

BALANCE PUBLIC RELATIONS:
CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICE
DISTRICT—**Monthly Report**



ACTIVITIES REPORT

PROJECT SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	PROJECT NAME	PREPARED BY
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STATUS SUMMARY

Board Members:

Please find below the new activity report requested and refined at the Nov. 16 Board Meeting. The new report accomplishes the following:

1. Hours Worked and Expended
2. Explicit Description on meeting/gathering/workshop attended.
3. Explicit dates of meetings and purpose.
4. Summary Narrative of the month activities

SPECIFIC WORK FLOW

TASK	HOURS	DATE	PURPOSE	NOTES
Legislative Work	8	Nov. 29th	Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference	"Finding a Path Forward for Renewed Health of California Headwaters"
Legislative Work	8	Nov. 30th	Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference	"What's the Potential for Increased Groundwater Replenishment?"
Legislative Work	8	Dec 1st	Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference	Deputy Assistant Austin Ewell: Water Fix, implementing the WIIN Act, streamlining the federal permitting process,

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Regulatory Work	7	Nov. 8th	Public Workshop: Prop 1 Groundwater Grant Program Funding Guidelines (Los Angeles)	State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the Draft Amended Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program (GWGP) Funding Guidelines
Regulatory Work	7	Nov. 21th	Public Workshop: Water Conservation/Prohibited Water Uses	Regulatory meeting discussing water conservation and prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water; the proposed regulation would prohibit several activities and practices
Regulatory Work	5	Nov 27th	Public Hearing: Permanent Point-of-Use/Point-of-Entry Regulations	Meeting to discuss the adoption regulations governing the use of point-of-use (POU) treatment and point-of-entry (POE) treatment by public water systems
Regulatory Work	8	Nov 21st	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD MEETING	Consideration of a proposed Resolution authorizing the Executive Director or designee to apply for, accept, and/or amend a federal Safe Drinking Water Act section 1443(a) grant.
Regulatory Work	6	Dec 5th	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD MEETING	Clean Water State Revolving Fund Policy and Prioritization Improvements.
Regulatory Work	6	Dec 13th	STATE COASTAL COMMISSION MEETING- Ocean Institute 24200 Dana Point Harbor Drive Dana Point, CA 92629	2018 Schedule of Meeting Dates and Locations; Appeal by Khosro Khaloghli of San Luis Obispo County decision granting permit with conditions to Centrally Grown Holdings, LLC for new restroom, new play

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structure, conversion of residence to vacation rental, and structural modifications to existing buildings, at 7432 Exotic Garden Dr. in Cambria, San Luis Obispo County.

SPECIFIC WORK FLOW

TASK	HOURS	DATE	PURPOSE	NOTES
Administrative	1	Dec 6th	Weekly Update with GM Gruber	CCSD Ongoing Items
Administrative	1	Nov 27th	Weekly Update with GM Gruber	CCSD Ongoing Items
Administrative	1	Dec 11th	Scheduled Weekly Update with GM Gruber	CCSD Ongoing Items
Administrative	1	Nov 14th	Weekly Update with GM Gruber	Special discussion on State Parks access issue.
Legislative Meetings	7	Nov 17th	Meeting with Senate Legislative Staff. Meeting with State Parks. Meeting with Assembly staff.	Implementation of SB 5, SB-5 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018. Section 80070.-- Enhancement of access to state park facilities and units, including protection and improvement of lands adjacent to state park facilities to improve access or management efficiency.
Legislative Meetings	1	Dec 7th	Meeting with Legislative Leadership.	Implementation of SB 5, SB-5 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.

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Legislative Meetings	3	Dec 12th	Scheduled meeting with Senate Appropriations Staff	Language definition of SB 5 in terms of Section 80110, two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) shall be available to the Natural Resources Agency for implementation of voluntary agreements that provide multi benefit water quality, water supply, and watershed protection and restoration for the watersheds
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SUMMARY HOURS UTILIZED

CATAGORY	HOURS
Administrative	4
Regulatory Work	39
Legislative	35
Travel	12
TOTAL MONTHLY HOURS EXPENDED	90

WORK NARRATIVE

Administrative:

GM Gruber and I continue to work on outstanding issues in the State-Local nexus including: Working with Scott McFarland at State Water Rights. Note The issuance of these licenses will not be a hindrance to the issuance of any Coastal Development Permit. The water rights are still in effect and there are no outstanding petitions. Ongoing discussions on regarding Coastal Commission Staff and the County of San Luis Obispo Staff relating to Cambria Regular Coastal Development Permit for the Sustainable Water Facility. We also discussed the Districts efforts relating to Wet Weather Preparedness, The Closure Plan and the Cease and Desist Order.

