CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012, 12:30 PM

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION OR ACTION
1A.	CALL TO ORDER	President MacKinnon called the regular meeting to
		order at 12:35 PM.
1B.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	President MacKinnon led the pledge of allegiance.
1C.	ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM	President MacKinnon Present
		Vice President Thompson Present
		Director Bahringer Present
		Director Clift Present
		Director Robinette Present
		Staff Present: General Manager Jerry Gruber,
		Assistant District Counsel David Hirsch, District
		Engineer Bob Gresens, District Clerk Kathy Choate.
1D.	REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION	District Counsel reported Board just adjourned
		from a closed session and unanimously approved
		the settlement of a pending employment claim,
		with former employee Cori Ryan, for a lump sum
		settlement of \$45,000 and nothing else to report.
2.	SPECIAL REPORTS	
	A. Sheriff's Department Report	Senior Deputy Todd Steeb reported 306 calls for
	·	service in Cambria area including San Simeon. Of
		those calls 54 were medical requiring Fire
		Department or ambulance. Reported on March 16
		Meet the Sheriff event with 75 attendees.
		Reminded everyone of bicycle safety on Hwy 1.
3.	ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS	President MacKinnon presented proclamation
		honoring former Director Frank De Micco. Director
		De Micco expressed his appreciation and
		encouraged Board to continue to do what is right.
		President MacKinnon presented the proclamation
		recognizing the California Conservation Corps(CCC)
		to CCC represented by Mike Anderson,
		Conservation Supervisor; Cody Lydy, Crewleader;
		and Joseph Ceniceros, Corpsmember. Mike
		Anderson expressed the CCCs appreciation for the
		recognition and to collaborate with the community
		to teach young adults to become more
		employable.
4.	PUBLIC COMMENT	Amanda Rice, Cambria. Commented on unpaid
		trash bill procedures and consequences therefore.
		Micki Burton, Cambria. Commented on clerical
		correction made to minutes and thanked staff.
		Ron Crummitt, Cambria. Commented on wait list
		and hopes a goal will be to accommodate those on
		wait list. Keep goal of alternative water sources

			straight ahead.
			<u>Tina Dickason</u> , Cambria. Submitted for the record
			an article from Feb 22 New Times regarding weed
			abatement.
			John Swift, Cambria. Commented on his proposal
			to transfer commercial water meters from 1601
			Main Street over to his property and has made
			arrangements to retire lots.
5.		AGENDA REVIEW	President MacKinnon moved Item 6C to end of agenda following 9C.
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6.		MANAGER'S AND BOARD REPORTS	
		A. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT	General Manager presented the report.
		B. LONG TERM WATER SUPPLY	General Manager Gruber introduced the item and
		ALTERNATIVES UPDATE	Bob Gresens presented the report. Board
			discussion followed.
			Rich Martin, LaFayette, CA. Commented on
			atmospheric water generators and is interested in
			working with CCSD on augmenting water in
			Cambria; information at whitebuffalonation.com.
		C. MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS	This item was heard last in the agenda order.
			President MacKinnon led a discussion on 2012
			Board Goals and full board discussion followed.
			Direction was provided to staff on prioritizing 2012
			Board goals for discussion at March regular
			meeting.
7.	•	CONSENT AGENDA	Desired Market
	A.	Approve expenditures for month of	President MacKinnon presented the consent
	D	January 2012	agenda.
	В.	Approve minutes of Board of Directors	Director Bahringer moved to accept consent
		January 19, 2012 regular meeting and	agenda. Director Robinette seconded. Motion
		February 4, 2012 special	carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 0
	_	meeting/workshop.	Public Comment:
	C.	Adopt Resolution 07-2012 approving	Jerry MacKinnon, Cambria. Commented on
		Professional Services Agreement with	preventive maintenance of Veterans Hall and
		APTwater Services, LLC for Sanitary Sewer	Facilities and Resources expenses.
	D	Management Plan (SSMP) Phase II and III	
	υ.	Adopt Resolution 08-2012 authorizing amendment to CCSD Purchasing Policy	
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	E.	Approve 2011/2012 CCSD Organization Chart	
	F.	Adopt Resolution 10-2012 approving	
	1.	award of contract to Sun Pacific for	
		replacement and relocation of electrical	
		panels at Lift Stations B4 and A1	
8.		HEARINGS AND APPEALS	
0.			General Manager Gruber introduced the item
		A. Adopt Resolution 05-2012 approving	General Manager Gruber introduced the item.
<u></u>		2010 Urban Water Management Plan	District Engineer presented the PowerPoint.

