparations at \$187,000.
- Total restroom costs expected to come in at approximately \$470,000.

4. CONSENT AGENDA – 2:51PM

4.A Consideration to Approve the October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes Committee member Bahringer moved to approve the minutes. Committee member Sutherland seconded the motion. Motion Passed Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0

5. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

5.A Update on Draft Community Park Phase 3 Plan Engagement Sessions – 2:52PM

- Community Park Plan Ad Hoc Committee, Shannon Sutherland and Jeff Wilson, discussed and updated the Community Park Phase 3 Plan Engagement Spreadsheet, with all reporting very high interest and favorability on all of the components included in the Phase 3 Plan. We have currently received around 100 survey responses.

- Further discussion about the consideration of the East Ranch as a potential alternative skate park location, and the impact that would have on Draft Community Park Phase 3 Plan as well as the current matching grant for the skatepark.

- Discussion of tentative next steps for the Community Park Plan Ad Hoc Committee:

- □ Summarize the data in early December.
- \Box Make any changes needed to the Phase 3 Plan.
- □ Meet with staff, Monte Soto, and County Planning.
- □ Present to PROS.
- □ Present to the Board in January, for input, not for a vote.
- □ Back to the Board in February for a vote.

5.B Discuss and Update the PROS Goals Progress Report - 3:38PM

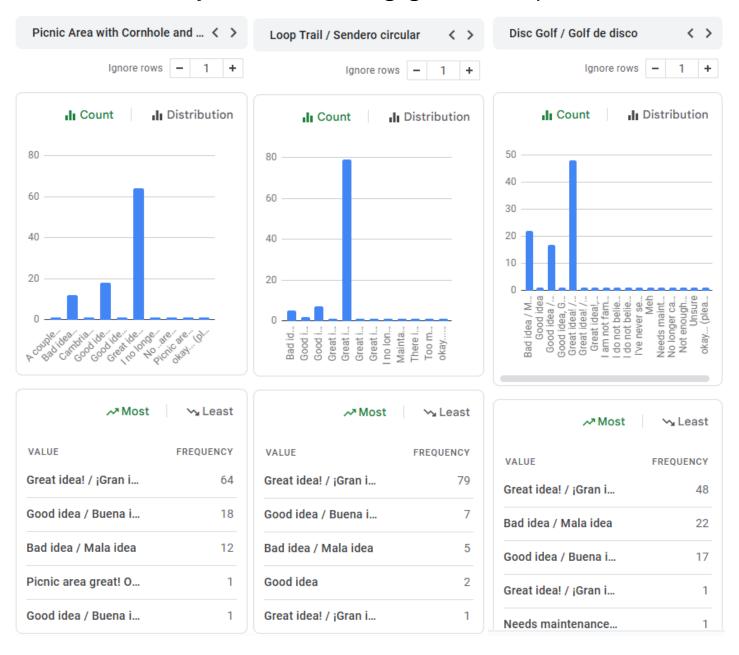
- Vice Chair Sutherland led the discussion updating the PROS Goals Progress Report.

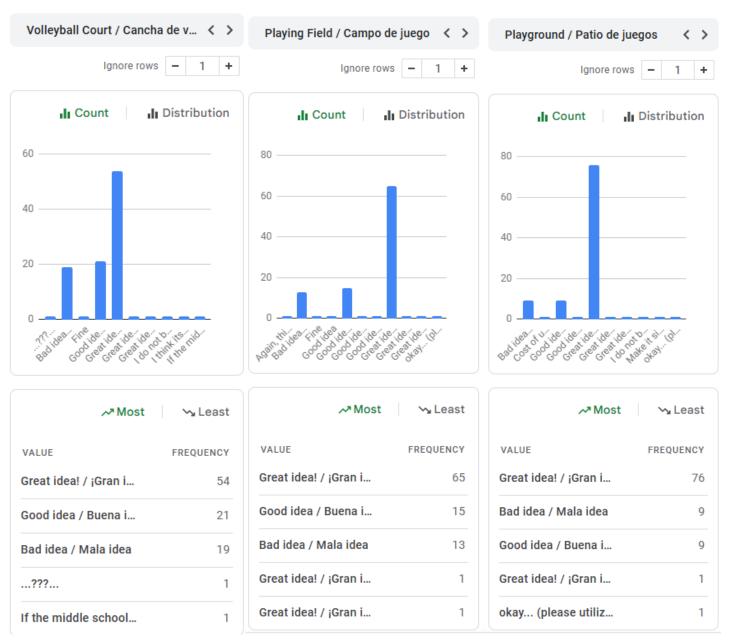
6. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 3:40PM**

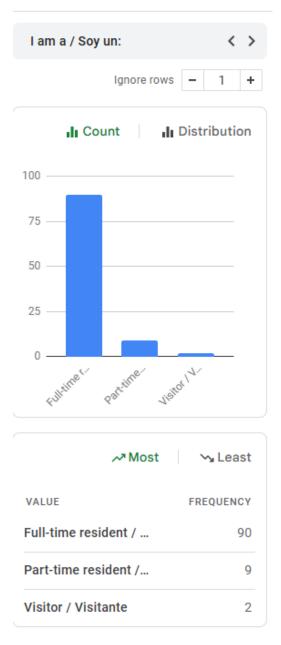
Chair Thomas asked for any future agenda items. There were none.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.







