

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: New form submission received: Written Public Comment
Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023 11:50:56 AM
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Thank you.

Looks like my paragraphs got all funky in that transmission. Here's another version with the paragraphs so it's not a big-ol-bob of text.

Have a great day.

Truly, Aleta

Here it is again with the paragraphs back in the mix.

RE Resolution 54-2009 and the Community Park Plan in the Parks, Recreation & Open Space area

Any further development of the Cambria Community Parks Recreation & Open space Community Park Plan should go through a constructive process starting with a community wide survey, further analysis and a formal process to change the plan that was originally approved in 2009 and currently appears on the website. [https://www.cambriacsd.org/community-park-plan & resolution 54-2009](https://www.cambriacsd.org/community-park-plan&resolution54-2009).

Adding features such as a skatepark, disk golf or pool at this point in time will directly violate the Resolution 54-2009 and approved plan of 2009 and is ill advised. Justifications for doing so such as, the people need this, or it's for the kids, or we have the money or it's taking too long are not legitimate legal reasons to violate Resolution 54-2009 and alter the approved plan of 2009 without due process.

The site has been allocated to the community at-large. The site has not been allocated to smaller subset groups of people with special interests in getting individual projects built on the site that were not on the approved plan of 2009. Further these interests appear to be competing, which is counterproductive and not based on at-large community needs. This approach is neither transparent, fair or nor a cogent approach to integrate these ad-hoc, post-approval projects into the recreation complex.

If the plan, as presented in Resolution 54-2009, no longer meets the needs of the community at-large, the plan needs to be formally and officially revised along with Resolution 54-2009.

Changes to Resolution 54-2009 and the Plan of 2009 should be transparent and done with at-large community input and involvement. Any other approach to getting the recreational complex built is a diagram for trouble, and diametrically opposed to the purpose of a community committee or commission which is to serve the community at-large, no more no less.

Regarding timing, the Parthenon, an engineering phenomenon, was built in 10 years by a group of people who spoke many different languages each with their own units of measure. 14 years in, it is unclear to me why this recreational complex remains unbuilt. I would be interested in understanding what the obstacles have been, as I do feel this community would be well served by having these improvements, sooner rather than later, if that's what the community at-large wants.

Further I would be interested in understanding the overall up-front investment for construction and as well as the projected running costs required to maintain the entire recreation complex.

I would be interested in understand the various funding source:

- 1) Where will the initial investment funds come from to subsidize the construction of each element, and if those funds fall short how would more funds be obtained for the complex as a whole.
- 2) Where will the initial investment funds come from to subsidize construction of the infrastructure of the complex?
- 3) Where will the funds come from to maintain the entire complex?

If there are any expectation that Cambria property owners will have to contribute to the complex those property owners should have a say in that funding option.

If there are any costs or fees for individuals to participate in any of the features of the complex that should also be determined and conveyed.

An unfinished construction site or derelict unmaintained recreation area will be a blight on the community. These scenarios typically arise from underfunding. These scenarios should be aggressively avoided!

First things first.

14 years have passed since Resolution 54-2009 and the original plan were approved. The questions I have today is are these elements still what the community wants? Are there additional features the community at-large would want such as a skatepark, disk golf or a pool that

were not on the original plan or in Resolution 54-2009?

As a stakeholder and constituent of this community, and a person who has actively participated in community service endeavors for many decades, these are the questions I would want to be able to ask, answer and convey to the community at-large. With answers to those questions, adjustments to the original program and design of the plan of 2009 can be reconsidered. Revisions can then be presented to the community at-large and a formal approval process can be concluded.

The bottom-line goal for the recreation complex should be to find out what the at-large community members want today and make it happen, as quickly as possible, to the extent investment capital and running cost funding can be made available.

This process shouldn't take over a decade, because the Parthenon.

I appreciate your consideration and for taking the time to read my comments.

I thank you all for your dedication, commitment, passion and hard work.

From: BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 11:18 AM

To: Aleta Pearce [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: New form submission received: Written Public Comment

Hi Aleta,

Received; thank you.