Public Comment:

Amanda Rice, Cambria. Commented on cost effectiveness of Demand Management Measures, important to pursue. May want to consider pursuing cost effectiveness of desalination. In the variety of options in getting water, one is demand management and one is supposed to be desalination, one is our aquifers and one is recycled. Cost effectiveness of all demand management measures would be a good idea. Consider WEACC recommendations regarding going forward and make more than three tiers. Page 3.9 statement regarding steeply tiered rates, not enough to account for possible loss of revenue and could be better designed to encourage conservation while not causing additional loss of revenue. Referenced a book, The End of Abundance, David Zetland, Water Economist and talks about practical solutions for addressing water shortages and limitations of the resource that don't cause you to lose revenue. When Mr. Zetland was in Cambria he was shown the rates and he commented CCSD's rates are not steep. His dissertation was on Metropolitan Water District. Page 2.8 footnote regarding NCAP has 4,650, also has county number of 6,130. Goes on to talk about 4,650, this footnote does not talk about the other number in NCAP, County document. GPCD is a combination of residential and commercial, not per head. Per capita is divided by head, but counts commercial water use. Residential gpcd In 1970s this number was 110. In 1986 it was 106 that is per capita, not including commercial. Pg 5.8 last paragraph, very important. Anyone watching CCSD charts and graphs regarding well level supplies and rain reports knows this; the water supply conditions during the sequence of dry years is not Worse for a single dry year because incomplete recharge is a rare isolated event. Historical rainfall in San Luis Obispo revealed that for every two-year period since records began in 1870 at least one year received enough rainfall to completely refill both groundwater basins. On that same page, on that chart: single dry water year and multiple dry water years is confusing; why is single dry water year a lower number than multiple dry water years in year 2? It seems like you don't know how many dry years you are going to have, single dry year should be the same regardless if you are going to have multiple dry years.

<u>Deborah Dill</u>, Paso Robles. Commented to put a face to a number, her property is on the wait list. Ready to write a check to gentleman with water generators. Time to move forward.

Michael Dill, Paso Robles. Thanked Board and staff for all efforts, time, and energy put into it. Although there have been many hurdles with the desal project, he urged the Board to continue to move toward desalination. Supports adoption of resolution 05-2012 and move forward for a water solution. Long term water solutions are taking a very long time.

Nancy and Rick Rentler, Santa Rosa Valley, CA. Thanked CCSD staff for preparation of report and to Board for efforts and service to all of Cambria's property owners, not just its residents. They have owned a lot on Avon since August 1988, on wait list since 1988, waiting 24 years to become a resident of Cambria. In 1988 received letter from CCSD with an estimated intent of 1995, currently 2012. Many have stated there are 660 people all waiting and they want to put a face to the number and would desperately like to build in Cambria. They are number 70 on the waitlist. Support adoption of the UWMP and adoption of resolution and look forward to having water to be able to live here.

Paul McDonnall, Norfolk Street, Cambria. Supports approving UWMP as presented. Thanked staff for comprehensible, readable report. Adopting the plan is an important step in district's efforts to address its long standing water supply issues; not only is Plan required by the State, but it provides the District and the community with baseline data to utilize as it moves forward to address specific solutions. The data included regarding assumed population, although it is conservative since it essentially adds back the 200 people lost since the last census, and the target for daily water use is clearly within reach of current and historical use numbers. Approving the item today simply removes another task from your checklist and allows staff to move on, staff which is limited and faces many demands, allows them to move on to more important matters.

Brenda Rutherford, supports UWMP and staff recommendation to approve as drafted. She and her husband bought lot 15 years ago and two other lots since then and retired them so they could move their water waitlist number up.

Believes they are currently number 90 on the waitlist. The year after they did that the moratorium was set, so they are still waiting. This has happened to hundreds of other people who have done the same thing over the last decade. She greatly appreciates the board's efforts in sorting through the quagmire in making this Water Master Plan ready for adoption. Commended Board and CCSD's efforts on water conservation measures and the water usage has decreased approximately 12% between 2005 and 2010. The Master Plan identifies ongoing and future conservation measures with further water usage reduction and reclamation water usage for landscaping. Supports all these measures and thanked Board for all its hard work. Deryl Robinson, Huntington Beach, CA. President UNLOC (United Lot Owners of Cambria) and has owned a lot since 1998. Thanked Board for commitment and hard work for time spent volunteering to serve on the Board. Commended Bob Gresens, staff, and other consultant that worked on the plan for a very thorough and professional report. The plan is well done and we believe accurately and conservatively states the facts and projections at hand. Most importantly the plan illustrates the District has really done a good job over the last several years in improving the system and implementing conservation measures. In section on demand management, by his interpretation the projections for water savings that could be obtained from the retrofit measures and other conservation, is not based on fully implementing all those throughout all the homes in town, but only some sort of projection on a reasonable rate that it could happen over the next few years, depending on what rate you're looking at on the chart. If you were to accelerate and get every house in town retrofitted, with low flush toilets and everything; basically state of the art and that could probably be incentivized to where, who doesn't want to save water? Not that high of a hurdle to get over to get all the homes done. How much water could really be saved by doing that? He added up projection in Plan of whatever rate being used by 2015 could save about 6 acre feet of water, that itself is enough for 40 homes. This is important and worth the investment to do it. His other question, he doesn't see a projection in the Plan on how much revenue could be raised

