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**From:** Elizabeth Bettenhausen [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 8:58 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Agenda 23 March 2020  
**To:** Haley Dodson <[hdodson@cambriacsd.org](mailto:hdodson@cambriacsd.org)>

Another meeting!!

Stay well, Haley. CCSD would fall flat without you.

Elizabeth

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**From:** Elizabeth Bettenhausen [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 8:54 AM  
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**To:** Harry Farmer <[hfarmer@cambriacsd.org](mailto:hfarmer@cambriacsd.org)>, Cindy Steidel [REDACTED],  
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Good morning, CCSD:

1. Please begin with 5.B. so that at least some discussion of COVID-19 takes place before you take action regarding 5.A.
2. Re: 5.a. please see the attachment for changes I recommend and request in the wording of Resolution 2020-9.

a. I ask you to delete the word "Novel."

The official names of the virus and disease were given on 11 Feb. 2020:  
SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.

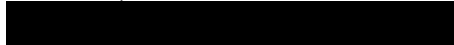
<https://reference.medscape.com/slideshow/2019-novel-coronavirus-6012559>

b. Please do not hand over so much authority to the General Manager. The Resolution states very few facts or possible actions.

In addition, it now specifically expands this authority beyond CCSD "Ordinances, Resolutions, Policies, Procedures, and Agreements." This expands the authority of the General Manager without any explicit statement of any possible actions. The Board of Directors of the CCSD has done this in the past with dire consequences. See, for example, the actions taken regarding the authority of the General Manager in January and February 2014.

Thank you for your careful public service in these difficult times.

Elizabeth Bettenhausen  
Cambria, CA



**Amendments to Resolution 2020-9  
proposed by Elizabeth Bettenhausen**

Please enter into the public record of the meeting of  
the CCSD Board of Directors, 23 March 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of  
Directors of the Cambria Community Services District, as follows:

1. The Board of Directors declares a State of Emergency to exist in  
the Cambria Community Services District as a result of the threat of  
~~Novel Coronavirus 2019.~~ SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.

2. The Board of Directors authorizes an increase in the General  
Manager's spending authority to \$35,000, and up to \$50,000 upon  
authorization from the President of the Board.

3. The General Manager may take all actions necessary, proper, and  
appropriate in his/~~her~~ reasonable discretion to ensure the operation of  
the District, the safety of employees, and the safety of the public,  
~~including, but not limited to reasonable deviations from Board adopted  
Ordinances, Resolutions, Policies, Procedures, and Agreements.~~ in  
relation to COVID-19.

4. The authority vested in the General Manager by this Resolution will  
terminate upon a declaration by the Governor that the State of  
Emergency has ended, the County Health Officer that the Public  
Health Emergency has ended, and the County Emergency Services  
Director that the Local Emergency has ended.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

Harry Farmer, President  
Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Timothy J. Carmel District Counsel

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Haley Dodson Deputy District  
Clerk

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Haley Dodson](#)  
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Board president and Board members.

I do not understand why there is a need to have an increase in agenda 5A. The General Manager can't even give us reasons as to what he would do with an increased allocation.

Since a Special Meeting is being held within four days since last week's board meeting, I see no reason why this item could not be addressed at a further meeting, should it be deemed necessary. Any costs for equipment related to COVID-19, would be more likely required by the CCHD and CERT, and possibly the CFD.

State and Federal agencies will be providing essential assistance to our state.

I would ask that the Board not authorize any additional increase to the general manager at this time. I do not see any necessity.

Thank you,  
Tina Dickason

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Haley Dodson](#)  
**Subject:** Question/comment to Board  
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President and Board members:

My former question was not related to waiving the Jan. Feb. bills/revenues, in their entirety or even by half. Those are extreme measures, that no one, I believe would have even have imagined.

My question was related to those who have lost their jobs, and will be impacted going forward, since jobs have been lost since the last reading of meters. My suggestion would be that there be some consideration, followed up by a decision, given to those who maybe struggling by the Board, related to staff's reporting--something more concrete from the Board.

Thank you,  
Tina Dickason

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President Farmer and Board.

While there may be decreases in revenue, I would also remind everyone, that a significant rate increase will be effective July, 1, 2020. Should there be consideration of staff lay-offs, since it would appear there may be a reduction in the workload of staff?

I think the District should consider shutting down operations at the EWS (SWF). We are in good shape with rainfall, which means that we have little chance of a need to use the emergency water supply facility. Since far less water is being used during this period, as already explained by staff, primarily because of the decreased use by the commercial sector.

Not having anyone able to answer the phone line at the office, is unacceptable to the community, especially during these challenging times. Other agencies are able to have phones answered.

The last report of reading meters in the staff packet last week, was 350 meters being read, not 500!

Staff should be using disposable gloves and masks to avoid contact. My husband and I have been using them for weeks now! Common sense may go a long way in helping to avoid the danger of contracting COVID-19.

Thank you,  
Tina Dickason

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Haley Dodson](#)  
**Subject:** Question on meeting  
**Date:** Monday, March 23, 2020 10:23:31 AM

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Good morning, Haley,

Question for the Board:

I am curious as to how the concern Director Rice raised at last Thursday's board meeting, regarding the District considering not charging late fees to those who are now having difficulties, due to possible loss of jobs, etc. is not being addressed in this agenda. This was the reason president Farmer was going to contact directors to find out when a meeting could be held.

Thank you,  
Tina Dickason

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Item 5A  
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Thanks, Haley

Item 5A:

I ask the board NOT to approve this increase in spending powers for the general manager. No justification is offered, aside from general fears about the coronavirus crisis. While that is real, it does not make it necessary for the general manager to be able to commit as much as \$50,000 of the district's money without board approval. The current limit of \$25,000 is more than adequate to get any possible project started, with time for the board to convene a special meeting as required for larger amounts.

Anything that requires that much money from Cambria should be discussed publicly. The district is managing with electronic meetings well. There is no need to increase the general manager's powers at this time.

Please do not approve this measure. Thank you.

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Christine Heinrichs