Haley Dodson

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Written Public Comment

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Last Name:	Francis
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From: [Streamline](#)
To: [Haley Dodson](#)
Subject: New form submission assigned to you: Contact General Manager
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Contact General Manager

Full Name:	Claudia Harmon Worthen
Company:	
Address:	████████████████████
Email Address:	████████████████████
Phone Number:	████████
Reason for Contact:	
	Hello Mathew, We've not yet met. I'm Claudia a 37 year resident of Cambria and have been involved in the town

Comments:

all that time. I'm currently serving on the Policy Committee and president of Beautify Cambria Association. My concerns are my own and not a reflection of groups to which I belong. Sept. 14 Agenda, Item C. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of a Public Works Contract with Paradise Tree Service for Emergency Vegetation Removal at Van Gordon Creek for Flood Control Purposes, Authorizing the General Manager to Execute the Contract, and Adoption of Resolution 49-2023 for a Budget Adjustment of \$59,000 I'm very concerned about the clearing of Van Gordon Creek. Please respond to my questions and answer them at the Board meeting tomorrow. I have business out of town, but will try and Zoom attend. 1. Why did you choose a tree trimming company from Grover Beach? It's a waste of energy and pollutes the air to bring large equipment and vehicles such a long distance when we have tree trimmers in our town and near by. I'm a rate payer and will appreciate your consideration of our environment and finances., 2 Why isn't our new facilities manager doing the work? Carlos and his men have plenty of practice cutting down trees. I'm sure it wouldn't cost nearly \$59,000. 3. The biologist the district hires needs to be on hand to pay special attention to the beaver, along with the other wildlife. D. Receive Presentation from PROS Committee on a Concept Plan for a Disc Golf Course at the East Ranch Community Park and Discuss and Consider Directing the PROS Committee to Develop Recommendations for a Community-Wide Survey for East Ranch Recreational Options. An extensive survey was conducted this year. Asking for more surveys will cost the ratepayers to duplicate work previously done and it will postpone the process of recreational improvements. Thank you, Claudia

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Haley Dodson

From: Christine Heinrichs [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 5:44 PM
To: BoardComment
Subject: Written comments

Hi, Haley — I can provide a list of links to relevant government and industry websites on Offshore Wind.

Item 4 PUBLIC COMMENT

West Coast Offshore Wind projects are coming to California's waters. The Bureau of Ocean Energy management has leased three areas due west of Cambria to international energy companies. Their plans for the hundreds of turbines expected to be deployed out there could be available as soon as December. Cambria plays no direct role in these projects, but will certainly be affected by them. Concerns about lights on the horizon are not justified, but the projects will require significant infrastructure in port construction and will bring social and economic changes to the entire Central Coast. I ask the board to consider adding a page to the district's website for updates on these important projects. Opportunities for public comment on various aspects of these complicated projects will be open in the future. The district could help support the public's ability to remain informed and participate.

<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/california>

Consent Agenda:

PUBLIC COMMENT

I ask the board to pull Items 5A and 5C, the Thoma Electric contract and the county skatepark grant, for discussion. Neither item belongs on the Consent Agenda.

Relocating the EV charging stations is a continuing issue, The public deserves to understand how the district plans to resolve it and how much it's going to cost.

The whole project would make more sense as part of a broader discussion of committing the district to acquiring only electric vehicles in the future. Today's Los Angeles Times Boiling Point column interviews Ford Motor Company CEO Jim Farley, as he and the reporter cruise I-5 in the Ford F-150 Lightning pickup. Ford's target market for these pickups is commercial customers, such as the district. Electronic technology is being improved to serve needs that will help the district. https://www.latimes.com/environment/newsletter/2023-09-14/ford-ceo-jim-farley-talks-up-the-companys-ev-future-boiling-point?utm_id=111031&sfmc_id=2395009&skey_id=4b329de606a5da21afabb4373a9c036efc82aca83b9dd2ae18173dbac903a37a

Committing to electric vehicles is part of the wider discussion of moving the district to renewable energy. I thank Director Scott for taking note of the district's monthly PG&E bill, which was over \$52,000 last month. The district should be looking at installing its own solar panels and storage to take advantage of our California sun.

The district partnered with PG&E in 2019 for its Sustainable Solutions Turnkey program. How's that going? Has anything happened? PG&E, which has pleaded guilty to multiple criminal felonies, paid millions in fines

for its neglectful operations, and has been characterized as the “most hated public utility in the country,” is not the partner that is going to help the district reduce those \$50,000 monthly payments.

Thank you, Director Scott, for pointing out this expense. I know you are busy with chairing the Policy Committee and keeping lines of communication open with Cambria’s sister CSD in San Simeon, but I hope the board will take interest in getting Cambria energy sufficient.

The \$47,000 county grant to put a restroom at the skatepark needs further explanation. The plans included with this item don’t show where a restroom would be built. This needs further discussion than the blanket approval of a Consent Agenda item.

So, yeah, please pull Items 5A and 5C for discussion.

6A: PUBLIC COMMENT:

Please re-appoint the current PROS members to the PROS Standing Committee and appoint John Nixon to the vacant seat. These community volunteers have shown their interest and dedication. They have created working relationships. They have several complicated and expensive projects before them, in which the community is vitally interested.

