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To: [Haley Dodson](#)
Subject: New form submission assigned to you: Written Public Comment
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 5:11:34 PM



Written Public Comment

First Name:	Jeff
Last Name:	Wilson
Address:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Written Public Comment:	Regarding the Fire Report, specifically the ISO ratings. My recommendation is to conduct another ISO rating. The last one according to the link provided was 2017, with a suggested updating every 5-7 years. It has been 6 years, so it would be appropriate to obtain an updated rating, with specific area scores, from which to make more informed decisions on where to invest for improvements, if they are needed. Thank you.
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From: [Cheryl McDowell](#)
To: [Haley Dodson](#)
Subject: please read public comment 3/16 CCSD Meeting
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:56:43 PM

Hello Board

a few of us on an Ad Hoc finance committee met on Tuesday to discuss and review
administration department cost allocation:

Fire, Fac & Res, Park & Rec, Wastewater, Water, SWF are all components

the problem is parks and rec (PRO'S) receive revenue from the General Fund a budget with 1.9
employees which isn't true.

I hereby request PRO's be removed from the budget in it's entirety no standing committee should receive
or have allocation of revenue .

As far as the SWF (call it what you want) needs to be incorporated in the water fund.

The formulas which are used to allocate costs based on the number of staff in each operation area needs to be
reviewed annually .

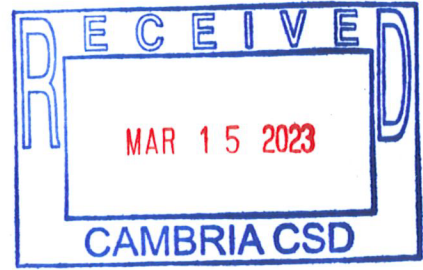
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Written Public Comment

First Name:	Shelly
Last Name:	Becker
Address:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Written Public Comment:	<p>The new board developed last summer for the Cambria dog park was supported by Carlos and his crew. Carlos aquatinted us with SLOPOST and the previous boards past records. If it wasn't for Carlos and his crew the dog park would not be the success it is today. Carlos's connection to the service district and his experience have been a huge asset. He helped update the bylaws, provide board meeting locations, and zoom accessibility. Also they've kept the dog park stocked with potable water, dog bag dispensers, and wood chips. Cambria dog park is a busy park used by locals and visitors. It's a great alternative for off leash dog and human socialization and recreation.</p>
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March 15, 2023

Board of Directors
Cambria CSD

Mark A Ober



SUBJECT - Wildland Urban Interface Code and PRC - 4291

Ordinance 01-2023 - I have reviewed and have no objection therein for its abiding state standards for construction, building standards, and maintenance of buildings.

I spoke to the board as far back as pre-Covid and was referred to Fire Chief Hollingsworth. A far more important adoption is the applicable regulations under CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 4291

PRC 4291 is not mentioned in 01-2023. It is more important to maintain a fire safe community than these adoptions. *Nothing has ever been done, formalized, and adopted by CCSD to my knowledge on 4291.* I'm not certain why it cannot be or was not included in 01-2023.

I hereby recommend that 01-2023 and/or a separate ordinance be adopted to codify in totality 4291 into Cambria (CCSD) regulations. This is the most important action that the board can take to mitigate fire spread throughout our community.

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4291 speaks to property owner and or property leaseholders responsibility to maintain defensible space around a property. Those regulations include up until 12/31/2022 requirements for distances of 5 to 30 feet (Zone 1) and 30 to 100 feet (Zone 2).

As amended as of 1/1/2023 new rulings are included that require specific mitigation in a Wildland Interface Fire Zone for all buildings from 0 (ZERO) to 5 Feet. Some districts (San Diego Area article attached) have led in that adoption as early as 2021.

4291 should be enforced through the dual responsibility of property inspections which are currently split by Cambria (CCSD) Fire and CAL FIRE. I have met with Chief Hollingworth. The current (Paul Provence) and prior CAL FIRE leads constantly inform that they do not have the staffing to enforce and inspect. My last *at property* inspection/interaction by CAL FIRE was only when they were running CCSD/Fire for the period they were in charge. "I have been told" citations are basically ignored by the D.A. because the penalty for enforcement is not worth the cost of prosecution.