Comments

This is great!!
amazing park!!
Would be an amazing hang out place for the whole community!
Great for kids to be entertain and for older kids to hang out
Move the skate park there
Hope there will be bathrooms with running water similar to what we have at Shamel Park.
Let's go!! This is fantastic!
Fitness stations along the loop trail
Great idea!
Can't wait for this project. It will be great for the comminity!
As a frequent visitor of the area, I strongly believe thia would benefit the community greatly! In a town filled with tourists looking for activities, it seems wise to provide them and the residents with fun outdoor spaces!
The old people have enough. Do something for the younger generations for once.

I think the more activities available to Cambria families, the better! I'm just not sure about space constraints or I would have marked "great idea" for all items listed.

I am a planner for the County. In an appropriate capacity (as allowes by my rules and regulations as an employee) I would love to help as a resource where appropriate.

Love this ! Let's get this park built

A level, safe walking path of compacted gravel like they have on the other side of Highway 1

This plan is incredible and is so needed. I feel this park will get lots of use as it is in a warmer area than shamel. Volleyball court is my #1 vote!

Why do we want to spoil natural beauty when we have Shamel Park, which can be improved and provide the same benefits you are trying to establish at Fiscalini Ranch.

Preserve the meadow as open space.

I'm planning to move to Cambria at some point, so this project is of interest to me. My main concerns are the playing field and volleyball courts, which tend to attract older, very competitive individuals who can often be loud, drunk, violent in the heat of competition, and might be more prone to generate litter. This could be particularly disruptive if the park is within earshot of residential neighborhoods.

A very rare piece of meadow and creeek so close to a village. It should be left alone. There are no others like this.

I don't think there is a demand for disc golf. How about soccer fields?

All good ideas.

This survey is biased. The map plan has more items than are in this survey.

I'm thinking the Playing Field will be a gohper-holed dust bowl a good part of the year. Any thoughts about an artificial surface? I realize it would be expensive, but the usage would go way up. Thanks for all your work on this project.

I worry about out-of-towners who don't think about fire danger, smoking and tossing cigs below my home on the hill above them.

Preserve existing environment please. I do not understand what drives the desire for development

Although I like the idea of using this land for community recreation, I also think it is essential to do so in a way to maintain the natural environment as much as possible.

I LOVE this proposed park. I am a "younger" resident of Cambria (mid-30s) and got so excited hearing about the disc golf and a playground. My hope is to one day raise a family in Cambria and having these options make it more desirable.

Building an additional playground in a central location would be a valuable resource for families with young children. It would enrich Cambria, create more opportunities for neighbors to connect, and provide a safe, welcoming space for children's healthy development and positive experiences. This investment would ensure our town remains a vibrant, family-friendly place for years to come.

Think you missed a comment section for the Group Area. Suggest it move closer to the parking and toilet.

I am in full support of a park in this area that would work for our community. I love all of the ideas presented thus far, and think that they would add a significant feature for families in Cambria, especially those with young children. I would be willing to volunteer time to help build and maintain any of these facilities.

This is an amazing idea. Often time, we may need to avoid Shamel Park due to the very cold weather, especially in the winter. I have lived in Cambria my whole life 25 years and I think it would be an incredibly amazing opportunity for a playground area that is land locked, which may have better weather for the children. There are many children in this town and San Simeon that do not have many things to do, although some older residents may like to suggest there are not many kids. Having a small child, I see first hand the many children in our area and the great need for a land locked park. I have also worked for non-profit organizations that have hosted several focus groups in the local Cambria schools. At every single focus group there has always been a lengthy discussion about the need of another playground for children.

A nice playground/picnic area with volleyball would be nice. It's also so cold and windy at Shamel Park

There just needs to be more for the kids

We need another playground! This would be great!

It would be fantastic to have more outdoor areas for people to enjoy.

A pool would benefit the community and schools. Also the fitness loop safe and accessible since we don't have a track.

I love this idea. Our community needs more areas like this!

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This sounds like a great idea! Very exciting for the community! However, lots of homeless people reside there or near by the dog park, what will be done about that? What about renovating the beach park we have now and adding to this park we have already??

The growing population of toddlers and kids in the town really need a new playground. A field would also be great for sports.

