

# CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



## 2024 YEAR-END REPORT

# CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## ABOUT US

The Cambria Community Services District (originally known as Moonstone Cove CSD) was established in 1966. In 1976, a reorganization led to the dissolution of several local entities, including:

- **Cambria County Water District** (formed in 1959)
- **Cambria Fire Protection District** (originating as the Hope Volunteer Fire Department in 1877, it was renamed Cambria Fire in 1933)
- **Cambria Garbage Disposal District** (formed in 1959)
- **Cambria Lighting District** (also formed in 1959)
- **County Service Area No. 6** (which took over the lighting district in 1967)

Following this reorganization, the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) was officially formed in 1976. This new district expanded its services to include water supply, wastewater treatment, fire protection, street lighting, refuse collection, and parks, recreation, and open space management.

The CCSD is governed by a five-member board of directors, elected by Cambria voters to serve overlapping four-year terms, ensuring community representation and oversight of essential services.



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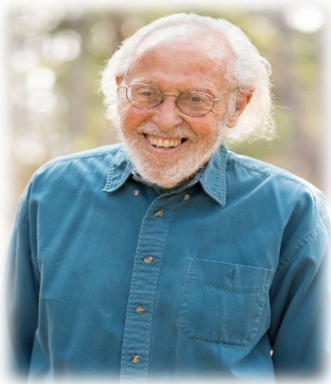
## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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*The Cambria Community Services District was scheduled to have its District election on November 5, 2024, for three Directors, term beginning 12/6/2024 and ending 12/1/2028. As of the 83rd day prior to the election, three candidates filed a declaration of Candidacy for three positions. The Clerk-Recorder's Office did not receive any petitions requesting the District election to be held. Accordingly, a District election was not held for these positions. Pursuant to Elections Code section 10515(b), the Board of Supervisors appointed Tom Gray, Harry Farmer and Karen Dean, and Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson administered their Certificate of Appointment and Oath of Office forms.*

# CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## MANAGEMENT



**Matthew McElhenie**  
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## CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

# MISSION STATEMENT

The Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) provides authorized municipal services to maintain and enhance the quality of life for the Cambria community and its visitors.

The CCSD's core values are:

- Customer Service
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Respect
- Safety
- Teamwork
- Transparency
- Stewardship

The CCSD also provides water, wastewater treatment, solid waste disposal, fire protection services, street lighting services, and supports related community services such as parks, recreation and open space, and operation of the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Building.

# VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to serve our community by delivering sustainable, cost-effective services while practicing environmental stewardship and preserving the unique charm and atmosphere that make Cambria special.

# CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## STRATEGIC PLAN THREE-YEAR GOALS 2022-2025 (not in priority order)

Core Area	Strategic Goal
Water Services - General	Meet the ongoing challenges of effectively and reliably managing water resources in our sensitive ecosystem.
Water Services - Water Reclamation Facility	Advance Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to achieve County and Coastal Commission approval.
Wastewater Services	Execute phased repairs and upgrades for the Wastewater Treatment System.
Fire Protection & Emergency Services	Provide optimal fire protection, water rescue, and emergency medical services on a 24/7 basis.
Facilities & Resources	Manage and provide stewardship of District assets, parks, recreation, and open space in a timely, cost-effective, and environmentally sensitive manner.

**CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

# **ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

**The Administrative Department is managed by General Manager Matthew McElhenie and Administrative Department Manager Denise Fritz, and supported by:**

- **Haley Dodson - Confidential Administrative Assistant**
- **Miriam Torres - Administrative Technician IV (Payroll, Benefits, Accounts Receivable & Utility Billing)**
- **Rachelle Benjamin - Administrative Technician III (Accounts Payable)**
- **Scot Steck - Administrative Technician II (Front Desk)**

