



## CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

I, Amanda Rice, President of the Cambria Community Services District Board of Directors, hereby call a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956. The Special Meeting will be held: **Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 11:30 AM, 1316 Tamsen Street, Suite 201 Cambria, CA 93428**. The purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss or transact the following business:

### **AGENDA**

#### **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 11:30 AM  
1316 Tamsen Street, Suite 201 Cambria, CA 93428**

Copies of the staff reports or other documentation relating to each item of business referred to on the agenda are on file in the Office of the District Clerk, available for public inspection during District business hours. The agenda and agenda packets are also available on the CCSD website at [www.cambriacsd.org](http://www.cambriacsd.org). The District Office hours are Monday - Thursday, and every other Friday from 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Please call 805-927-6223 if you need any assistance. If requested, the agenda and supporting documents shall be made available in alternative formats to persons with a disability. The District Clerk will answer any questions regarding the agenda.

#### **1. OPENING**

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Establishment of Quorum**

#### **2. REGULAR BUSINESS (Estimated time: 15 Minutes per item)**

Members of the public wishing to address the Board on any item described in this Notice may do so when recognized by the Board President prior to Board consideration of each agenda item. Public Comment items on this agenda will be limited to three (3) minutes per person

- A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF LETTER SUPPORTING THE MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY AND THE PROHIBITION OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION**

#### **3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION at 1316 Tamsen Street, Cambria, CA 93428**

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
Title: General Manager**

**4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**A.** Report from Closed Session, if any.

**5. ADJOURN**

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors

AGENDA NO. **2.A.**

FROM: Amanda Rice, Board President

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Meeting Date: August 8, 2017

**Subject:** DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF LETTER SUPPORTING THE MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY AND THE PROHIBITION OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the Board discuss and consider approval of a letter supporting the continued prohibition of offshore oil and gas exploration in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**DISCUSSION:**

President Trump signed an executive order on April 28, 2017 that aims to expand offshore drilling in the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans, as well as assess whether energy exploration can take place in marine sanctuaries in the Pacific and Atlantic, including the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, as part of a new 5-year National Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program on the Outer Continental Shelf. A copy of the proposed final program and related materials can be found at <https://www.boem.gov/National-OCS-Program-for-2017-2022/%20>. The 45 day public comment period on the proposal ends on August 17, 2017. Board President Rice has drafted a proposed letter on behalf of the Board, which is attached.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Draft Letter Supporting Current Federal Prohibitions on Oil and Gas Exploration and Extraction in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

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BOARD ACTION: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

UNANIMOUS: \_\_\_ RICE \_\_\_ SANDERS \_\_\_ THOMPSON \_\_\_ BAHRINGER \_\_\_ FARMER

In response to the call for comments and information regarding the preparation of a new five-year National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) for 2019-2024 pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, please accept these comments on behalf of the community of Cambria.

Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) is the local public agency providing services to Cambria, an unincorporated community of 6,000 people, at the southernmost end of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The CCSD board joins the huge number of other public agencies in opposing efforts to open any part of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, including the Davidson Seamount, to extractive energy development, mineral mining or habitat disturbance.

Regarding the potential impact of oil and gas exploration and development on other OCS resource values and the marine, coastal, and human environments:

We suggest the benefits of protecting the wildlife and habitats off our coast far outweigh any benefits or costs associated with managing the Sanctuary and preventing oil and gas development.

California's long history with offshore oil and gas activities has taught us, especially in the aftermath of the 2015 Santa Barbara County Refugio Oil Spill, that such development can significantly threaten California's coastal environment and its extremely important multi-billion dollar coast and ocean economy. Any attempt to undermine these protections for purposes of energy or mineral exploration and production is short-sighted, contrary to the interests of Cambrians, the hundreds of thousands of visitors who come here each year, and is in direct conflict with the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

The huge number of visitors from around the globe who come to enjoy these protected coastal assets supports our town's economic health. Without tourism, many, many jobs would evaporate and a large portion of our businesses would go under.

Moreover, exploration and extraction in this area is likely to be prohibitively expensive.

The Davidson Seamount is one of the largest known seamounts in U.S. waters. It is 26 miles long and 8 mile wide. Its summit remains 4,265 feet below the sea surface, in spite of being 7,546 feet tall from base to crest. This size and depth amplify complications and costs associated with oil and gas development.

The primarily rural nature of development in our area and lack of available infrastructure limits the practicality and economic viability of oil and gas development.

In conclusion, we add our voices to the many others who are urging you to keep intact the restrictions on oil and gas activities for the four California national marine sanctuaries under review by E.O. 13795, including the one right outside our backdoor.