Regulatory & Legislative Work:

Attended the ACWA legislative and policy summit held in Anaheim over the course of 3 days. The issues that pertain to Cambria Community Service District are numerous and worthy of a board discussion. The most important items include:

- a. Forest Management: Experts on Panel stressed the urgent need to accelerate the pace and scale of forest management activities. We have discussed this many times at the Board level under the guise of forest management. Discussion centered the development of biomass energy facilities, (a Cambria topic few months ago), future funding for on-the-ground projects and watershed-based partnerships,

- b. Groundwater Replenishment: Discussion centered on artificial recharge (process of spreading or impounding water on the land to increase the infiltration through the soil and percolation to the aquifer or of injecting water by wells directly into the aquifer)—of importance to Cambria moving forward is a key policy question of surface infiltration systems that can be used to recharge unconfined aquifers only.
- c. Federal Permitting and Water Issues: Austin Ewell was appointed by the Trump Administration to the post of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the US Department of Interior Department and Reclamation. Department of Interior does not expect to participate in construction and funding of the Water Fix; however, Reclamation does continue to support a proposal by which the Central Valley Project contractors independently determine whether to participate in the California Water Fix project by contracting directly with DWR or other appropriate agency. This will impact Cambria in that DWR attention to other matters at this point is already strained. Mr. Ewell also noted that storage remains a significant priority. Drought, water conservation with emphasis on smaller community service districts important as Reclamation was appropriated \$67 million in fiscal year 2017 funding for WIIN storage activities and a similar amount proposed for fiscal year 2018. They have conducted a thorough analysis of all potential and ongoing water storage projects and will propose an allocation of the WIIN funds in the coming weeks.

DWR Actions & Impact

PROPOSITION 1 GROUNDWATER GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING GUIDELINES

Attended Los Angeles meeting outlining and detailing comments on the Draft Amended Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program (GWGP) Funding Guidelines. Key deadlines for Cambria to monitor are Grant Agreements for Spring 2018 (Round 1); Round 2 - Concept Proposal Available and January 2018 (anticipated) with Round 2 - Concept Proposal closing Spring 2018. In anticipation of the second round of funding (Round 2) to occur in 2018, in Los Angeles staff have proposed amendments to the Guidelines to provide clarification on funding eligibility, general program requirements and expectations, and to make changes to the maximum funding amounts.

Water Conservation/Prohibited Water Uses

To promote water conservation and prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water, the proposed regulation would prohibit several activities and practices—Statewide. Good example of conversation and comments centered on everyday functions including Turf water (mediums) and the proposed regulation including a prohibition against “the serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments...” and a requirement that “hotels and motels...provide guests with the option of having towels and linens laundered.” Discussion at Cambria Board needed on where to weigh in on these items.

Point of Treatment Regulations

The State Water Board proposes to adopt regulations governing the use of point-of-use (POU) treatment and point-of-entry (POE) treatment by public water systems, in lieu of centralized treatment. The State Water Board evaluated emergency and now regular proposals to ascertain whether the proposed regulations are inconsistent or incompatible with existing California state regulations. Cambria should be aware that these regulations provide a more economically feasible option for PWS, and therefore do not represent an actual cost. The State Water Board recognizes that costs for the treatment and monitoring would likely be passed on to a water system’s customers, which may include individuals and businesses

The 2018 Nonpoint Source Grant Program includes funds from the Clean Water Act section 319(h) (CWA §319) grant and the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (TRFRF). The amount that California receives from U.S. EPA each year varies, but in the most recent years has been around \$4,000,000. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is authorized by U.S. EPA to administer the CWA §319 grant. State Water Board staff proposes to solicit projects for the 2018 Nonpoint Source Grant Program according to the 2018 Nonpoint

Source Grant Program Guidelines (guidelines). Action taken was to allow the Executive Director, or designee, to award and execute finance agreements for the 2018 Nonpoint Source Grant Program. Important for Cambria given a portion of these funds may be used for grants to implement total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) and watershed-based plans to restore water bodies impaired by NPS pollution.

Improvements to State Revolving Loan Fund

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) administers California's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program (Program). In the last several years, the Program has received a significant number of applications in comparison to previous years. As of September 18, 2017, the Program had 165 applications in-house, totaling \$7.6B in funds requested; over 60 of those applications were complete. On average, the Program finances between 30 and 40 applications per year. Discussion centered on numerous improvements in the program that would benefit Cambria in the following next rounds and on the refinancing front.

Legislative Outreach Advocacy

Given the Legislature is out on break, BPR sent most of it's time focusing with Legislative Leadership and staff on the important part of the upcoming bond election (given legislative passage) with a focus on upcoming grant and eligibility requirements. At least 4 meetings centered on this topic. BPR understands the Board is still discussing the amount of disclosure of individuals met with etc. Key elements of the upcoming June vote on the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 are of importance on many funding levels for Cambria.