Appointing the existing members will allow them to continue their work without the bureaucratic interruption and delay of re-application. Send them this vote of confidence in their work and show the community that you support them.

6F: PUBLIC COMMENT:

Yet another contract for yet another study, to answer the questions that the Coastal Commission has required for years – chief among them, How to mitigate for the damage done by building the EWS/SWF/WRF in Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area – and the county specified in its Information Hold of August 2020. [DRC2013-00112 \(sloplanning.org\)](https://www.sloplanning.org)

Approving this contract makes sense, if the board seriously intends to pursue the CDP. Past history of confusion and lack of direction suggest not. Mr. McElhenie assures me that this time, the board will support the action required to get this permit approved and the EWS/SWF/WRF evaluated. The goal is to provide water security for Cambria.

The path from 2019, when the district’s special advisor on the CDP, Paavo Ogren, advised the board to use a project description in its CDP application to use the plant only in emergencies for existing users only, to today, has been marked by confusion and misdirection.

In **August 2023**, General Manager McElhenie met with Coastal Commission Executive Director Kate Hucklebridge, Senior Environmental Scientist Tom Luster, and other staff overseeing Central Coast resources. Utilities Manager Jim Green and Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson joined him. No CSD directors attended this meeting, probably one of the most important ever held in moving the CDP application forward.

GM McElhenie said at his September *Meet the General Manager* meeting that another contractor will be hired to write another project description. That’s not mentioned here, so perhaps that’s a separate contract. It might be better accomplished by Cannon Engineering.

The required biological assessments, which include protected species such as steelhead trout, California Red-Legged Frog and Tidewater Goby, remain unaddressed. Mr. McElhenie did not give any projection of when they might be done. He said that the Merk Associates work was not done because the scope of work expanded to include this contract, for Van Gordon Creek. This doesn't make sense to me. Why not get the work started last year, when that contract was signed? Who stopped the Merk contract? Why?

Another \$48,000 on this non-functioning plant. New personnel – Mr. McElhenie as general manager and Jim Green as utilities manager – may break the deadlock and move the CDP application forward. The steelhead, the frogs, the gobies and the rest of Cambria's residents are waiting.

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: THE DISTRICT'S "RUSSIAN ROULETTE"
Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023 1:06:20 PM
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[UNCLEARED LOT \(TULLY & WALES\) 1.jpg](#)

President Dean, Vice President Gray, Members of the Board:

It seems to me the district is playing a kind of Russian roulette this season...and, so far, it's been lucky. But it's mid-September, and many lots remain to be cleared.

Weather-wise, so far Cambria has been very fortunate. We've had a wet winter and have been blessed with moist, mild days almost the entire summer. But unfortunately, that could change in a flash.

As you know, from the emails I've sent to each of you, including to the general manager, I am concerned about the district's inadequate weed abatement program this year.

I do understand that weed abatement started later this year because of the late rains, however, it seems to me that the weed abatement contractor the district hired is not prepared with enough crews and equipment. The comforting growl of busy weed-whackers has been eerily silent this summer. Therefore, we are left in a very dangerous situation going into the peak fire season.

This is particularly troubling because so recently Lahaina suffered an unprecedented disaster because high winds brought power lines down and ignited so much un-cleared dry grass fuel.

The deadline for property owners to clear lots was July 15. September 18 is the deadline for the CCSD weed abatement contractor to have the delinquent lots cleared.

That's over a two-month gap between the two deadlines and, considering the risk to the community, this is a dangerous and unnecessary delay.

As the weed abatement program now stands there appears to be very little incentive for owners to clear lots on time.

I'm told that there have been over 500 delinquent un-cleared lots owned by numerous irresponsible owners putting the entire community at risk.

One way to make the lot owners more proactive would be to impose a fine on the owners of delinquent lots, in addition to the contractor's charge and the district's service fee.

Common sense tells me that we're in a situation that requires 'all-hands-on-deck.' The district should be hiring enough crews to clear the lots before the deadline. Should a wildfire erupt, the district is opening itself to lawsuits as well as destruction.

Please act now.

Donald Archer,
Cambria

Please enter these comments and photos into the public record.

Below are some photos of un-cleared lots adjacent to and near my house and property (within 100 yards or less). This is a lot of fuel to burn. Wouldn't you be concerned if these lots were next to your property in the peak of summer?:



I've attached jpegs in a resolution suitable for PowerPoint so that they could be projected at the meeting.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Haley Dodson](#)
Subject: PHOTOS TO PROJECT AT SEPT. 14 MEETING
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 12:48:30 PM

Hi Haley,

Harry suggested I send you these photos to project at meeting if possible while I present my comments. I am hoping to be there in person to speak.

