

CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE MINUTES
CCSD SUITE #204
JANUARY 24, 2007
7:00PM

Present:

Tim O'Keefe, Rob Trask, Bob Putney, Patrice Wyse, Greg Sanders Art Montandon, Wayne Parrack, Eunice Wilson, Ray Wilson, Ben Bouldin and Pat Bouldin
Cherie Aispuro (Bruce Gibson's ledger Legislator Assistant)
Sean King, Matthew Thoma, Kip Van de Water (seniors attending Cal Poly)

Wayne Parrack, Art Montandon and Greg Sanders gave a presentation of the Cambria Buildout Production Program. Questions and answers followed.

Our quorum was not met so no meeting followed.

**CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE MINUTES
CCSD SUITE #204
MARCH 14, 2007
EMERGENCY MEETING**

Directors Present:

Bob Putney, Tim O'Keefe, Ilan Funke-Bilu, Rob Trask, Rick Hawley, Art Trinidad and Pat Bouldin

Guests Present:

Cathy Choate, Tammy Rudock, Art Montandon, Ben Bouldin, Jo Ellen Butler, and Bill Schassberger

1. Discussed the proposed Cambria CSD Defensible Space Ordinance. Numerous parties will work to make changes to same.
2. No public comment.

No minutes taken by CFC's Directors – Cathy Choate took minutes for CCSD

*Rick Hawley + Ilan Funke-Bilu was unnecessarily rough
with Chief Putney. In my opinion, it was uncalled for!*
Jo

CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE - MAY 23, 2007
CCSD 1316 TAMSON DRIVE, SUITE 204, CAMBRIA
7:30 P.M.

DIRECTORS, MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Pat Bouldin, Ilan Funke-Bilu, Rick Hawley, Bob Putney, Galen Rathbun, Rob Trask, Art
Trinidad, JoEllen Butler, Kathy Choate, Jack McCabe, Art Montandon, Tammy Rudock,
Greg Sanders, Ken Topping, *Ben Bouldin*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40

1. \$818.99 in the checking account.
2. CSD proclamation - Pat introduced the CCSD proclamation recognizing the CFC.
Received. Trinidad will write a letter of thanks.
3. Ilan reported on the PG&E meeting. It didn't come together. Rick and Art will
meet with Greg Saenz (595-6304).
4. Website - Progress – will present it at the next meeting.
5. Tammy Rudock – Pebble Beach CSD forester. No progress. However, CCSD
has commissioned the open space committee to determine need and funding for a
RPForester. Rick and Galen moved to write a letter to the CSD asking that the
CFC give formal input on the FMP and hiring of a forester, approved. Rick will
write the letter.
6. Rick looked for funding for continuing education to vegetation workers on
structural defensible space. Until funding is received to hire an interpreter, it is
unlikely that the class could be held. Tabled for additional discussion with CSD.
7. Bob introduced the current fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program and Defensible
Space ordinance. By June 18, a first draft will be complete for review at the CSD
Board on June 28. The CFC will do an email discussion and complete a
recommendation by June 6, 2007. Starting off point will be Galen's last email
with attachments.
8. Galen suggested that the CFC publish a rebuttal to the CCSD disseminated. *Taken off.*
~~Tabled for future discussion as needed.~~
9. New business – none.

CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2007
Cambria CSD 1316 TAMSON DRIVE, SUITE 204, CAMBRIA
7:30 P.M.

Present:

DIRECTORS

Pat Bouldin, Ilan Funke-Bilu, Rick Hawley, Bob Putney, Rob Trask, Tim O'Keefe

Cambria CSD Board member

Director Greg Sanders

GUESTS

Jon Martinez, Bill Schassberger, Jo Ellen Butler, Jack McCabe, Richard Vallens, Brandt Kehoe
and Sandra Kehoe

Did not attend

Judy Martinez

CCSD STAFF

Tammy Rudock, Kathy Choate, Ben Bouldin (PROS Member)

Absent: Directors Galen Rathbun (out of country), Art Trinidad (excused, at South Co. mtg.)