**In collaboration with the Board of Directors, we have completed the following:**

- Entered into an agreement with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim for professional auditing services and completed and filed the District's Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Audit.
- Adopted a comprehensive Records Retention Schedule. This initiative enhances record-keeping efficiency and compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Established a Commercial Card Program with Umpqua Bank to streamline purchasing processes and improve financial controls.
- Secured a lease agreement, including a first amendment, with John Linn and Linnvestments for the administrative office, and relocated offices in October.
- Approved the Management and Confidential Employees (MCE) Group Payment & Compensation Plan.
- Approved the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Preliminary and Final Budget, which included a balanced Facilities & Resources budget. For the first time in years, CCSD has successfully transitioned from operating under a deficit to adopting a balanced budget. This accomplishment is a significant milestone, reflecting our commitment to responsible fiscal management and ensuring long-term sustainability for our community.
- Filed Investment Reports Quarterly investment reports were filed for periods ending June 30, 2024, and September 30, 2024.
- Implemented Civil Administrative Citations and updated the CCSD Municipal Code allowing for better management of weed abatement and defensible space.
- Established Guidelines for Handling Written Public Comments at Board Meetings.
- Responded to 41 public records requests.
- Sent 51 Letters from the General Manager to the community.
- Held 12 Meet the General Manager meetings.

# DISTRICT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Under Ms. Fritz's leadership and with Board approval, the CCSD entered into an agreement with Optimized Investment Partners (OIP) to enhance district investment management. This strategic move ensures fiscal prudence and aims to increase investment returns.

OIP has extensive finance experience, which helps it make better investment decisions and increase the district's revenues. OIP assists with monthly cash analysis to keep idle cash actively invested throughout the year, laddering portfolio investments to ensure cash is readily available when needed. These strategies help generate more revenue to budget across the district's priorities.

The total cash and investment portfolio book value (cost) held by the District as of June 30, 2024, was \$10,823,182, and the total cash and investments held by the trustees was \$8,266,354.

The cash and investments held by the District include the following components: Managed Investment Portfolio (\$6,309,682), State of CA Local Agency Investment Fund (\$59,656), California Asset Management Program (CAMP) Pooled Investment Fund (\$3,839,249), Cash/Time Deposits (\$551,387), and accrued interest on investments.

- Total projected interest earnings: **\$315,355**
- Weighted Yield to Maturity: **5.08%**
- Average portfolio size: **\$9.52M-Our portfolio has been efficiently laddered and diversified throughout the fiscal year.**



**The General Manager, Administrative Department Manager, and Confidential Administrative Assistant have successfully completed several initiatives to enhance operations and community services:**

- **Lease Agreements for Improved Office Efficiency:** The team executed lease agreements with Office1, providing updated and reliable copy machines for the Administrative, Fire, and Utilities Departments. This upgrade enhances departmental efficiency and reliability.
- **Completion of Key District Reviews:** The General Manager, Administrative Department Manager, Confidential Administrative Assistant, Fire Chief, Utilities Department Manager, and Program Manager finalized the CCSD Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study.
- **Streamlined Meeting Management:** The Confidential Administrative Assistant successfully implemented the Peak Agenda Management system. This system improves efficiency and accessibility by streamlining the preparation of board and standing committee meeting agendas.
- **Community Safety Efforts:** The General Manager worked with CUSD Superintendent Jill Southern and other key stakeholders to address vandalism and graffiti in Cambria, fostering a safer and more welcoming community.
- **Recognition for Transparency:** The General Manager and Confidential Administrative Assistant applied for and secured the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence. This award recognizes CCSD's outstanding commitment to transparency and good governance.



# CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

# FACILITIES & RESOURCES

# DEPARTMENT

**The Facilities & Resources Department is managed by Facilities & Resources Manager, David Aguirre and supported by Maintenance Technicians Oscar Mora, Eduardo Chavez Alvarez and Anthony Deas. In collaboration with the Board of Directors, we have completed the following:**

## **Community Park Master Plan Update**

- Agreement for Consultant Services with FIRMA Consultants, Inc. to update the Community Park Master Plan. This collaboration will ensure the park meets the evolving needs of our community.
- Public Works Contract with Hartzell General Engineering Contractor, Inc. for the construction of the East Ranch Community Park Public Restroom Installation Project.
- Agreement for Consultant Services with Padre Associates, Inc. for the Environmental Monitoring of the East Ranch Community Park Restroom Installation Project.