Passive park. With no to little maintenance. Natural sitting and picnic areas. No benches to be vandalized. An area free of fear of being hit by frisbees, balls, etc. A directional mountain bike trail skirting the creek and hillside for a one loop experience.

A cemented path around The park would be great for kids to ride their bikes etc. We really really need that!

The one thing that happens daily in Cambria is Cabrians taking their dogs out to meet up with other dog owners for healthy exercise and socialization. It is one of the only healthy activities we do here. There is ample alcohol and drug socialization, horseshoes were dismantled at Shamel. There is a leash free dog beach or trail in every town up the coast until Cambria. Dogs are big money for SLO and Cambria. We owners bring business to the community, yet we are attacked by other Cambrians who hate our tight bonds with dogs. Dog people pay for their bags, meticulously clean up after them and keep dog areas clean. Tom Grey and his wife walk around Cambria while she verbally assaults people with dogs, on leash or not. This violence towards residents and their dogs is unacceptable. A leashfree dog park and loop would help stop the attacks on dog owners.

I don't think that we need to develop every bit of empty land in and near Cambria. We already have an amazing park at shamel. I frequent this park often and I would have to say that it is a low usage park in general. Any human development affects our native wildlife and makes Cambria less of an untouched community. I personally don't see a need for this and think that it could easily become a place that needs patrolling by law enforcement which are already in short supply.

turning onto the East Ranch Park from Burton Drive is dangerous. If you encourage many people, you are creating even more of a dangerous situation.

Perhaps a soccer field and we could rent it out to players =income

Sounds like a plan; my only concern is — please don't turn the beautiful community of Cambria into a suburb of SLO (like SB has become of LA). The Fiscalini Trail is, in my humble opinion, one of the best-kept / least-adulterated areas I've ever seen (I was born in Rhode Island and grew up in the Rocky Mountains); first moved to Cambria in 1981 (Happy Hill), and thankfully, it hasn't changed much (other than the West end). Please keep it real, and don't make an amusement park [LA / SF / LV aren't that far away].

6A

I have heard there was a Cambria resident interviewed on the news recently who said we didn't need a playground because there aren't many children in Cambria. This is not true, and becoming less and less true in fact: I just gave birth to my second daughter, and I know there are two more Cambria babies who will be born next month. There has been a huge increase in the amount of local children who have either moved here or been born here in the past few years. There is a great need to expand activities / resources catering to young children. We often have to drive to SLO or Paso or Atascadero for enrichment, but we LOVE Cambria and would much rather stay embedded in our community as much as possible. We are very grateful for the library story time on Thursday morning and the Shamel Park playground, although many parents have stopped taking kids to Shamel because the play structure is not in good condition (there are jagged rusty pieces of metal that have been exposed). We really appreciate all the seasonal events in town that are delightful for our kids, but would love more permanent fixtures. We are thrilled that Cambria is considering a new playground in this location, which will make it easy to walk with the stroller between the shops in town and a playground. We are so grateful to be living in this very special place.

Keep it simple & get it done quickly!!

My partner and I are full time residents in Cambria and plan on having and raising kids here in the very near future so this park is so exciting for us. Here are some other recommendations I have. I want to emphasize that a basketball court or half court would be so nice because there is not a single basketball hoop in town I could play at with my kids. Amphitheater for community gatherings and music in the park. Jade sculpture and other art to inspire kids and community. Basketball court, even just a half court would be so nice. An emphasis on native landscaping would really beautify that area and could be educational for kids to have signs that describe, say, Native American uses of elderberry and oak trees and toyon etc. Educational native botanical garden. Elderberry, pacific wax Myrtle, toyon, coffeeberry, big leaf maple, BUCKEYE TREES, coast redwood, alders, sycamores, bay laurel, coast live oak, all of local genetics. Some recognition of Salinan Native American history would be appropriate and educational. Lastly, please don't use shredded rubber tires for the playground like at Shamel park. They get everywhere and it's just literally rubbish on the landscape. I am still trying to figure out whose great idea it was to use shredded rubber at Shamel park, in such an environmentally sensitive spot at the creek mouth. Stick to wood chips would be my vote. Thank you so much for all of your efforts. You're so much appreciated.

I've lived in Cambria for 2 years now as a full time resident. I am young and plan to raise children here in the near future. Learning about this park plan was extremely exciting to me, because I do fear there are not enough activities for children in Cambria, nor is there a designated gathering space, besides Shamel which in my opinion is mostly people from out of town escaping to the beach. This location is perfect being close to downtown. I would recommend updating the walking paths to the park to make it more accessible and noticeable from downtown. An updated walking path from Park Hill/Fiscalini Ranch area off the 1 to this park would be AMAZING! With Cambria being the charming artsy town that it is, I think some cool art features/installations would be great. An amphitheater would also be great

for live music in the park. A basketball court is also a good idea. A native botantical garden would attract nature lovers and would be educational. Plenty of benches and picnic tables for comfortable seating would be ideal. And PLEASE no rubber plastic pebbles at the play structure. Terrible for the environment and our children's health.