Would it be possible for these to be projected for clarity and impact?

Thanks,
Donald

Public Comment, September 14, 2023

President Dean and Members of the Board:

I have two concerns to which the Board has given lip-service but without any concrete results.

My first concern is:

- Here it is the middle of September and there is an eerie silence of the usual cacophony of weed-whackers this time of the year.
- The fire department tells me there are over 500 non-compliant lots providing potential fuel for wildfires...many more than usual. Why?
- This represents I don't know how many irresponsible lot owners putting this community at risk.
- Is there a sense of disconnect from the community?
- Is it that there are no stiff penalties nor any significant fines that would dissuade the owners from leaving their lots un-cleared?
- This is a very personal issue for me. I've provided photos of un-cleared lots adjacent to my home on Lodge Hill...and others within 100 yards or less of my property.
- Would you be concerned?
- Every un-cleared lot is fuel for fire.
- So far, weather-wise, the summer has been cool and mild, and we've been extremely fortunate. Maybe this has brought about a feeling of complacency.
- But this can all rapidly change if temperatures rise, humidity is low, the wind picks up, and there is plenty of fuel for fire available.
- These very conditions unexpectedly ignited the firestorm in Lahaina.

- The district's weed abatement contractor has not been prepared for the number of lots needing to be cleared nor for the time frame to do it.
- If the job is too much for one contractor, why hasn't the district hired more contractors?
- And why is there a dangerous 2-month gap between the July 15 property owners' deadline and the September 18 deadline for the weed abatement contractor to finish the job?
- Will the district act? If so, when?

My second concern is:

- The lack of promised assistance for Mission Country Disposal increased fees to low-income families.
- We were told almost a year ago when the disposal fees rose to almost double that help would be offered to cover the steep rise.
- Now, almost a year later, again, there are no concrete results. My bill is still significantly higher than before the increase.
- Where does this issue now stand with the disposal company and the district?
- I'm also concerned about waste-water and water fee assistance, while I'm grateful for any, the amount is very small and only applies to waste-water fees. With ever-increasing water fees, unlike San Luis Obispo, there is no assistance available here.
- I would like to see a more pro-active board. The results, so far, have been very disappointing.
- Please act NOW on these important issues.

Donald Archer,
Cambria

Uncleared lot between Avon & Tully





Uncleared lots Avon & Wales



**Uncleared lot next to my house
Chester & Wales**

A photograph showing a large, gnarled tree in the foreground, with its trunk and branches extending across the top of the frame. The ground is covered in tall, dry, golden-brown grass. In the background, a house with a red roof and white walls is partially visible through the trees. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

**Uncleared lot next to my house
Chester & Wales**

**Uncleared lot
next to my house
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Uncleared lots Tully & Wales

A photograph showing a field of tall, dry, golden-brown grasses in the foreground. In the background, there is a line of trees and a white van parked. The text "Uncleared lots Avon & Wales" is overlaid in yellow at the bottom of the image.

Uncleared lots Avon & Wales

Uncleared lots, Avon & Wales



From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#); [Haley Dodson](#)
Subject: Written Comments for the September 14, 2023 CCSD Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 9:45:12 PM
Importance: High

Haley,

The link to the Board Comments page on the CCSD website was not working, so I am sending this directly to you. I intend to present this myself, but if I am unable to do so, would you please read my comments below?

By separate email, I have transmitted to the General Manager and all of the Board members the 9/13/2023 GEI Consultants Review and Analysis of the San Simeon Creek Instream Flows Assessment, Prepared for the United Lot Owners of Cambria. I trust that the GM and Board (and all of the R&I Committee members) will review it carefully, and I hope you find it helpful in your efforts with the California Coastal Commission. Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance in any follow up discussions that you or your staff might want to have with GEI.

The subject GEI document examines the methodology and conclusions of the Stillwater Sciences assessment and the implications of these conclusions on the findings of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan – Review and Analysis (GEI 2022), a report prepared by GEI Consultants in 2022. The 2022 GEI report found that CCSD could permit an additional 184 water meter connections without compromising system reliability for existing users during multiple-year droughts.

The findings of the Stillwater Sciences assessment do not alter the conclusions drawn in GEI's 2022 report regarding the availability of water to support approval of these water meter connections. The GEI report's conclusions were based on the conservative assumption that water from the WRF would not be available. Stillwater Science's findings indicate that these conclusions hold under existing conditions and would continue to hold were the WRF to be permitted under a regular Coastal Development Permit (CDP).