## **Fiscalini Ranch Projects**

- An agreement was established between the CCSD and the Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve to move forward with the Fiscalini Ranch linking boardwalk project, improving access while preserving the natural beauty of the area.
- A Landowner Access Agreement was executed with the Upper Salinas - Las Tablas Resource Conservation District. This agreement allows access and use of real property to implement a habitat restoration project on the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve.
- Coordination with Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve regarding 2024/2025 Fiscalini Ranch Preserve maintenance expenses.

## **Cambria Skatepark Development**

- Agreement for Consultant Services with Civil Design Studio for the preparation of construction documentation for the Cambria Skatepark.
- Agreement for Consultant Services with Spohn Ranch, Inc. to prepare the plans and specifications for the Cambria Skatepark, marking a major step forward in bringing this much-anticipated facility to our community.

## **Misc.**

Worked with Cambria Rotary and American Legion regarding the Peace Picket Project at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall Parking Lot in which a peace garden fence was constructed.



# ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATION



The Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) installed an electric vehicle (EV) charging station at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall, located at 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428. The station was funded through a grant under the SLO County Clean Air Incentive Program, which is managed by the SLO County Air Pollution Control District (APCD). This is a level 2 charger with two parking spaces.

## EV Charging Station Parking Spaces



# CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Cambria Fire Department is managed by Fire Chief Michael Burkey and is supported by:

- Fire Captains: Michael Castellanos, Craig Brooks and Greg McGill
- Fire Engineers: Ryan Maloney, Kayla Graves and Christian Evers
- Firefighters: Wil Stewart, Drew Kanner and Tyler Loudermilk
- SAFER Firefighters: Colton Blume, Stuart Mahoney and Henry Wright

As we close out another year, we extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated emergency responders who serve the Cambria community with unwavering commitment. These individuals work tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors alike.



Chief  
Michael Burkey



Captain  
Michael Castellanos



Engineer  
Christian Evers



Firefighter  
Drew Kanner



SAFER Firefighter  
Colton Blume



Captain  
Craig Brooks



Engineer  
Ryan Maloney



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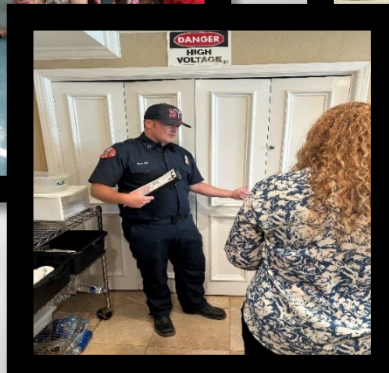
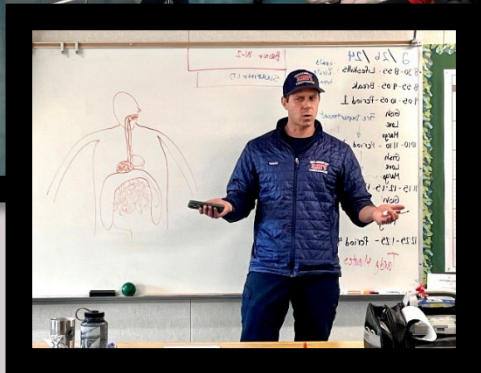


SAFER Firefighter  
Henry Wright



## 2024 Cambria CSD Fire Department Call Volume

Month	Number of Calls
January	78
February	90
March	66
April	90
May	76
June	79
July	81
August	93
September	80
October	92
November	93
December	104
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1022</b>



**In collaboration with the Board of Directors, we have completed the following:**

- Agreement for Consultant Services with Civil Design Studio to prepare an Emergency Access Feasibility Study.
- Implemented Genasys Protect (Zonehaven) and Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program.
- Agreement with Lexipol to prepare a Fire Policy Manual & Daily Training Bulletins, along with Supplemental Publication Service and Fire Operations Procedures. This initiative enhances operational consistency, safety, and ongoing training for fire personnel.

**Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program**

- Implemented a new [2024 Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program](#).
- Enhanced Coordination and Planning: There was a concerted effort to improve planning and coordination among fire department leadership, and clear guidelines and timelines were established to streamline the process.
- Increased Community Involvement: We engaged residents weekly via email and social media blast-outs. As such, the Cambria residents and property owners became more engaged in the abatement efforts through enhanced communication and informational sessions held by the Chief at the Vet's Hall. This grassroots involvement increased awareness and fostered a sense of shared responsibility for maintaining the environment.
- Agreement for Consultant Services with Paradise Tree Service: The Fire Department engaged Paradise Tree Service to execute the 2024 Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program. Our partnership with Paradise Tree Service, alongside the exemplary work of our Cambria Fire Department, has been instrumental in achieving this important goal. This program mitigates fire risks by reducing hazardous vegetation and improving defensible space within the community for the Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program, providing a more swift and rapid response/abatement to parcels failing inspection.



## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The General Manager, Confidential Administrative Assistant & Fire Chief, along with CERT, have successfully developed the CERT Program Member Application Process. This initiative is a significant step toward strengthening community preparedness and resilience by streamlining the process for individuals to join CERT and contribute to local emergency response efforts. We encourage community members interested in becoming part of this vital program to stay tuned for details on how to apply. Together, we can enhance our community's safety and readiness.

## Proposed Fire Protection Committee

The General Manager and Confidential Administrative Assistant, in collaboration with Fire Chief Michael Burkey and District Counsel, are currently awaiting Board review of the proposed fire protection committee's title and focus. The proposed committee would support and seek to enhance the District's fire protection services. The committee will serve as an advisory body to the Board of Directors, focusing on the effective planning, implementation, and evaluation of fire protection policies, resources, and programs.



**CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**UTILITIES**

**(WATER & WASTEWATER)**

**DEPARTMENT**

**The Utilities Department is managed by Utilities Department Manager Jim Green and is supported by Program Manager Tristan Reaper and Administrative Technician II (Support to Utilities Department Manager) Eric Johnson.**

**The Wastewater Department is managed by Wastewater Systems Superintendent Toni Artho and is supported by Wastewater Operators Delon Blackburn, Benjamin Bivens, Art Garney, and Ryan Staley; and Wastewater Collection System Maintenance Workers Aaron Moe and Christien McManus.**

**The Water Department is managed by Water Systems Superintendent Cody Meeks and is supported by Water Operators Ben Grosskreutz, Andy Lyman, Owen Purcell, and Clint Conroy.**

**We have completed the following:**

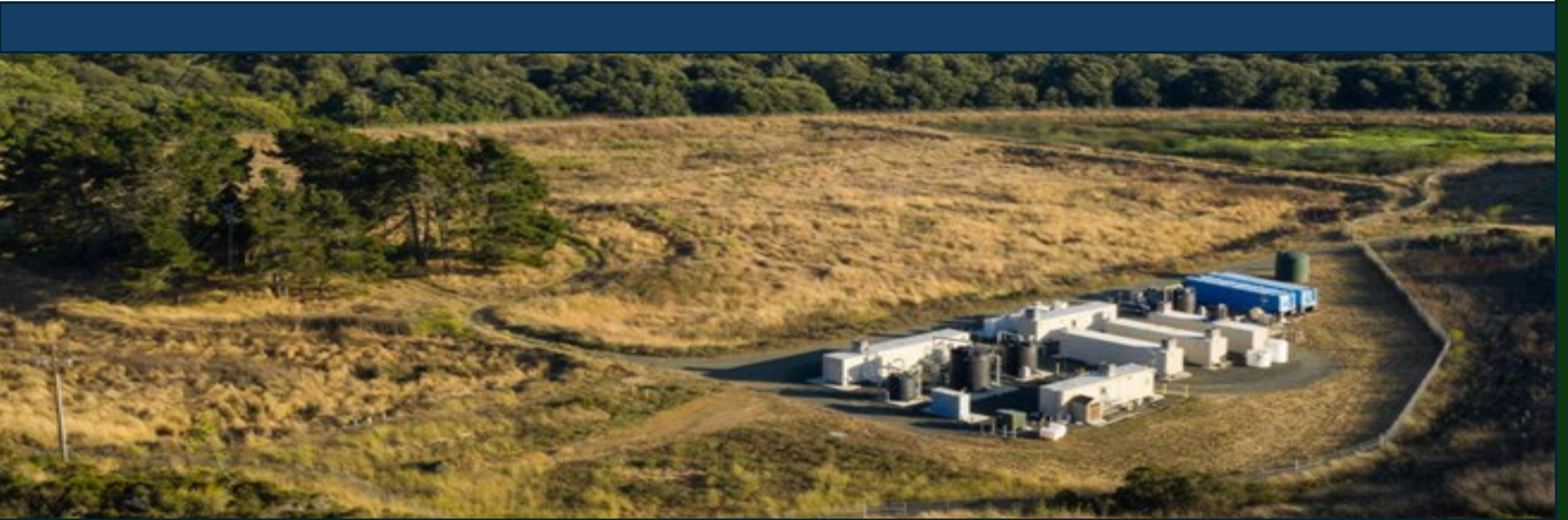
- Entered into a Settlement Agreement with Coast Unified School District regarding acquisition of a Permanent SR4 Well, Pipeline, and Access Easement in perpetuity.
- Completed the relocation of the electric vehicle (EV) charging station at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall.
- Coordinated with the County of San Luis Obispo to repair Rodeo Grounds Road.
- Submitted the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).
- Completed and submitted 72 Water Quality Reports, analyzing 672 samples in the distribution system for water quality.
- Submitted 70 monthly and quarterly reports to the State Water Resources Control Board.
- Established the 2024/2025 rate adjustments for water and sewer rates.
- Applied to SLO County APCD for EV Charging infrastructure at WWTP.
- Purchased and received a Ford F150 Lightning EV truck.
- Officially broke ground on the wastewater SST projects, marking the start of construction.
- Completed the San Simeon Creek & Van Gordon Creek Instream Flows Assessment.
- Completed Cambria Water Reclamation Facility Adaptive Management Plan Quarterly Baseline Monitoring for Summer & Fall 2024.



