Written comment for today. Item 7A

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I encourage the board to continue recording and archiving board meetings with AGP. Thank you.

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This is a service district, not an investment fund. The money in the Water Fund is there to pay for water improvements. Driving the district further into debt rather than managing income for service improvements is a dubious path.

Please consider the wisdom of these financial decisions. Thank you.

Item 7C

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eliminating the professional janitors who cleaned the restrooms cleaning and adding those chores to F&R staff is misplaced. F&R Manager Aguirre reported that the staff will not meet the district's July 15 deadline on weed abatement for district-owned lots. Please re-hire the professional janitors and allow Facilities & Resources staff to get on with their weed abatement work. By the way, poison oak is growing over the bridge on Main Street near the Old Grammar School. Whoever has responsibility for this, it's on Cambria to make this sidewalk safe for the public. This requires special handling. I talked to a young mother walking her baby over there. She did not know what poison oak looks like and had no idea what she was brushing past.

Item 7D

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Christine Heinrichs

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То:	BoardComment
Subject:	Property Tax
Date:	Friday, May 24, 2024 6:10:12 PM

Wouldn't be more economical and beneficial to allow, say, 100 more building permits than the current vacant land provides?

For Written Comment. Item 7A Finance Committee Report: PUBLIC COMMENT

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Item 7C PROS Committee report:

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Item 7D R&I Committee Report: PUBLIC COMMENT

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