I would be pleased to assist you in utilizing these and other analyses, along with their scientifically validated conclusions, to support the community by accelerating receipt of the necessary approvals to bring an end to the moratorium on CCSD water meter connections and secure the CDP for the WRF.

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Thanks much,

Dennis

Dennis A. Dudzik, P.E.

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Written Public Comment

First Name:	Lourdes
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Address:	[REDACTED]
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	September 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Cambria Community Services District Board of Directors For Public Comment President Dean through the members of the Board: My name is Lourdes Nilon, a permanent resident of Cambria for two years and prior a part-time resident for 16 years. I am currently a member of the North Coast Advisory Council serving as a Representative for Area 2

**Written
Public
Comment:**

(Happy Hill and Leimert) and as the Hispanic Community Representative. My comments today are directly related to Item 'D' under Regular Business: Receive Presentation from PROS Committee on a Concept Plan for a Disc Golf Course at the East Ranch Community Park and Discuss and Consider Directing the PROS Committee to Develop Recommendations for a Community-Wide Survey for East Ranch Recreational Options. While attending the PROS Ad hoc Committee meeting in July 2023, I was asked to translate into Spanish a survey that had been previously distributed to the English-speaking Community at various Farmer's Market events in Cambria. In addition, I was asked to lead a grassroots distribution effort of the translated survey throughout the Spanish-speaking community of Cambria. A copy of the English and Spanish versions of the survey and accompanying explanation of each option that I also translated and distributed are attached for your review. The survey included Disc Golf, a Community Playing Field, Multi-Use Walking Paths, and an Outdoor Exercise Circuit. This grassroots survey effort included recruiting prominent and socially and civically active members of the Bilingual and Spanish-speaking population of Cambria to act as leaders in distributing the survey to their employees, family members, friends, and neighbors. Leaders included, restaurant owners, parents of students attending Cambria Grammar School, middle-school, and High School, members of the Santa Rosa Catholic Church, and others. I personally went door to door and met with many restaurant owners and business owners. I had meetings with Bilingual and Spanish-speaking community members of Cambria; all gladly and excitedly welcomed the opportunity to participate, as did each of the community members who served as leaders in the distribution effort. All were excited that a committee of the CCSD was asking for the recommendations and suggestions of the Spanish-speaking community. This effort activated adults and youth alike. As an example, Coast Union High's own ASB President, together with her mother, went door to door distributing the survey throughout her neighborhood and to family friends, relatives, and parents of fellow student soccer players. This 2–3-week grassroots effort resulted in 140 completed surveys with 111 or 80% selecting the Community Playing Field as their number one choice (favorite of the four recreational opportunities presented in the survey). The Disc Golf course was selected as the second favored choice. Despite historical lack of trust by the Spanish-speaking population due to a

similar outreach effort conducted approximately 15 years ago in which this population was asked to participate in fundraising efforts for a soccer field (and actually contributed funds from events they coordinated) - all participants in the current effort chose to trust again, and completed the surveys with hope that this time, their voice would be heard. While I understand the desire to now include ALL possible recreational options in a community-wide survey for the East Ranch, it will most certainly be viewed by the Spanish-speaking population as yet another time when their voice was not taken seriously or taken into account. Certainly, it will tell all who participated in this grassroots survey effort, including me, that it was a futile effort, and it will create doubt and further cement a lack of trust and damage the credibility of not only the PROS Committee but that of the CCSD. Many people worked earnestly and worked hard on this grassroots distribution effort. I know this board and the Cambria community to have a spirit of inclusivity and collaboration, I ask that you please take the effort, trust, hope, and results of this grassroots survey effort seriously and that you do not ignore the voice of the Spanish-speaking population that live, work, contribute and raise their children in Cambria. Thank you. Lourdes Nilon

**Written
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Board Meeting

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Attachments re: Public Comment from Lourdes Nilon/Board Meeting
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[CCSD Recommendation In depth Info \(1\).docx](#)
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Good morning, Haley,

Attached please find:

1. Survey in English that I was asked to translate into Spanish by the PROS Adhoc Committee.
2. Document in English (detailed explanation of each recreational option) I was asked to translate into Spanish by the PROS Adhoc Committee.
3. Survey translated into Spanish.
4. Document explaining each recreational option translated into Spanish.