from connection fees and how far those connection fees would go towards paying for things like retrofit measures. Seems like it would be more than enough money to pay for all of it. Urged Board to take a look at it. Supports the Plan and here today to ask the Board adopt the Plan. Paul Yanes, Cambria. Thanked board for preparing this report. He works for a water agency in Los Angeles area and it is a lot of work to prepare a report and implement all these things. We all want free water and everything to be inexpensive. Maintenance factor in preparing facilities is expensive, there is no cheap route. He also owns lot and appreciates work and effort in trying to get some kind of plan in moving ahead. He read the plan and it is a good plan and urged the Board to accept the plan and move forward. The more people who can get on this plan the more revenue can be created to repair the infrastructure and is sure there are good solutions that can be done to conserve water.

Bob Halstead, Cambria. UNLOC member and echoed everything Deryl Robinson said.

Appreciates all the work, Bob does a great job and supported UWMP.

Tina Dickason, Cambria. Refreshing to hear from waitlist folks and a different message than desal. Everyone is coming to true reality that desalination is not going to happen here. Is commercial retrofitting going to be pursued? Why are vacation rentals not paying commercial rates? One way to increase revenue. In 2007 first protest of rates, wrote letter to Board with a vision about how Cambria could be the model community for water conservation/recycling. She feels ratepayers of Cambria have been held hostage to group of people who are on the water wait list who have been demanding and demanding that they have the right to water for their lots when case law has proved otherwise. She thinks they need to realize that this time, and if she were in their shoes, you can get homes now in Cambria for half what they were four years ago. Interest rates are at an unprecedented low. If you really want to live in this town with all the houses that are up for sale then for goodness sake, why aren't you doing it? I don't' know what your lots are worth but imagine looking at the homes that have dropped in value so much. It might be worth taking a look and she sees that some people on the water wait list have

done that. She urges others to do the same. She is tired of the secret meetings that go on at Rabobank, we never hear of what is going on. The other thing that has been said to us is that we have been told originally 602 acre feet if we have a desal plant is what is required, and then we were told by a former president 300 acre feet. Last month we were told by a director we don't need the Taj Mahal, we probably need about 100 acre feet. That's all fine, but we have a moratorium that was legally placed. That has to be lifted. How does the Board figure out all that, that you can just lift it and miraculously it can be done? Population is down, we've been conserving but I think now you have to look at the legal issues. I commend you for what you have done.

Mahala Burton, Cambria. This is Task 2 of the WMP, not on the website. It is basis for our moratorium for current residents. This is the attorney's opinion regarding moratorium, that we should follow, not change the word "determine" to "advise." Basically, the moratorium says very clearly that we don't have enough water for current residents in a drought. Let's not pretend that droughts aren't going to happen, just like we know supposedly a fire is going to happen. We will have a drought, they will come again. Who pays when we have a drought, the residents, and the people who live here who are surcharged if we take a tiny bit of water? If we have an extra guest or a grandchild we will be surcharged. So, we all conserve as a matter of conscience. She has grey water, rain water cisterns, and 1.6 toilets, She will go to .08. She won't go to 1.28 because she could put a rock in her toilet. She will go down and down, because she believes in doing that, but she's not conserving so that people can build. It is the Chicago commodities market, it is future trading. She doesn't understand why somebody says they couldn't build in 24 years when the wait list has gone through and through. She believes we should be following this document, which is the memo written by the attorneys, if we don't like what the attorneys said, then fire them and get someone the Board does like. It says that conserving is hardened up; we can't conserve and then have building because the drought will still come and we only have a finite amount of water. We are junior users, we are appropriative users and that means that the riparian users, habitat, ag

are all above us and any riparian user can increase their use of water. If the dry season starts in March (maybe it will start in March this year) that means that we are really cut down in our water. All this talk of building before we get supplemental water, some means of real storage cannot be done. She thinks that it is beyond egregious to be talking and telling the residents to conserve so we can have building. How are you going to pull the moratorium for 20 people? Then the next 20 people will sue. It is not going to work. Lynn Harkins, Cambria. Had not planned to attend, but was inspired by the language in the Plan. She thinks we would secure ourselves against legal challenge if instead of challenge on Table 4-11 on page 4-12 it says about desal, the impending unknown environmental clearing process. Environmental clearance is a southern California development term. The proper word that should be substituted into this document and all district documents should be environmental compliance process. This District, we as ratepayers, have paid hundreds of thousands of dollars into the millions, to learn the text of the Coastal Act and of protected areas by means of going for environmental clearance instead of environmental compliance. It is Board's duty as public stewards to know the Coastal Act. It is the duty of all of your consultants to know the Coastal Act. In 2007, after all we've gone through it comes up against your proposal for a test well drilling at San Simeon was too close to Coastal Bluffs. Anyone who reads the Coastal Act, yet we pay these people to run us aground, repeatedly. It just happened again, out here, a Natural Preserve in State Parks, it is not permissible to have extractive activities there. Under recycled water, you put cost escalation to remove emerging contaminants of concern as being a reason to stop, to slow down in water recycling. She submits it is the reason we need to accelerate it. This is a de facto admission that we are polluting our near shore environment by failing to treat emerging contaminants we have known about for 20 years. We are putting horrible things into the environment and it is our duty to clean up our wastewater to the highest level possible. She is happy to see the new association with APTwater Service. LLC in Long Beach; that they are proficient at using reverse osmosis, not for desalination but to treat wastewater to high beneficial reuse

standards and they use UV and biofiltration. It is time for us to abandon this ridiculous high tech false fix of desalination. You say you want supplemental water that is apart from the aquifer, lunacy; you cannot separate our aguifer and watershed from our new water supply. Desalination does not comply with that. Our watershed and our aquifer are at this moment contributing contaminants to our near shore environment and if we use desal we will be sucking in our own contaminants. We will have to remove them; they will be concentrated, and redischarged out into the ocean. We need to clean up our wastewater. We need to use available technology to meet what should be our mission of stewardship. I went for word search on your Water Master Plan; I don't see the word stewardship. So, environmental compliance and stewardship, if you add those two; word and concept, she thinks we will be able to move forward on public discussion on how we can responsibly live in this gorgeous jewel of a place.

A full board discussion followed.

Director Bahringer moved to adopt Resolution 05-2012 Approving 2010 Urban Water Management Plan with amendment to incorporate throughout the UWMP the term "potable" and not just "non-potable" in considering future recycled water use. Director Clift seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent - 0

9. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. Adopt Resolution 06-2012 appointing PROS Commissioner to fill unexpired term of former Commissioner Robinette

General Manager introduced the item. Board discussion followed.

Public Comment:

Mahala Burton, Cambria.

Supports Joyce Renshaw who has been recommended as an excellent choice. She is a wonderful community activist and has done her homework by serving on NCAC, the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve and many other volunteer activities.

Director Robinette moved to adopt Resolution 06-2012 approving PROS Commission recommendation for appointment of Joyce Renshaw to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission to fill unexpired term through December 31, 2013 of Commissioner Gail Robinette. Vice President Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 0

		Joyce Renshaw commented she will give it her best and is happy to serve the remaining tenure of former Commissioner Robinette.
	B. Status report, discussion and direction to staff on Skate Park	General Manager Gruber presented the staff report. Board discussion followed. Public Comment: Jerry McKinnon, Cambria. Commented on small town boy and handshake agreements. Recalls when park started and basketball courts in parking lot. Has Youth Center been approached to support the skate park? Any thoughts of having under auspices of PROS? Former Director Helen May with Cambria Youth Center established the Skate Park. Board directed staff to create a plan and report back to the Board. Staff will contact American Legion, Sons of American Legion, and Lions Club regarding a partnership to sustain the Skate Park.
	C. Adopt Ordinance 01-2012 amending CCSD Code Section 5.04.390 relating to maintenance and building of sewer laterals and waive full reading	General Manager Gruber presented the staff report. Board discussion followed. Director Clift moved to adopt Ordinance 01-2012 amending Section 4.04.390 of the CCSD Code relating to maintenance of building sewers and lateral sewers and waive full reading. Vice President Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 4, No – 1 (Bahringer), Absent - 0
10.	FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)	None
11.	ADJOURN	President MacKinnon adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.