

# MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2024, REGULAR RESOURCES & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Resources & Infrastructure Committee of the Cambria Community Services District was held at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall, located at 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428, on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 2:00 PM

#### 1. OPENING

#### 1.A Call to Order

Chairperson Dean called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

#### 1.B Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established.

Committee members present: Karen Dean, Juli Amodei, James Webb, Steve Siebuhr, Mark Meeks, and Derrik Williams.

Staff present: General Manager Matthew McElhenie, Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson, Administrative Department Manager Denise Fritz, Utilities Department Manager Jim Green, Program Manager Tristan Reaper, and Wastewater Superintendent Toni Artho.

Others in attendance: Directors Michael Thomas and Harry Farmer (remote). Public members Allan Dean, Dennis Dudzik; Laura and Crosby Swartz (remote), Keith Hinrichsen (remote), and Tina Dickason (remote)

#### 1.C Chair Report

None

# 1.D Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report(s)

None

# 1.E Committee Member Communications (Time: 2:01 PM)

Committee member Meeks has continued to investigate the costs of solar water panels and is looking into discounts for buying multiple panels.

Committee member Williams said he had no news regarding the geophysical studies.

Committee member Amodei attended an online workshop for the Skate Park grant. She also mentioned that we have resubmitted a grant application for Skate Park maintenance. The resubmittal was required because the grantee updated its software.

Public Comment

None

# 1.F Utilities Department Manager Report (Time: 2:06 PM)

Utilities Department Manager Green reported on the following:

- San Simeon pipeline alignment. The preferred alignment will go to the Board of Directors this Thursday. Based on board approval, the District will meet with the contractor to discuss next steps. The District is meeting with State Parks to discuss issues or concerns.
- Water replacement project. The District has ordered 1,700 endpoint replacements (meters).
- EV charging station. The station is built, and we are working with ChargePoint to finalize software and then get final sign off from the County.
- East Park Restroom. No report. The prefabricated restroom has been ordered.
- **Skate Park Bathroom**. There is room for a small single room restroom at the Skate Park. It is going to PROS this week.
- Stuart Street Tank. The preliminary geotechnical report is complete. It requires some changes to the tank pads from the current pads. This should not delay the design process. The 65% design should be complete in June.

Public comment

Ms. Dickason would like to see Rodeo Grounds Road paved before more work is completed in East Ranch. Utilities Department Manager Green has reached out to County Public works regarding the road but has not heard back from them. General Manager McElhenie states the Board of Directors plans to introduce a resolution urging the County to take care of the road.

Ms. Dickason asks how long well SR#3 has been out of commission. Utilities Department Manager Green states that the March storms took a toll on some of the electrical equipment in Tin City. The County is concerned that tank at this well was not providing adequate chemical treatment. The District is working with Division of Drinking Water to clarify the new tank requirement. SR#3 will not be operable until the new tank is designed and installed.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT (Time: 2:22)

None

#### 3. CONSENT AGENDA (Time: 2:23)

#### 3.A Consideration to Approve the March 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Webb moved to approve the minutes as written.

Committee Member Amodei seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent.

# 4. REGULAR BUSINESS (Time: 2:24)

# 4.A Receive the Ad Hoc Committee Report on Prioritization and Ranking of the Capital Improvement Projects on the CIP Lists, and Discuss the Prioritization Criteria Utilized and Purpose or Use of the CIP Lists

Utilities Department Manager Green reports that staff worked collaboratively with the Ad Hoc committee on the list. The list was ranked established by the following three criteria:

- Safety
- Regulatory compliance
- Urgency and outstanding asset improvements

Chairperson Dean reminds the Committee the joint R&I/budget meeting agreed on a B, 1, 2, and 3 ranking. Mr. Williams says that was how the CIP list was developed. Ms. Fritz says the budget list will include the rankings, but the budget will be within the annual budget numbers.

Chairperson Dean reminds the Committee that that this document should be designed to track progress as well as budgeted expenditures on projects. Ms. Fritz says this is still the intent. The new CIP list will include a description of the CIP process and calendar.

Public Comment

None

# 4.B Discussion Regarding Long Term Water Supply Development (Time: 2:37)

Utilities Department Manager Green has met with the County regarding a Drought Resiliency Task Force. The County is looking for grant funding for this task force. The District has been asked to sit on the task force. The County is focusing on resiliency in the City of San Luis Obispo and south but may be interested in the North Coast because of the San Simeon CSD issues. The District will be voting member of the task force. The District participants will include General Manager Matthew McElhenie, Project Manager Reaper, and Utilities Department Manager Green.

Committee member Webb notes that having a seat on the task force is critical, particularly if Whale Rock Reservoir allocations are reallocated. Utilities Department Manager Green states that Whale Rock Reservoir water allocations will likely not be redistributed in the near future.

Public Comment

Mr. Dudzik asked if the public are invited to the task force meetings. Utilities Department Manager Green believes probably not initially.

Ms. Dickason asks for clarification on how the County might look at the North Coastal portion of the County. She states her opinion that Whale Rock is not a viable possibility for future water supplies. Ms. Dickason would like off-stream storage to be reconsidered by the Committee.

Project Manager Reaper states that he has recently been looking at reports from the early 1990s that looked at various off-stream storage options. He will make this report available to others after he digitizes it. Utilities Department Manager Green points out there are some difficulties in changing the

District's diversion permits to allow storage, environmental permitting, and treating for public consumption. Utilities Department Manager Green suggests an off-stream reservoir should be a minimum of 1,200 acre-feet of storage, and preferably 1,500 acre-feet of storage.

Mr. Dudzik states that a water supply portfolio approach means that one supply should not provide the entire need of the community. A smaller reservoir could be part of a portfolio and would still provide a significant improvement, even if it doesn't supply all of the District's needs.

Ms. Dickason reminds the committee that Warren reservoir would hold 600 to 700 acre-feet and suggests that this reservoir be considered. Ms. Dickason also states that the San Simeon CSD interim General Manager believes discharge through the San Simeon outfall will be disallowed in the future.

Committee Member Amodei moved to endorse Staff's participation in the County's Drought Resiliency Task Force

Committee Member Webb seconded the motion.

The motion was approved: 5-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstain; 0-Absent.

# 5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) (3:01)

Chairperson Dean asked for any future agenda items.

- The Committee will hold a special meeting on April 15 to discuss the CIP list
- A discussion of the Advanced Clean Fleet will be included on the April 15 meeting.
- The May meeting will potentially look at Co-Generation and the Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment.
- Any updates on the Water Supply Alternatives will be presented.

# 6. ADJOURN (3:03)

Chairperson Dean adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.