

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 5, 2010 – 1000 MAIN STREET, CAMBRIA

1. Opening

President Sanders called closed session to order 12:00 PM. Quorum established (Director De Micco absent).

President Sanders reconvened to open session, calling meeting to order at 12:33 PM, established quorum, and led pledge of allegiance.

Present: Directors Chaldecott, Clift, MacKinnon and President Sanders

Absent: Director De Micco

Also Present: General Manager Tammy Rudock, District Counsel Tim Carmel, and District Clerk Kathy Choate

District Counsel reported the Board met on labor issues, no action taken.

2. Public Comment

Joanne Voorhees, Cambria. Commented on exorbitant late fees on water/sewer bills.

3. Special Meeting Hearing

A. Adopt Resolution 01-2010 approving a Geotechnical and Hydrogeologic Study at Santa Rosa Creek Beach and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption. Tammy Rudock read the staff report for the record.

Board discussion followed.

Public Comment:

Mahala Burton, Cambria. Commented on CEQA regulations and significant impact to public access, flood plain, prior pumping, ESHA, playground impeded by drilling rigs, mercury. Categorical exemption does not fit under Statue 15306. Submitted written materials for the record.

M. Power Giacoletti, 9349 Jasper Way, San Simeon. Written comment for record.
Jack McCurdy, Morro Bay. Spoke on behalf of Giacoletti's written comment regarding pollution/emissions and environmental health. On his behalf he is member of Santa Lucia SLO Chapter of Sierra Club and here to inform Board and public they will examine this matter very closely and make comments to Board and/or Coastal Commission.

Lynn Harkins, Cambria. Submitted written testimony regarding test well drilling, proposed exemption, and mercury mining concerns in Santa Rosa Creek watershed. Information obtained from RWQCB 1990 report, David Schwartzbart "Active Metal Mines in Four San Luis Obispo County Watersheds, Surface Water Quality Impacts and Remedial Options, included her test data of methyl mercury in sediment and requested 180 days for public comment on this study.

Jim Webb, Cambria. Commented on document sent by ACE to Coastal Commission and rocky reef that lies at the mouth of Santa Rosa Creek citing discrepancies in the report and supports a thorough environmental assessment.

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria. Read written comments for the record expressing environmental concerns and commented on Cambria State Marine Conservation Area.

Mary Webb, Cambria. Written comments submitted for the record supporting a complete environmental review of activities under CEQA.

Constance Faber, Cambria. Read letter submitted for the record from Otter Project expressing concern with potential disturbance of sediment and otter habitat. Requested minimization of sediment pollution and add The Otter Project to list of interested parties for the desal plant and related projects. Her personal request is more formal notification of special meeting and encouraged Board to review information provided today before making a decision today.

Richard Hawley, Cambria. Commented Board owes community and environment more consideration, Santa Rosa Creek lagoon is critical habitat to many species. Local Coastal Act and CEQA are being abused. Public access to beach needs review and well casings were topic of hot debate at last Coastal Commission meeting.

Mike Willis, Cambria 21 year resident. Spoke in support of Board solving water issue and connected growth issues. If creeks are polluted as people are saying, then the desal plant is really needed for Cambria water.

Tina Dickason, Park Hill, Cambria. As a resident will do petition to all Park Hill residents that opposes any action Board may take today and more so the action being considered in a marine sanctuary. Read mission of California State of Parks and Recreation and description of Monterey Bay Marine National Sanctuary (MBMNS) and Shamel Park.

Stephen Figler, Cambria. Expressed concern with absence of audio visual record. Community should be aware of scientific information regarding mercury. Opposed request for exemption and commented on “no adverse effect on the environment” and “intend to leave only footprints.” Commented on salt byproduct plume. Desal is most expensive solution and job of ACE to do projects.

Don Keene, Cambria. The vocal minority will kill project with time delays. Silent majority does not appear and relies on common sense of Board. Board’s obligation is to provide water for future, not only for today. Future is coming, needed for fire, domestic use, and \$25 million supports the community. Based upon years of observation the vocal minority objection is based on greed.

Amanda Rice, Cambria. Commented on 2,994 days moratorium declared and a comment Ron Crummitt made two years ago about a lot of new people having moved here and maybe they would benefit with education on the issue. Hopes there is audio, since no video of meeting today.

President Sanders recessed meeting for ten minutes.

President Sanders reconvened meeting at 2:15 and recessed to 2:45 PM to consult with legal counsel. President Sanders reconvened meeting at 2:45 PM.

President Sanders stated upon review of written material submitted to the Board in course of today’s meeting and having listened carefully to public testimony for proposed action, and consultation with district counsel and general manager, he

believes the most appropriate action would be to not adopt the recommended action, but direct staff to do an Initial Study under CEQA.

President Sanders moved to direct staff to do an Initial Study to consider the alleged impacts with this proposed Geotechnical Investigation and to report back to the Board at the January 21, 2010 meeting. Director MacKinnon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes – 4, No – 0, Absent – 1 (De Micco)

4. Public Comment

Mahala Burton, Cambria. Asked if notice of Initial Study would be published in newspaper.

Tina Dickason, Cambria. Asked if minutes would be published on CCSD website.

Lynn Harkins, Cambria. Asked if copies of today's audio would be available to public.

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria. Asked if she could submit additional comments regarding today's meeting.

5. President Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM.