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Cambria Community Services District

POLICY TITLE: LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: 1055

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1055 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to guide the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) Board of Directors and staff in considering legislative or regulatory proposals that are likely to have an impact on the District and to allow for a timely, coordinated response to provide clear direction to District staff with regard to monitoring important legislative activity.

Although the expenditure of public funds for the purpose of supporting or opposing a ballot measure or candidate is prohibited, the expenditure of public funds IS allowed to advocate for or against proposed legislation or regulatory actions which will affect the District expending the funds.

1055.1 Policy Principles

- Identification of legislative issues related to the District may be based on the following:
 - The District's Strategic Plan
 - The District's Long Term Financial Plan/Budget
 - Legislative activity deemed of importance to California Districts as identified through the California Special Districts

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Association (CSDA) website and social media/member services emails

- Legislative activity which would impact the authority, services, and/or powers of the District
 - Other issues that may impact the District
- This policy provides the CCSD General Manager, their designee, or other District sources of information the flexibility to bring legislative issues related to the District to the Board's attention for direction in addressing those issues.

1055.2 Legislative Advocacy Procedures

- When there is evidence of legislative activity that has the potential to affect CCSD, the evidence shall be reported to the General Manager, the Board President, and the Board Vice President. This body will evaluate the impact that said activity may have on the CCSD and decide whether further action is indicated. This body may involve the Board Counsel in this decision.
- If further action is indicated, this body will agendaize the legislative activity for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting for discussion and direction by the Board.
- The Board may utilize this body or assign an ad hoc committee to research the pros and cons of the pending legislation for further consideration by the Board and possible direction by the Board.
- At a future Board meeting, the issue will be presented to the Board for direction.

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