- Completed the Watershed Sanitary Survey.
- Performed a lead and copper inventory assessment for each service in the Community.
- Replaced the pump, motor, and variable frequency drive at San Simeon Well #3.
- Began preliminary design and permitting for the San Simeon transmission line replacement of potable water and treated wastewater pipelines.
- Completed the Heath Lane repair and repaving.
- Completed 36 excavation locations for street restoration following leak repairs.
- Continued to work with the California Coastal Commission and County of San Luis Obispo for the Coastal Development Permit for the Water Reclamation Facility.
- Submitted the 2024 Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) Report.
- Submitted 12 SAFER Clearinghouse – Monthly Drought & Conservation Data Reports. The State Water Board, in partnership with the California Public Utilities Commission, developed a new reporting platform to streamline drought and conservation data reporting from public drinking water systems. The newly launched SAFER Clearinghouse is the reporting platform used to submit this data.
- Submitted a validated water loss audit for the 2023 calendar year.
- Applied for and received a Minor Use Permit (MUP) for the Cambria Skatepark.
- Submitted building plans for a building permit for the Cambria Skatepark.
- Submitted building plans for the East Ranch Restroom, resubmitted plans in October to accommodate changes, and received a building permit and stamped plans.
- Broke ground on the East Ranch Public Restroom Installation Project with final installation expected in February 2025.
- Located and raised four (4) manholes on Pine Knolls Drive with Pamrex lids installed.
- Submitted the Urban Water Use Objective Report.
- Submitted 12 monthly, 4 quarterly, and 1 annual Title 22 reports.



# COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (CDP) APPLICATION



After considerable planning, collaboration, and dedication, we successfully submitted the [Coastal Development Permit \(CDP\) application for the Water Reclamation Facility](#) and the San Simeon Creek Instream Flows Assessment to include [Van Gordan Creek to the County of San Luis Obispo](#).

This marks a major milestone in our mission to secure Cambria's reliable and sustainable water supply. The Water Reclamation Facility is a key component of our long-term water management strategy. This project is essential in ensuring that our community remains resilient to water challenges, including droughts and climate change.

The Coastal Development Permit submission is only the beginning of the next chapter in this project. We will continue to work closely with local and state agencies to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements while advancing this critical project.

