

**CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2006
CAMBRIA VETERAN'S HALL
7:00 P.M.**

Directors Present

Bob Putney, Pat Bouldin, Rob Trask, Vern Kalshan, Art Trinidad, Rick Hawley, Galen Rathbun, Ilan Funke-Bilu

Guests

Jack McCabe, Jack Mettier

Meeting opened with a quorum at 7:05 p.m. Agenda approved on consent. No minutes from the last meeting.

Treasurer report – No changes. Approx \$920 in the account. Statement will be reported at the February meeting.

Bylaws – No update

Meeting dates – Rick moved and Galen seconded that we approve meetings for the 4th. Wednesday of each month except November and December for 2006. Approved unanimously.

Arborist update. Jack McCabe, contract arborist for the County gave a brief report and answered committee questions on hazard tree removal criteria and how it was being applied in the Cambria forest.

PG&E replacement trees – There are several hundred documented trees that PG&E has removed. In our discussions with Maria Singleton in the early 1990's she agreed in principal that trees should either be replaced at PG&E expense or a mitigation bank be set up. Neither has happened in that time. Art will set up a report of the number and location of the trees he has documented and send it to Ilan. Galen moved and Vern seconded that Ilan and Rick begin discussions with PG&E (Bob Bell) on this issue. Approved unanimously.

Tree replacement discussion – Art was concerned that our current ordinances do not reflect the views of the committee as to where replacement trees should be planted. Current law requires that replacement seedlings be planted on the same property where the trees were removed either for hazard or development. However, the county, with the committee's informal encouragement has been allowing for replacement on retired lots in conservation organization's ownership. Art suggested that the committee, through the CSD, send a letter to the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building

to develop a policy that allows for replacement trees to be either banked or planted on lots within the service district where they will not interfere with development in the future (he will write a sample letter for Ilan). There was some discussion on where these lots are, and how an individual who owns a vacant lot with retired development rights could enter into this program. It was decided that starting this process would allow for fleshing out the details, and when the issue matured, we could invite the North Coast planning team to the committee to discuss policy and procedure.

The county will be commissioning an update aerial photo shoot of the county that will provide an up-to-date canopy evaluation of the urban forest and allow us to overlay a variety of Arc Shapes on it to help with reforestation recommendations. Art will put together a printout of the 2003 flight with parcel and topography overlays for next meeting.

Website – next meeting.

Lot Clearing workshop. Rick requested that Cambria Fire, through the CSD start requiring persons contracted to clear lots for fire safety first be certified to do so by attending a workshop commissioned by Greenspace that will provide these contractors with best management practices. It is a complicated issue with legal ramifications. Bob will discuss the issue with the CSD manager and counsel before bringing it to the CSD agenda.

Mr. Mettier spoke to his concerns for tree removal in his neighborhood and around Cambria – that controls for removal, permitting, and replanting were not adequately in place.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on unanimous consent.

**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE
CAMBRIA FIRE STATION
APRIL 26, 2006 – MINUTES**

ATTENDING:

Pat Bouldin, Ilan Funke-Bilu, Rick Hawley, Vern Kalshan, Tim O'Keefe, Ben Parker, Bob Putney, Galen Rathbun, Rob Trask, Art Trinidad,

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Rick/Rob moved to approve meeting minutes from January 2006. Minutes approved
2. Treasurer Report – Rob reported that the bank account at Mid State holds \$818.99
3. Bylaws – Vern reported no changes.
4. Report on tree replacement from utility removals. Art reported that preliminary numbers were approximately 187 trees during a five year period. In conversation then with Maria Singleton, PG&E government relations manager, she anticipated our requiring some kind of mitigation. Art will communicate with PG&E. Bob suggested that the SLO Land Conservancy would be the best steward for mitigation, be that financial or in seedlings.
5. North Coast Area Plan - Ilan sent a letter to Martha Neder asking her to make sure that the CFC recommendation for offsite mitigation be included. She told him it was. Art will talk to Martha about the policy.
6. Website template - still in the works
7. Cal poly Student project - still in the works
8. Fire related issues. Bob commented on the 2006 Cambria Fire-fire hazard fuel reduction changes: The CCSO board approved a policy that all weed abatement contractors attend a firewise workshop. Last workshop was well attended. Cambria fire has flags they will give for free to homeowners. There is a new state law that requires 30 foot fire break and a 100 foot fuel break or property line.
9. Public comment. Question on strawberry canyon. Ben is still working on the environmental document.
10. Williams property - Rick reported that Greenspace is starting a grazing plan and have completed a fuel model.

Adjourn 8:30 p.m.

CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE MINUTES
CAMBRIA FIRE STATION
JUNE 28, 2006
7:00PM

Present:

Ben Bouldin, Pat Bouldin, Rick Hawley, Rob Trask, Galen Rathbun, Tim O'Keefe, Bob Putney, Ilan Funke-Filu, Vern Kalshan, Lisa Simpson