Thank you,
Lourdes Nilon

Petition to the CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT (CCSD)

recommending feasible projects for the East Ranch open space

At the request of the CCSD to the PROS Commission, an AD HOC committee has been formed. The goal of the AD HOC committee is to make recommendations to CCSD concerning the community use of the East Ranch Open Space to begin the process of recommending projects and defining the area, cost, funding sources, and timelines. The AD HOC committee has identified four (4) feasible, low-cost, and low-environmental impact projects for the East Ranch Open Space:

Projects	Would you like to see this project happen? Yes or No	Which project is your favorite?
Additional Multi-use Trails		
Youth and Adult Fitness Course		
Frisbee Disc Golf Course		
Natural playing field		

Is there anything else you would like the committee to know?

THANK YOU!!

Feasible projects for the East Ranch open space

Additional multi-use trails

Currently, there is one main trail running through the center of the East Ranch open space. This recommendation includes the creation of additional multi-use trails for the shared use and travel of bicycles, pedestrians, and other authorized devices in alignment with the *Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan*.

Youth and adult fitness trail

A **fitness trail** consists of outdoor exercise equipment or obstacles installed along one or more of the additional multi-use trails to promote fitness and balance. The equipment can be natural or man-made and include climbable rocks, trees, or manufactured products (stepping posts, pull-up bars, balance beams, and climbing bars). The equipment is designed to provide physical challenges with the degree of difficulty of a course determined by terrain slope, trail surface, obstacle height, length, and other features. The trails on the East Ranch open space tend to be flat, permitting participation by all ages, from young children to the elderly, and will also accommodate cyclists, walkers, and runners. Many companies design and install outdoor exercise equipment, so there are multiple variations to choose from to create something that works for our community.



Community playing field

An open space playing field that is mowed and dragged to fill in the holes made by ground squirrels to use for ball sports, flying kites, running around, and general fun.



Frisbee disc golf course

Frisbee disc golf is a sport where players throw a disc at a basket, with rules similar to golf. The sport is usually played on a course with 9 or 18 holes (baskets). Players complete a hole by throwing a disc from a tee pad toward a basket, throwing again from where the previous throw landed until the basket is reached. The baskets are formed by wire with hanging chains above the basket, designed to catch the incoming discs, resulting in a score. Usually, the number of throws a player uses to reach each basket is tallied (often in relation to par), and players seek to complete each hole in the lowest number of total throws. The course does not require a grass field for installation.

- Disc golf is a rapidly growing, environmentally friendly, low-cost, and low-impact sport.
- Disc golf is a healthy outdoor activity accessible to people of all ages and abilities.
- Disc golf courses are inexpensive to install, easy to maintain, and make use of an area's existing topography. A quality 18-hole course is inexpensive to install and maintain and lasts for decades.
- Disc golf courses attract new people to park areas and support local businesses through increased tourism. Disc golfers, like dedicated hikers or cyclists, often base their travel plans around their favorite hobbies.
- Schools have been adding disc golf to their curriculum worldwide. It provides safe exercise and can be used for other life lessons like ecology, planning, and socialization. Schools are finding that kids not only love the sport but that it helps develop critical thinking through scrutinizing and negotiating obstacles.



Proyectos realizables para el espacio abierto en East Ranch

Senderos adicionales de multiusos

Actualmente, existe solo un sendero que corre sobre el centro del espacio abierto en East Ranch. La recomendación presente incluye la creación de senderos adicionales de multiusos que serán compartidos y utilizados por ciclistas, caminantes, y otros aparatos previamente autorizados a través del *Plan Maestro de la Comisión de Parques, Recreación, y Espacios Abiertos (PROS)*.

Sendero/Circuito de Ejercicio para Jóvenes y Adultos

Un sendero para ejercicio incluye equipo de ejercicio al aire libre u obstáculos instalados a través de uno o más de los senderos adicionales de multiusos para promover la aptitud física y el balance. El equipo puede ser natural o artificial e incluye rocas para escalar, arboles, o productos artificiales (postes para escalar, barras de dominadas para hacer ejercicio, vigas de equilibrio, barras para escalar). El equipo es diseñado para proporcionar desafíos físicos con grado de dificultad determinado por la cuesta o inclinación del terreno, la superficie del terreno, o la altura y lo largo del obstáculo, y otras características. Los senderos que existen actualmente en East Ranch son planos y permiten la participación de personas de todas edades, desde niños a personas de mayor edad, y se podrá utilizar también por ciclistas, caminantes, y corredores. Bastantes compañías diseñan e instalan equipo para ejercicio al aire libre, así que habrá múltiples variaciones de los cuales escoger que le servirán a toda la comunidad.



Campo de Juego Comunitario

Un campo de juego al aire libre el cual la superficie será cortado y rastreado para rellenar agujeros causados por ardillas para jugar deportes de pelota, volar cometas, correr y para diversión general.