## **Agreements**

### **Stuart Street Tanks Replacement**

- Agreement for Consultant Services with MKN & Associates, Inc. to provide engineering design and bid/construction phase services for replacing the Stuart Street Tanks.

### **San Simeon Well #3 Enhancements**

- Public Works Contract with Precision Hydro for the installation of a permanent, submersible pump.
- Public Works Contract with Tough Automation for the installation of a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) system.

### **Water Service Line Improvements**

- Consultant Services Agreement with TruePani, Inc. to develop a water service line materials inventory and assist with compliance in lead service line reporting requirements.

### **Watershed Sanitary Survey**

- Agreement for Consultant Services with Confluence Engineering Solutions, Inc. to conduct a comprehensive Watershed Sanitary Survey.

### **Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Coastal Development Permit Assistance**

- Agreement for Consultant Services with SWCA for assistance with the WRF Coastal Development Permit and the development of an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) update, final project description, EIR addendum, and collaboration with the County and Coastal Commission.

### **Instream Flow Study**

- Agreement for Consultant Services with Stillwater Sciences to conduct an Instream Flow Study to support resource management and sustainability.

### **Rodeo Grounds Backup Power Replacement Project**

- Public Works Contract with Alpha Electrical for the replacement of the generator and transfer switch to ensure backup power reliability.

## **Celebrating Staff Achievements in Professional Certifications**

The CCSD is proud to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our dedicated staff members. Their commitment to professional development strengthens our team and enhances the quality of service we provide to our community.

### **Art Garney**

- Earned Grade II Wastewater Treatment Operator Certification
- Passed Grade III Wastewater Treatment Operator Exam
- Obtained Class A Commercial Driver's License with Endorsements

### **Moe Aaron**

- Achieved Wastewater Operator in Training Certificate
- Earned CWEA Collections Grade I Certification
- Obtained Class B Commercial Driver's License with Endorsements

### **Christien McManus**

- Achieved Wastewater Operator in Training Certificate
- Obtained Class A Commercial Driver's License with Endorsements
- Earned CWEA Collections Grade I Certification

### **Ryan Staley**

- Achieved Wastewater Operator in Training Certificate

### **Cody Meeks**

- Successfully renewed his Water Treatment Operator Certification Grade 3

### **Andy Lyman**

- Renewed his Water Treatment Operator Certification Grade 2 and completed the American Water College Drinking Water Treatment 6-Month Course

### **Ben Grosskreutz**

- Renewed his Water Distribution Operator Certification Grade 2

### **Clint Conroy**

- Earned his Water Technology Certification from Woodland Community College

### **Owen Purcell**

- Obtained his Grade 2 Water Distribution Operator Certification

As we reflect on the past year, we proudly recognize the essential contributions of our water and wastewater teams, who play a vital role in sustaining the Cambria community. These dedicated professionals work around the clock to ensure reliable access to clean, safe water and the efficient treatment of wastewater, safeguarding public health and the environment. Their expertise and dedication help maintain the infrastructure that supports our daily lives, from addressing water quality challenges to ensuring compliance with stringent regulations. Through their efforts, Cambria continues to thrive as a community that values sustainability and resilience.

We are grateful for their hard work and commitment to excellence, which not only serves our residents today but also protects our natural resources for future generations.

# CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## POLICIES

**With assistance from the Standing Committees and Board of Directors, we have successfully updated the District policies below.**

- Response to Correspondence to the Board Policy Number 1040.2 – Board approved on 1/18/2024
- Reserve Policy Number 2150 – Board approved on 4/18/2024
- Legal Counsel & Auditor Policy Number 1045 – Board approved on 5/9/2024
- CCSD Investment Policy Number 2130 – Board approved on 6/20/2024
- Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP) Number 3525 – Board approved on 6/20/2024
- CCSD-Owned Vehicle Policy Number 3605 – Board approved on 7/18/2024
- Climate Adaptation Policy Number 1060 – Board approved on 10/17/2024
- Procurement Policies and Procedures Policy Number 2135 – Board approved on 11/21/2024

# CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## GRANTS

In 2024, the CCSD took a significant step to strengthen its ability to manage and secure funding opportunities by facilitating the hiring of Elijah Meriman for grant writing services. This will enhance the District's capacity to identify, apply for, and secure grants that support vital projects and initiatives. This focused effort is a testament to CCSD's commitment to leveraging external funding to benefit our community while reducing the financial burden on local resources. Below is a summary of the grants the District has pursued:

- **CalRecycle SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program:** The CCSD was awarded \$20,558. District staff met with Ivonne Diaz and Michael Williams of the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) to develop a strategy for implementation and reporting. The IWMA also performed education and outreach visits in Cambria neighborhoods.
- **CBID Tourism Infrastructure/Beautification Grant:** The District applied for and was awarded a \$47,500 grant from the San Luis Obispo County Tourism Business Improvement District for the construction of the restroom for the skatepark project.
- **Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant:** In December 2023, the CCSD was selected as one of sixteen projects to advance with post-selection federal requirements for a new skatepark facility. In 2024, the CCSD successfully completed all federal requirements and submitted the project for National Park Service (NPS) review and federal funding approval. The proposed \$1.2 million skatepark facility includes a shaded seating area, landscaping, a parking lot, and a restroom stall. If approved, the CCSD would receive \$600,000 in federal funding and provide \$600,000 in matching funds, in coordination with Cambria Community Council. Federal funding is anticipated in the first quarter of 2025.
- **SLOCOG Partnership for EV Fast Chargers:** A partnership was established between SLOCOG and the CCSD to explore the potential installation and operation of eight DC Electric Vehicle Fast Chargers at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall Parking Lot.
- **CAL FIRE's California Climate Investments (CCI) Program Grant:** The San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council secured a \$3,112,344 grant from CAL FIRE's CCI Program, marking a significant step forward in wildfire prevention. Cambria is one area where funding has been allocated for 2025 to support weed abatement on all CCSD-owned parcels.
- **Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) - Forest Health Grant Program:** The San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council's \$6.7 million grant application for forest health projects at the Pico Creek, Covell, Fiscalini Ranch, and Cambria Ecological Reserve sites was selected for funding.
- **Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program - Adaptation Planning Grant Program Round 2:** On July 15, 2024, the General Manager received a call from ICARP, who praised the quality of the application submittal. Unfortunately, due to the state's budget deficit, round 2 funding was not awarded.
- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Emergency Alert System:** Pending approval.
- **Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program:** The Board of Directors approved the submission of the application on 12/12/2024.

## CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

# LOOKING FORWARD: MILESTONES & OBJECTIVES FOR 2025

### Administrative Department

- Start the process to evaluate and eliminate storage of records at Vital Records Control and work with Complete Paperless Solutions, LLC, for Laserfiche support and digitizing records
- Apply for Special District Leadership Foundation District of Distinction Accreditation
- Finalize negotiations with IAFF and SEIU for Personnel Policies, Procedures & Rules
- Finalize the CCSD fee schedule update

### Cambria CSD Fire Department

- Continue to research evacuation planning options
- Prepare and provide a Risk Reduction/Hazard Mitigation Plan for Board consideration

### Facilities & Resources Department

- Complete installation of the East Ranch restroom
- Assist the PROS Committee with updating the Community Park Plan for submission to the Board of Directors
- Continuing discussions regarding relocating the Facilities & Resources Department

### Utilities (Water & Wastewater) Department

- Continue to move forward with the Wastewater SST projects
- Continue to meet with PG&E and research solar energy
- Continue researching electric vehicles
- Development of the new access road for the SR4 Well Access Easement
- Bring forward a bond measure to fund construction of the effluent line, San Simeon Water Transmission Main, Stuart Street Tank construction, and relocation of Lift Station B4
- Finalize the implementation of the Water Meter Replacement Program
- Completion of the Stuart Street Tank Construction project
- Completion of permanent replacement of San Simeon Water Line & Effluent Line
- Continue researching long-term water supply and storage solutions
- Resolve the Brine Waste disposal issue and, if successful, implement the Zero Liquid Discharge Pilot Testing Program
- Complete the permanent Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the Water Reclamation Facility
- Relocated the San Simeon Creek Stream Gage Station for the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Received the Authority to Construct Permit for the backup power generator installation at Rodeo Grounds (installation planned for first quarter of 2025).