1. Meeting minutes from April 26, 2006 were approved.
2. Rob Trask updated us that our non interest bearing account has a balance of \$819.99.
3. Lisa reports the PG&E numbers in Art's absence. Cambria removals are as follows:
1992-1995 - about 350 removals
2003 - 185
2004 - 104
2005 - 284
2006 - pending - 288
On 7/3/06 PG&E rep. Crystal Bishop was emailed, asking for the numbers for the years 1996-2002.
4. The printouts of the 2003 Photomapper flyover that were given to Galen Rathbun/CFC were not exactly what was sought after. The CFC wanted photographs of an updated 2006 flyover, so they could see where the trees have come down in Cambria. John Kelly from Planning's Mapping section was contacted, and he stated that he is preparing to acquire new aerial photography for the county this fall, but that we do not have anything newer than what was taken in 2003.
5. Discussion commences about how Cal Poly students could work with the CFC. Tim O'Keefe says students could meet with committee members, maybe get a tour of the town on the trolley from the Fire Chief. They could inventory fire hazards and perform a study. They could make a presentation to the community, as a neutral party. Tim O'Keefe will draft letter to send to Bob Putney for final edit which will then be sent the CFC members via email.
6. Ben Bouldin is the ^{chairman of Open Space of PROS.} ~~chairman for PROS~~ (Parks, Rec, Open Space). He discussed the build out reduction program. Would like to integrate CFMP into the build out reduction plan, but it might not happen before the water master plan which is due Spring 2007.
7. Discussion of who would be hired to manage the CFMP. Rick Hawley motioned to request an allocation of \$7500/mo as a salary to fund a forester. Ilan notes that the \$7500 we are asking for needs to be itemized before it is presented to the CSD. The pay scale for a forester should be researched.
8. Discussion of certification of vegetation workers. Rick Hawley gave a class and there was hope for more classes. Need clear cutting solutions. Rick would like the discussion of lot clearing and identification to be put on next months' agenda.
9. It was noted that Ben from CDF is very busy in Ventura.

**CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 26, 2006
CCSD OFFICE 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Bob Putney, Ilan Funke-Bilu, Rob Trask, Pat Bouldin, Art Trinitade, Tim O'Keefe (late).
Ben Bouldin

June 26 Minutes to be emailed by Art to the Board and ratified at August meeting.

Treasurer Report: No changes from June.

PG&E tree removal numbers: These numbers were submitted by Crystal Bishop of PG&E Vegetation Management.

1992-5	350
1996-9	No figures available
2000	31
2001	48
2002	124
2003	185
2004	104
2005	284
2006	288 and counting

This is an average of 128 per year. So to average the missing four years, we could safely say that since the time that Maria Singleton stated that PG&E would mitigate for the removed trees in 1992, 2054 trees have been removed. Ilan and Galen will start dialog with Crystal Bishop.

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North Coast update. Art said that the CFMP is included in the introduction to the North Coast Area Plan as a reference document. No other changes to the plan are recommended as it is in the hands of the CCC and it is unlikely that the County will support further changes.

Photomapper. The County will provide Photomapper software for a single laptop at no cost to the CFC. Art urged the CFC to write a letter to Supervisor Bianchi recommending that a 2006 flight be purchased this budget year to provide updated photographs of the county and the North Coast in particular. Pat moved to have a letter sent and Tim seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Art will write a letter for Bob's signature.

Website template – stay tuned in September.

CalPoly research project. Tim has sent a letter to Dr. Bierto in the NRM/FNR department suggesting a student project for the forest.

CFC letter to the CCSD re: forester funding. Reviewed a draft letter from Bob. Ilan moved and Tim seconded to deliver the letter to Ilan for action at the next CCSD meeting to request the CSD to fund a RPF to the tune of approximately \$7500/month. Motion carried without dissent.

Cambria Buildout Reduction Plan/Forester costs – Ben Bouldin introduced the CBRP and explained that there will be many vacant lots with trees on them that will need to be managed. He requested our estimates of the cost of contracting a RPF to manage these properties, and will take that information to their board for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Ilan/Tim.

**CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE MINUTES
CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

October 4, 2006

7:00PM

September Monthly

Present:

Tammy Rudock, Bob Putney, Ilan Funke-Bilu, Galen Rathbun, Pat Bouldin, Rob Trask, Tim Okeefe, Rick Hawley, Ben Parker, Lisa Simpson

Lisa made + hose

(Quorum reached)

1. Treasury report from Rob Trask: no money has been depleted out of our account.
2. Ilan Funke-Bilu and Rick Hawley have contacted PG&E regarding tree replacement. They anticipate that a meeting will take place in November.
3. Update about the 2006 flyover funding: John Kelly from County Planning informs that we are the lead agency for acquiring countywide aerial photography. Mr. Kelly will be writing an RFP sometime this fall to acquire new photography.
4. Tim O'Keefe sent a letter to Cal Poly asking if NRM students would be available for senior projects in the Cambria forest. General Manager Rudock is interested in this idea. Ilan Funke-Bilu suggests that we solicit a forester on a sabbatical for this project.
5. Update on the cost and procedure of hiring a Forester for the CFMP: Ilan Funke-Bilu reports that Staff was directed to come up with a specific cost of a forester.
6. General Manager Rudock states that the Board has *accepted* the CFMP. The CFMP has yet to go through Environment Review before it is considered for adoption.
7. Galen Rathbun reminds us that there is a sister document to the CFMP. Ben Parker has a copy.
8. Discussion of education and certification of vegetation workers. Rick Hawley informs that the training sessions were funded by CA-RELEAF. Rick Hawley said there is no more money for more classes at this time, but he would give his own time for the program if the other products could be provided. (ie: flyers, stamps).
9. Chief Putney pointed out that we could start our own line of defense for incorrect lot clearing. He suggests that we start with online training. Education is very important and we need to find the means to educate all possible lot clearing people. Maybe on online lot clearing test, in both English and Spanish. The Chief has two translators available in his department.