Vacant lots are annually cleared and monitored by Cambria Fire (CCSD).

The larger problem is other existing risks under 4291. 4291 for shrubs, dead or drying wood (Sec (5)), roofs of needles and vegetation (Sec. (6)) have mitigation rules. Another section (Sec. 7-(d)) allows and authorizes removal of vegetation not consistent with standards (held within CCSD, Coastal Commission, and North Coast Planning guidelines) and authorizes liens upon such grounds under Section 51186 of the Government Code.

The article provided describes the merit of notifying property insurance to achieve compliance without a D.A. Insurance companies can and do have stricter rules.

Let me reiterate that the State Fire Marshall was directed to implement rules as they apply to the NEW ZONE ---- ZERO to 5 Feet effective 1/1/2023. That means that Cambria either through CCSD/Fire or CAL FIRE has new and better authority.

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When I first addressed a prior board on this matter I was told that a joint committee would fix the territorial responsibilities of CCSD/FIRE and CAL FIRE. I know that in a real emergency both would protect our community. Lack of enforcement and a formal CCSD adoption of 4291 adds to our risk *and the safety of our fire fighting community.*

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By CCSD adopting and formalizing 4291 and its newest requirements including the more stringent and most important ZERO to 5 Foot standards - it will empower both departments and thereby make us all more "fire safe". Cambria is certified *fire safe* and much of the guidance under that certificate are at the basis of 4291.

I've attended the two most recent fire safety conferences at the Veterans Hall held by Cal Fire and CCSD/Cambria Fire. I have spoken with our new Fire Chief (at an event) as well as CAL FIRE lead Paul Provence on this matter. Prior to the recent CCSD board election I spoke with two of the new members regarding 4291 - urging visibility and implementation of 4291 as a CCSD regulation and/or ordinance.

Sincerely,



Mark A Ober/ Resident

Attachments:

4291 (internet)

ABC News - *California law requires 5 feet around homes, 100 feet around property*
Fire Chief McBroom/Alpine Fire Protection District/ Very approachable.



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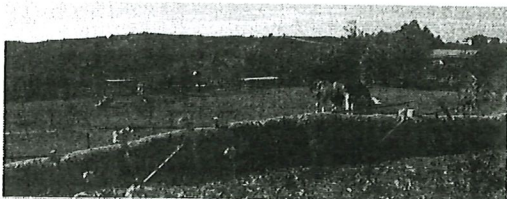
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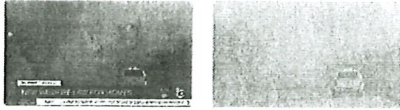


California law requires 5-foot around homes, 100 feet around property for wildfires



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By: Jennifer Delacruz

Posted at 3:32 PM, Apr 07, 2021 and last updated 12:57 PM, Apr 08, 2021

SAN DIEGO (KGTV) – A new California law might make it easier for insurance companies to drop coverage in high fire areas. The state now required 5-feet of defensible space around your home, separate from the 100 feet of space needed for your property.

On January 1, 2021, the California Public Resources Code was updated to require an “ember-resistant zone”. That means adding 5-feet of space between the physical structure of the home and any materials that can burn.

Alpine Fire Protection District’s Jason McBroom says that applies to a wide range of materials.

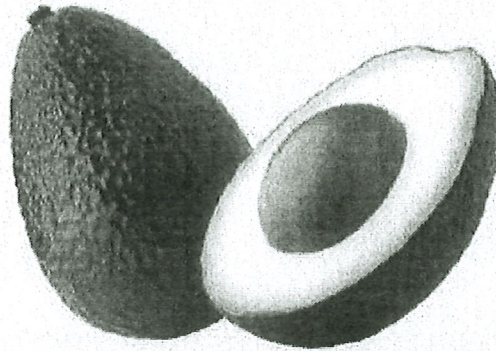
“Those beautiful box hedges, bougainvillea, birds of paradise, anything that’s combustible.” Said McBroom.

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It also applies to mulch and bark. The state recommends replacing those items with things like concrete, stone, or gravel.

McBroom says the ember-resistance zone not only helps keep your home safe, but it can also keep you from losing your insurance.

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to start immediately denying,” said McBroom.

He says the code applies to existing homes designated in ‘very high fire severity’ zones. That would include places like Alpine, Lakeside, and Bonita. A similar code is already in place for new construction.

McBroom says the fuel moisture in San Diego County is lower than it should be, so he’s expecting a stronger than normal fire season this year.

The Alpine Fire Protection District is working to notify its residents of the new law. If residents don’t comply, they could face local and state fines of more than \$1,000.

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4291

California state law regarding the establishment and maintenance of "defensible space" is found in Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 4291. The actual text of that section, which was updated in 2005, is found below. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is responsible for enforcement of PRC 4291. CAL FIRE has also prepared practical guidelines for implementation of "defensible space" in various kinds of settings; these are summarized in a brochure that is found online at:

http://www.fire.ca.gov/CDFBOFDB/pdfs/Copyof4291finalguidelines9_29_06.pdf

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 4291

4291. (a) A person who owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains a building or structure in, upon, or adjoining a mountainous area, forest-covered lands, brush-covered lands, grass-covered lands, or land that is covered with flammable material, shall at all times do all of the following:

- (1) Maintain defensible space no greater than 100 feet from each side of the structure, but not beyond the property line unless allowed by state law, local ordinance, or regulation and as provided in paragraph (2). The amount of fuel modification necessary shall take into account the flammability of the structure as affected by building material, building standards, location, and type of vegetation. Fuels shall be maintained in a condition so that a wildfire burning under average weather conditions would be unlikely to ignite the structure. This paragraph does not apply to single specimens of trees or other vegetation that are well-pruned and maintained so as to effectively manage fuels and not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from other nearby vegetation to a structure or from a structure to other nearby vegetation. The intensity of fuels management may vary within the 100-foot perimeter of the structure, the most intense being within the first 30 feet around the structure. Consistent with fuels management objectives, steps should be taken to minimize erosion.
- (2) A greater distance than that required under paragraph (1) may be required by state law, local ordinance, rule, or regulation. Clearance beyond the property line may only be required if the state law, local ordinance, rule, or regulation includes findings that such a clearing is necessary to significantly reduce the risk of transmission of flame or heat sufficient to ignite the structure, and there is no other feasible mitigation measure possible to reduce the risk of ignition or spread of wildfire to the structure. Clearance on adjacent property shall only be conducted following written consent by the adjacent landowner.
- (3) An insurance company that insures an occupied dwelling or occupied structure may require a greater distance than that required under paragraph (1) if a fire expert, designated by the director, provides findings that such a clearing is necessary to significantly reduce the risk of transmission of flame or heat sufficient to ignite the structure, and there is no other feasible mitigation measure possible to reduce the risk of ignition or spread of wildfire to the structure. The greater distance may not be beyond the property line unless allowed by state law, local ordinance, rule, or regulation.
- (4) Remove that portion of any tree that extends within 10 feet of the outlet of a chimney or stovepipe.

(5) Maintain any tree, shrub, or other plant adjacent to or overhanging a building free of dead or dying wood.

(6) Maintain the roof of a structure free of leaves, needles, or other vegetative materials.

(7) (a) Prior to constructing a new building or structure or rebuilding a building or structure damaged by a fire in an area subject to this section, the construction or rebuilding of which requires a building permit, the owner shall obtain a certification from the local building official that the dwelling or structure, as proposed to be built, complies with all applicable state and local building standards, including those described in subdivision (b) of Section 51189 of the Government **Code**, and shall provide a copy of the certification, upon request, to the insurer providing course of construction insurance coverage for the building or structure. Upon completion of the construction or rebuilding, the owner shall obtain from the local building official, a copy of the final inspection report that demonstrates that the dwelling or structure was constructed in compliance with all applicable state and local building standards, including those described in subdivision (b) of Section 51189 of the Government **Code**, and shall provide a copy of the report, upon request, to the property insurance carrier that insures the dwelling or structure.

