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DWR GRANT FOR SR3 UPGRADE

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Cambria CSD Awarded \$307,896 State Grant for Santa Rosa Creek Upgrades

Funds Cover Cost of Rehabilitating SR3 Well and Filtronics Plant in 2014 Drought Emergency

CAMBRIA, CA – The Cambria Community Services District announced today that the State Water Resources Control Board has approved a grant totaling \$307,896 to cover the cost of rehabilitating and upgrading key water supply facilities in the Santa Rosa Creek Aquifer during the drought emergency of 2014.

The funds, paid through the State Water Board Public Water System Drought Emergency Response program, will pay for the CCSD's revamping of the SR3 well at 2447 Village Lane (Tin City) and its upgrading of the Filtronics iron and manganese removal plant at the Rodeo Grounds. These emergency projects, completed in 2014, added approximately 114 acre-feet to Cambria's sources of potable water.

The grant will be finalized and funds disbursed after the CCSD Board of Directors adopts a resolution reflecting updates to its earlier grant application. This item is scheduled for the February 26, 2015 Board meeting.

The State grant covers work such as the following:

- Rehabilitation of the Filtronics facility and replacement of filter media.
- Replumbing of Filtronics clearwells to improve contact time of disinfectants and groundwater.
- New wiring, controls and alarm systems for SR3 well and the Filtronics plant.
- New pumps, seals, wellhead repairs and other work at SR3.
- New water tank for the Filtronics plant.
- Hydrogeologic consulting.

Costs related to the supply of non-potable water to Cambria residents, including temporary facilities on Main Street and at the Rodeo Grounds, are not covered by the State grant program.

“This new grant award is a welcome financial boost, but it's also more than that,” said CCSD General Manager Jerry Gruber. “It's a vote of confidence in Cambria's strategy for dealing with the drought by making the most efficient use of our existing resources. The SR3 and Filtronics projects have improved our output from the Santa Rosa Creek Aquifer without putting any added stress on the environment.”