Campo de Golf de Disco Frisbee/Disco volador

Golf de disco frisbee/disco volador es un deporte donde los jugadores avientan un disco hacia una canasta y las reglas son similares al juego de golf. El deporte usualmente se juega con 9 o 18 canastas. Jugadores completan un tiro cuando avientan el disco desde una almohadilla hacia una canasta cada vez atentando aventar de nuevo el disco donde callo previamente hasta que se alcance la canasta. Las canastas son hechas de cable con cadenas colgando por encima de las canastas, diseñadas para atrapar el disco resultando en puntaje. Usualmente, el número de lanzamientos que hace un jugador para alcanzar cada canasta es contado (generalmente en relación con el par) y los jugadores tratan de alcanzar cada canasta con el disco con el menor número de intentos. El campo no requiere césped (pasto) para instalar.

- Golf de Disco Frisbee se está popularizando rápidamente y es respetuoso del medio ambiente, es de bajo costo, y es un deporte de bajo impacto.
- Golf de Disco Frisbee es una actividad al aire libre saludable y accesible a personas de toda edad y habilidad.
- Campos de Golf de Disco Frisbee son económicos para instalar, fácil de mantener, y buen uso de la topografía existente.
- Un campo de alta calidad de 18 canastas es económico para instalar y fácil de mantener por muchas décadas.
- Campos de Disco Frisbee atraen a gente nueva hacia los parques y apoyan negocios locales a través del aumento en turismo. Jugadores de golf, como caminantes y ciclistas serios, usualmente planean sus viajes alrededor de sus pasatiempos favoritos.
- Escuelas mundialmente han estado agregando Golf de Disco Frisbee a su plan de estudios. Proporciona ejercicio seguro y se aprende además ecología, planeación, y socialización. Escuelas han encontrado que a los estudiantes les gusta el deporte y además desarrollan destrezas del pensamiento crítico y analítico y de negociación sobre obstáculos.

Peticion para el Distrito de Servicio Comunitario de Cambria (CCSD)



Peticion para el Distrito de Servicio Comunitario de Cambria (CCSD)
Recomendando proyectos realizables para el espacio abierto en East Ranch

A petición de parte del Distrito de Servicio Comunitario de Cambria (CCSD) hacia la Comisión de Parques, Recreación, y Espacios Abiertos (PROS), se formó un comité especial. La meta del comité es efectuar recomendaciones al CCSD acerca del uso comunitario del espacio abierto en East Ranch para comenzar el proceso de recomendar proyectos y determinar el área, costo, fuentes de financiamiento, y líneas de tiempo.

El comité especial a identificado cuatro (4) proyectos realizables, de bajo costo, y de bajo impacto ambiental para el espacio abierto en East Ranch:

Proyectos	¿Le gustaria ver este proyecto realizado? ¿Si o No?	Marque su proyecto favorito. Anote el número de su: 1 = Primer favorito 2= Segundo favorito 3= Tercer favorito 4 = Cuarto favorito
Senderos adicionales multiusos		
Circuito de Ejercicios al aire libre para jóvenes y adultos		
Campo de Golf de Disco Frisbee		
Campo de Juego Comunitario		

¿Existe alguna otra cosa que usted quisiera que supiera el comité especial?

!Gracias!

From: [Streamline](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: New form submission received: Written Public Comment
Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023 7:15:12 PM



Written Public Comment

First Name:	Marilyn
Last Name:	Kirkey
Address:	
Email:	[REDACTED]
Written Public Comment:	<p>Having been through a wildfire in Orange County years ago, I am addressing fire safety in Cambria, I am again amazed that we have a lot clearing deadline of July 14th. The word "deadline" means the latest time or date something should be completed. In the 20 years my husband and I have lived here, that date has never been enforced. With record fuel for wildfires, this year is no exception. Deadlines here seem to be more of a suggestion than a hard date requiring completion of lot clearing. I vehemently disagree with the July 14th "deadline". Our policy should be changed so the date for all Cambria lots to be cleared will be June 1st, the same date for San Luis Obispo County, city of SLO, city of Atascadero, and others. Further, our policy must be changed so that non-compliant lot owners are immediately fined, for example, \$250 plus \$10 per each additional day until their lot is properly cleared. Additionally, lot owners would be charged for the cost of clearing their lots plus an administrative fee. Those monies should go to PROS to cover costs of handling CCSD lots. Of course, actual amounts need to be set by the CCSD. Our current policy has no real consequences, so we end up with a reality of still too much fuel and it's September! Next, our roads edges need to be marked with white lines and/or reflective posts so that in an</p>

emergency, drivers know where the road is, especially where there are drop offs, gullies, or ditches. In OC fire, we were evacuated at 4:00am, pitch black and extremely smoky, so road markings and guard rails made it easier the stay on the road. Additional emergency access roads should be studied as we all have limited ways to get out of our neighborhoods. I'm quite sure others in our community have plenty of ideas on how to improve our current situation We all must work together to do better in protecting our properties and our lives. Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Question for board
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 12:59:47 PM

Why isn't the weed abatement becoming a priority?