(b) A person is not required under this section to manage fuels on land if that person does not have the legal right to manage fuels, nor is a person required to enter upon or to alter property that is owned by any other person without the consent of the owner of the property.

(c) (1) Except as provided in Section 18930 of the Health and Safety **Code**, the director may adopt regulations exempting a structure with an exterior constructed entirely of nonflammable materials, or, conditioned upon the contents and composition of the structure, the director may vary the requirements respecting the removing or clearing away of flammable vegetation or other combustible growth with respect to the area surrounding those structures.

(2) An exemption or variance under paragraph (1) shall not apply unless and until the occupant of the structure, or if there is not an occupant, the owner of the structure, files with the department, in a form as the director shall prescribe, a written consent to the inspection of the interior and contents of the structure to ascertain whether this section and the regulations adopted under this section are complied with at all times.

(d) The director may authorize the removal of vegetation that is not consistent with the standards of this section. The director may prescribe a procedure for the removal of that vegetation and make the expense a lien upon the building, structure, or grounds, in the same manner that is applicable to a legislative body under Section 51186 of the Government **Code**.

(e) The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection shall develop, periodically update, and post on its Internet Web site a guidance document on fuels management pursuant to this chapter. Guidance shall include, but not be limited to, regionally appropriate vegetation management suggestions that preserve and restore native species, minimize erosion, minimize water consumption, and permit trees near homes for shade, aesthetics, and habitat; and suggestions to minimize or eliminate the risk of flammability of non-vegetative sources of combustion such as woodpiles, propane tanks, wood decks, and outdoor lawn furniture.

(f) As used in this section, "person" means a private individual, organization, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation.

4291.1. (a) Notwithstanding Section 4021, a violation of Section **4291** is an infraction punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500). If a person is convicted of a second violation of Section **4291** within five years, that person shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500). If a person is convicted of a third violation of Section **4291** within five years, that person is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500). If a person is convicted of a third violation of Section **4291** within five years, the department may perform or contract for the performance of work necessary to comply with Section **4291** and may bill the person convicted for the costs incurred, in which case the person convicted, upon payment of those costs, shall not be required to pay the fine. If a person convicted of a violation of Section **4291** is granted probation, the court shall impose as a term or condition of probation, in addition to any other term or condition of probation, that the person pay at least the minimum fine prescribed in this section.

(b) If a person convicted of a violation of Section **4291** produces in court verification prior to imposition of a fine by the court, that the condition resulting in the citation no longer exists, the court may reduce the fine imposed for the violation of Section **4291** to fifty dollars (\$50).

4291.3. Subject to any other applicable provision of law, a state or local fire official, at his or her discretion, may authorize an owner of property, or his or her agent, to construct a firebreak, or implement appropriate vegetation management techniques, to ensure that defensible space is adequate for the protection of a hospital, adult residential care facility, school, aboveground storage tank, hazardous materials facility, or similar facility on the property. The firebreak may be for a radius of up to 300 feet from the facility, or to the property line, whichever distance is shorter.

From: [Mary C. Maher](#)
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Comment during F&R manager's report
Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023 11:01:59 AM
Attachments: [CCSD comments - Carlos support.docx](#)

The public comment below is associated with Carlos's F&R manager's report.

Thank you,
Mary Maher

March 16, 2023

Dear CCSD directors,

It may not be as visible to many in the community but the Cambria CCSD Facilities and Resources yard, shop and offices were seriously damaged during the recent storms and vandalism. Fortunately, the advance preparation and quick actions of Carlos Mendoza and his team mitigated some damage.

Carlos and his organization provide vital support to our community. Please act quickly to find a permanent home for their offices, shop and yard away from the creek so they can focus their time and energy serving the community.

Please also put a plan in place to relocate or strengthen the protection for Cambria's critical infrastructure that is currently near the creek. We may not be so lucky to avoid a disaster during the next storm.

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