From: Lori Rosenlind
To: BoardComment

**Date:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 1:22:06 PM

Requesting a neutral third party present when counting the votes for prop 218. Many Cambrian's are talking about this. Maybe Women's League?

Thank you,

Lori, Cambrian resident.

From: <u>donald donaldarcher.com</u>

To: BoardComment

Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: DELIVERING PROP. 218 PROTEST FORMS DIRECTLY TO STAFF

**Date:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 9:06:18 PM

## CCSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

At the last CCSD Board Meeting, April 14, I made a public comment regarding my wish to drop off my Prop. 218 Written Protest Form directly to staff and have it dated and stamped 'received' as well as receive a dated copy for my records.

I received no response from the board and sent the following email directly to General Manager Weingold:

Hello Mr. Weigold,

As you may know, I made public comments at the last CCSD Board meeting regarding my concern about having public access to the CCSD office so that I can get my Prop. 218 Protest Form dated upon receipt and receive a copy of that for my own records. The district staff has done this in the past but that is currently impossible due to the office closure to the public.

I wish to deliver my protest form directly to staff and have it dated 'received.' This must be done before May 19, 2022. How do you suggest this can be accomplished?

I would like to know ASAP.

Thank you, Donald Archer

I, in turn, received the following reply from Mr. Weingold:

Donald, thanks for your note! I'm trying to be accommodating, and at the same time exactly follow the Board-approved guidance and procedures provided to staff. I've found nothing in the procedures that directs me to datestamp protest forms.

To better understand your concerns, can you provide me your thoughts on this issue? For example, it would be helpful to understand what a date stamp and a copy would provide.

Many thanks, John

John Weigold General Manager Cambria Community Services District I replied as follows:

Yes, John, I will be happy to share with you why I wish to receive a date stamp and copy.

Such documentation provides a record that the CCSD received the form. There have been questions in the past as to whether all the protests were counted and recorded. Having a clear record that the office received the form on such-and-such a day simply assures that everything is kept above board.

I know that I am not the only person that has this concern. The reason I brought the issue before the board was because they could give staff clearer guidance with regard to the procedures.

As other agencies have opened their doors to the public, I don't see why CCSD can't 'open its doors at least a crack' to accommodate this request.

Thank you, Donald

To this email I received no reply from Mr. Weingold.

Consequently, I ask the board to direct the General Manager and staff to accommodate those of us who wish to have our Prop. 218 Protest forms stamped and dated by the office and receive a copy in person.

Will you do that?

Thank you, Donald Archer

Please enter this comment into the public record.

From: <u>Elizabeth Bettenhause</u>

 To:
 John F. Welgold IV; BoardComment

 Subject:
 Prop. 218 process

 Date:
 Thursday, April 21, 2022 9:15:02 AM

## Re: 3. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Consideration Regarding Cancelling the May 19, 2022 Public Hearing and Rescheduling and Renoticing the Proposition 218 Public Hearing for Proposed Increases to Water, Water Reclamation Facility and Sewer Rates

## CCSD Board of Directors:

At your special meeting today, 21 April 2022, please choose the third option:

Cancelling the current Proposition 218 process for water rates, sewer rates, and future inflationary rate adjustments and starting the entire process again <a href="https://www.cambriacsd.org/files/195c8baaf/2022+04+21+Special+Board+Meeting+Agenda+Packet+Posted.pdf">https://www.cambriacsd.org/files/195c8baaf/2022+04+21+Special+Board+Meeting+Agenda+Packet+Posted.pdf</a>

The first and second options lend another level of complexity to the current process that is already messed up.

Many residents acknowledge their responsibility to evaluate residential, commercial, and internal rates for water and sewer service. Any option that would not permit this in the Prop. 218 process is unfair.

The distribution of work in CCSD staff and the use of the fiscal year as too exclusive a criterion are bringing too many items to the agenda of the Board of Directors prematurely. Perhaps most items should come in two stages: one for clarification and discussion for consideration by staff and a second stage for official action. The second stage could include a Proposed motion in the Item that could be amended as seen fit by directors. Too often the making and seconding of motions by the directors is very confused.

Thank you for your attention to my comments. Please include them in the public records of this meeting.

Elizabeth Bettenhausen Cambria full time resident for 20 years