Fire Chief indicates they can only do so much as the money slated for Cambria is being funneled off to SLO general fund.

I'd suggest 2-3 year weed abatements. And heavy fines for violators. (Not the \$150.00 meager fine). Loophole in the code leta property and home owners violate the weed abatement ordinance. They get the fire dept or county to take care of the 500 + violators and the property owners get to write it off on their taxes.

We are in a super high fire danger zone. Insurance companies are starting to stop insuring home here because of local and county negligence. Even Fincalini Ranch preserve and Greenspace aren't taking care of their lots and acreage.

-Steve

Sent From My iPhone 13 Pro Max

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Water Positioning
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 8:36:07 AM

Good Morning,,

My name is Terry O'Bright and I heard I should send you an email, from Will Carson.

I own Parcels

023-036-030
023-036-036
023-036-010

In a perfect world, I would love to build a home here.

This would also be good for the County, because it means higher Property Tax Revenue for developed land.

Because of water positioning, I had proposed an idea to San Luis Obispo County a few years back, suggesting

A dry home. Meaning I would transport Potable water in and collect all waste.

In theory, when my water positioning became available, I would just re-route pipes into the Water and Sewer line.

I'm good with anything you recommend.

If you can let me know what the board is deciding, I can make decisions based on that.

Thanks for your time,

Terry O'Bright

From: [Streamline](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: New form submission received: Written Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:31:46 PM



Written Public Comment

First Name:	William
Last Name:	Carson
Address:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
	<p>My name is Will Carson. My wife Mary Ann and I are 72 and 70 years old. We own six buildable lots in Cambria. Four are on the CCSD water wait list and two are on the affordable housing list, numbers 1 & 2 on the workforce housing list. We currently live [REDACTED] in Inverness, Fl. I am a retired Real Estate agent, both in Montana and for 24 years in Cambria. I am also a former Board member of the San Simeon Community Services District. My wife is the former Executive Director of the Cambria Chamber of Commerce. I am writing this letter because I am concerned that the CCSD, San Luis Obispo County, and the California Coastal Commission, between the three entities will never allow me and my wife to build on our lots. A temporary and emergency moratorium was placed on hooking lots up to the water and sewer 20 years ago. All six lots have been promised the ability to build by the CCSD and through implied agreement, the County and the State of California. I am starting to feel like the person who lent money to a trusted friend. That person keeps telling me, "I'll pay you". Well, I'm asking when? You might want to look up my name regarding a lawsuit against the CCSD. I am the lucky person who was the FIRST VICTIM of the water moratorium. I was turned down for water because at a meeting just like this one, the moratorium was declared. I</p>

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was next on the agenda and I stood up and was shot down because of the Moratorium just declared 2 minutes ago. It is interesting that I was on the agenda the previous meeting but was bumped back to the "Moratorium meeting". My business partner and I sued the CCSD. We settled with CCSD. The settlement agreement contains a nondisclosure agreement. My wife and I have been gone from Cambria for about 2 years. I am not in the habit of writing these kinds of letters but I was told that this may be an important meeting and my concerns should be expressed and heard. I want to say that the ARMY Corp of Engineers was in Cambria 6 or 7 years ago to help us with the water issues. They were here and gone quickly. There was one meeting with them held. I believe they read the "tea leaves", why waste your efforts on an ungrateful recipient. I am not here to tell you how to do your job and where to find the water. I am hoping that Cambria can end the moratorium like Cayucos did a number of years ago. Lastly, I know that some people will answer me with, "Well you should have invested in a home in Cambria, you took your chance with investing in LOTS". "The town shouldn't have to expend time and resources when you bought for an investment". I invested in Cambria lots because of the promises that were made and I believe that those promises should be honored. My wife and I realize that we will never again live in Cambria. Both our children grew up in Cambria. Cambria was a great place for them to be kids. Cambria was good to them. When they graduated and moved on to College they hit that dreaded "Black Hole of Cambria", the young adult time when every child wants to leave. Hopefully, they might have the opportunity to come back if they want. My hope now is that I might help make that possible.

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