

**RESOLUTION 03-2018**  
**February 5, 2018**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF A  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX ON REAL PROPERTY  
LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO FUND THREE (3) FULL TIME FIREFIGHTERS  
AND RELATED INCREASE IN THE DISTRICT'S APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND  
REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF SAID SPECIAL ELECTION WITH THE JUNE 5,  
2018 CONSOLIDATED STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION**

WHEREAS, numerous studies have concluded that Firefighter staffing levels directly affect the level of fire protection and prevention service delivery and that a constant staffing level of a first in, four-person engine company is necessary to provide for the overall safety of the Firefighters and the community; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2015 the Board of Directors (Board) accepted the 2015 SAFER Grant Award (Grant) under which the CCSD received funding for three additional Firefighters for a two-year period, and which allowed for the addition of one Firefighter on daily staffing and provided for a four-person engine company consisting of a Captain, Engineer, SAFER-funded Firefighter and a reserve Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, at the time the Grant was accepted, it was understood that unless additional funding became available, at the end of the period of time covered by the Grant, the SAFER-funded Firefighter positions would end and the staffing would have to go back to a three-person staffed engine; and

WHEREAS, three-person staffed engines limit Firefighters to a defensive posture whereby they can simply respond to a working fire, surround it and drown it, which potentially can lead to preventable losses of both life and property; and

WHEREAS, in June, 2017, as part of the approval of the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget, the Board approved the transfer of \$84,000 from General Fund reserves to continue to pay for the salaries of the SAFER-funded Firefighters; however, it has been determined that the District has insufficient funds to continue the four-person engine company staffing in future years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 61121(a) and Government Code Sections 50075, et seq., the Board is authorized to levy a special tax, subject to the approval of the voters; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the best fire protection services to Cambria and have a Fire Department staffed and prepared to provide aggressive interior fire attack when appropriate, and accomplish both victim rescue and property conservation, additional funding must be sought to continue to provide for four-person engine companies and therefore the Board of Directors desires to place a ballot measure before the voters at the June 5, 2018 election for approval of a proposed ordinance to levy a special tax on real property within the District to fund three (3) full time firefighters; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 50077, on February 5, 2018, the Board of Directors conducted a noticed public hearing on the issue of whether to place such a measure on the ballot. The notice included the dated, time and place of the public hearing, a general explanation of the matter to be considered, and a statement of where additional information could be obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to have the County of San Luis Obispo render certain services in connection with the special election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 10555 and 10400 et seq. said election may be consolidated with any other election, pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Elections Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cambria Community Services District Board of Directors as follows:

1. The Board of Directors hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board of Directors hereby calls a special election to be held on June 5, 2018 on the question of adopting a special tax to fund three (3) full time firefighters.
3. It is hereby requested that the Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County consolidate the special election of the CCSD to be held on June 5, 2018 with any other San Luis Obispo County General Election held on the same date. This request is made pursuant to Elections Code §§ 10555 and 10400, et seq. The Board of Directors agrees to reimburse the County of San Luis Obispo in full for services performed relating to this election, upon presentation of an invoice.

The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on the following question:

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT<br/>MEASURE _____</b></p> <p><b>Shall Cambria Community Services District Ordinance 01-2018, which imposes an annual special tax of fifty dollars (\$50.00) on each parcel of real property in the Cambria Community Services District to fund three (3) full time firefighters, be approved and shall the Cambria Community Services District appropriations limit be increased by the amount of this voter-approved tax?</b></p> | <b>YES</b> |  |
|  | <b>NO</b>  |  |

4. In accordance with Elections Code Section 13119, the Ballot shall contain the following Fiscal Impact Statement:

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR A SPECIAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THREE (3) FULL TIME FIREFIGHTERS TO BE IMPOSED ON ALL PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT EACH FISCAL YEAR [Elections Code Section 13119]**

Rate of tax to be levied: \$50 per parcel located in the Cambria Community Services District. The tax will also be subject to annual CPI adjustments.

Amount of money to be raised annually: \$300,000 (estimated).

Duration of the tax: The authorization to levy the tax pursuant to this Ordinance does not expire.

The tax information estimates in this statement reflect the District's current determination of the number of taxable parcels, which is based on certain assumptions. The actual amount of money raised in each year the tax is levied may vary due to factors including, but not limited to, variations in the number of taxable parcels within the District and inflation.

5. The Board of Directors hereby approves the proposed Ordinance in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference, to be submitted to the voters, which shall be included in its entirety with the ballot measure. The proposed measure is a special tax as defined in Article XIIC of the California Constitution and shall not take effect unless and until approved by a vote of at least a 2/3 majority of the voters voting on the question in the election.
6. The District Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors.

By vote on the motion of Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_, Resolution No. 03-2017 is hereby adopted this 5th day of February, 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Amanda Rice  
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Monique Madrid  
District Clerk

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Timothy J. Carmel  
District Counsel