Light installation should also be considered for winter activities

I'm interested in a bluezone community

So excited for this new area!!!

I suggest that any type of landscaping be drought resistant and low maintenance.

		CCSD Parks Re	ecreation & Op	en Space Goals for 2024 a	and Beyond	ł		
		Note: These are long	-term goals and may re	quire the coordination of multiple organiza	tions to achieve.			
Goal	Ultimate Outcome	What PROS Committee HOPES to Achieve in 2024	Directly Responsible Individual (DRI)	TASK	PRIORITY	STATUS	DUE DATE	UPDATES
				Restroom ordered	High	Completed	4/11/2024	The restroom has been ordered
Community Park Plan	Design a comprehensive Community Park that provides recreational opportunities consistent with District fiscal capabilities and the Master EIR.	Design a Community Park Plan that reflects the community's current needs and get approval from the CCSD Board so that efforts to progress the next project(s) can proceed as soon as the bathroom is installed.	Community Park Plan Ad Hoc Committee: Michael Thomas Shannon Sutherland Jeff Wilson David Aguirre	Restroom infastructure	High	In Progress		Water and wastewater connections will begin the week of Dec. 9. A bid has been requested to prepare the site for installation, which will be on the 11/14/2024 CCSD board agenda.
				Define boundaries	High	Completed	4/16/2024	Boundaries APN 013-131-025 and 013-131-038
				As is map	High	Completed	4/11/2024	Existing conditions map date 3/24/2024
				Project viability matrix	High	In Progress		
				Phase 3 conceptual plan to PROS	Normal	Completed		Presented to PROS at the 10/15/2024 meeting
				Proposed map	High	Completed		Presented to PROS at the 10/15/2024 meeting
				Name community park		Pending		Not started
				Community engagement		In Progress		Community engagement is underway
				Draft plan to the CCSD Board		Pending		
Inventory of CCSD-owned undeveloped properties	Work with CCSD staff to inventory and develop Management Plan for CCSD- owned undeveloped parcels	Inventory of all CCSD owned undeveloped parcels with a long term Management Plan capturing action plans as needed for each parcel. Final inventory all CCSD owned and undeveloped parcels that identifies problems to be resolved, opportunities for other potential community uses, estimated costs for each, and priorities for action, including input from appropriate community members.	Jeff Wilson and CCSD R&R Manager Aguirre (in coordination with CCSD GM McElhenie, CCSD Fire Chief Burkey, Dave Pierson at Fire Safe Focus Group, relevant community members as appropriate)	Finalize and approve parcel listing	Normal	Completed		The Facilites Manager has reported that all of the CCSD open space lots have been mapped.
				Establish an Open Space Adoption program	Normal	In Review		
				Establish spreadsheet framework for each parcel, including all existing problems, opportunities, actions, costs, priorities	Normal	In Progress		Each parcel's conservation easement needs to be documented to eastablish what PROS can and cannot do on the properties. Each parcel is unique. Update 11/19/24 - Jeff submitted draft spreadsheet framework to GM and Facilities Mgr Aguirre.
				Prioritize high urgency parcels and set timelines for 2024 action and resolution	Normal	In Progress		Draft spreadsheet framework incorporates a 3 level prioritization scheme. Decisions need to be made on what parcels fit in which priority level.
				Cancelled June meeting	Normal	Completed		
Relationship with San Luis Obispo County Parks & Recreation	Better working relationship with SLO County Parks and Recreation Commission, leading to County support and funding for PROS projects.	Cultivate a better working relationship with SLO County in general and the County Parks & Recreation Commission in particular by attending and participating in the County Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. The PROS members will take turns attending the meetings to update the County and garner support of PROS projects.	Steve Kniffen	July meeting 7/25/24 Cancelled	Normal	Completed		
				Invite the Cambria SLO county Park liaison Pandora Nash-Karner to the PROs meeting.	High	Completed		
				September updated pros goals				
				Oct/Nov community engagement				
Rodeo Grounds Road	Rodeo Grounds Road paved to enable access to our Community Park in all weather conditions.		Michael Thomas	SLO County graded the road to restore driving surface.	Normal	Completed	5/14/2024	
				Looking into the possibility of sealant	Normal	In Progress		No status update. PROS will review after the seasonal storms have passed.
				Cost estimate for paving	Normal	In Progress		
Trail connecting Fiscalini West Ranch with the East Ranch	a	Work with CalTrans to at least get this project included in their Capital Improvement Plan.	Shannon Sutherland	Contact Cal Trans for infomation	High	In Progress		Cal Trans is unresponsive. Looking at a petition campaign to get their attention.