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### **Item 5A PUBLIC COMMENT**

General Manager McElhenie praises the biological reports supporting the district's EWS/SWF/WRF Coastal Development Permit application. They are based on two observations, for two hours, 11:15 am-1:15 pm on August 21, 2024 and two and three quarters hours, 2:00-4:45 pm on October 24, 2024. They didn't see much, see Results page 6.

<https://www.cambriacsd.org/files/5032fb6e3/KMA+Cambria+CSD+AMP+Summer-Fall+2024+Monitoring+Report+%28002%29.pdf>

I ask the board to invite Mr. Merk, whose company performed the observations and wrote the report, to come to a public meeting to explain how these two brief observations can form the basis of Adaptive Management for threatened species.

Mr. Merk's original contract with the district, Item 7A of the April 14, 2022, agenda, see page 75, page 5 of the contract, <https://www.cambriacsd.org/files/548d6b33d/2022+04+14+Regular+Meeting+Agenda+Packet+Posted.pdf> specifies spending 153 hours over four months on the biological assessments. When was this contract changed? In response to repeated inquiries, Mr. McElhenie has claimed that biological observations were ongoing, but this report cites none before the single one in August 2024.

Two observations seem like the minimum on which to claim "baseline" biological data that forms the basis for Adaptive Management. The biologists saw some tidewater gobies, but no steelhead or red-legged frogs.

The Coastal Commission references concern about the lack of baseline data in its letter. It also mentions the lack of any meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee in more than a year. When will this committee be convened to review the project description and instream flow study?

Review the documents at <https://sanluisobispo-county-ca-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#/plan/B2F09E23-07AF-41DC-A9EB-9C98B54FC033?tab=attachments>

### **Item 5D PUBLIC COMMENT**

Please explain the new Request for Proposals for the water meter project. I understood that that project was funded and well under way. What will the full cost of this project eventually be? When do you anticipate that it will be completed?

How will postponing the Zero Liquid Discharge pilot project to October of 2025 affect the progress of the EWS/SWF/WRF Coastal Development Permit application?

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