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:40 p.m. by Chair Putney
2. May 23, 2007 minutes reviewed. M/S/Approved
3. Rob Trask reported \$819.99 in the checking account.
4. Rick Hawley reported negotiations with PG&E regarding County Tree Replacement Program have not been worked out yet and requested the item be placed on the July agenda. It was suggested that a letter written by Maria Singleton, PG&E regarding tree replacement be reviewed. Letter to be sent to CFC Directors.
5. Election and Nomination of Officers. Chair Putney opened the nominations:

Chair position

Rick Hawley nominated Galen Rathbun for Chair. Chair Putney seconded. Pat Bouldin nominated Chief Putney for chair. Tim O'Keefe seconded.

Vice Chair position

Chair Putney nominated Pat Bouldin for Vice-Chair. Tim O'Keefe seconded. Rick Hawley nominated Galen Rathbun for Vice-Chair. Rob Trask seconded.

Secretary

Rick Hawley nominated Art Trinidad for Secretary. Tim O'Keefe seconded.

Treasurer

Tim O'Keefe nominated Rob Trask for Treasurer. Pat Bouldin seconded.

Tim O'Keefe moved to close the nominations. Pat Bouldin seconded.

Paper ballots were cast with the following election results:

Chair – Bob Putney

Vice Chair – Pat Bouldin

Secretary – Art Trinidad

Treasurer – Rob Trask

A discussion followed regarding the Cambria CSD Fire Chief (Bob Putney) holding the Forest Committee Chair position. No motion received a second, no action was taken. Further discussion addressed the agency director and public director vacancies on the Committee.

Director Sanders was asked to consider becoming a Director, however he declined nomination. **Rick Hawley nominated as public members, Bill Schassberger and Jon Martinez. Tim O'Keefe seconded. The directors unanimously approved.** Chair Putney will provide new members with Committee bylaws. It was suggested that agency positions be reviewed and filled.

6. Postponed to August agenda. Art Trinidad absent.
7. Rick Hawley will draft a letter (input via email for CFC to sign) by first part of August to the Cambria CSD Board requesting CFC be provided an opportunity to provide formal input into hiring a registered professional forester/ecologist toward implementing the Cambria Forest Management Plan.

Ben Bouldin reported on PROS Open Space Committee's work to implement the Forest Management Plan into the Buildout Reduction Program, and that PROS Open Space Committee is working under the direction of the Cambria CSD Board. The PROS Committee's goal is to obtain and fund a forester.

8. It was suggested that the CFC create and assign an Adhoc committee to review and work with the Cambria CSD regarding the proposed Defensible Space Ordinance. M/S/ —² Approved to create a CFC Adhoc Committee. **Tim O'Keefe moved to elect Rick Hawley, Rob Trask, and Greg Sanders, with Galen Rathbun as an alternate, to this CFC Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to liaison with the Cambria CSD to review the proposed Defensible Space Ordinance 01-2007. Bill Schassberger seconded. Unanimously approved.**

9. **New Business**

It was requested that next year a workshop on vegetation management technologies be included for vegetation laborers and contractors. An educational approach with a booklet on "How to Modify Wildland Fuels on a Parcel" was suggested. It was also suggested that we work with the Cambria CSD to pursue stricter code enforcement on those clearing their parcels improperly and the SLO county Code Enforcement office for those dropping trees illegally.

Chair Putney reported that the Cal Fire State Board of Foresters is evaluating all counties in California regarding the existing Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Public comment will be accepted at a local Cal Fire Public Hearing to be held in San Luis Obispo on Thursday July 12th, 2007 at 1 P.M. at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Public Comment: None

Tim O'Keefe moved to **adjourn the meeting 9:05 p.m.** Bill Schassberger seconded. Unanimously approved.

APPROVED CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JULY 25, 2007

Cambria CSD Meeting Room-1316 TAMSON DRIVE, SUITE 204, CAMBRIA
1940 Hrs.

Present:

DIRECTORS

Pat Bouldin, Rick Hawley, Jon Martinez, Bob Putney, Rob Trask, Tim O'Keefe

GUESTS

Judy Martinez, John Brannon

CCSD STAFF

Tammy Rudock, Kathy Choate

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 1940hrs. by Chair Putney. June 27th, 2007 meeting minutes reviewed. M/S/Approved with changes.
2. Treasurer Rob Trask reported the checking balance as \$818.99.
3. Rick Hawley reported negotiations with PG&E regarding County Tree Replacement Program are still in progress and requested the item be carried to the August agenda. Approximately 1912 trees were reported to have been removed from the Cambria area.
4. Proposed CFC demonstration website review postponed to August agenda. Art Trinidad absent.
5. Draft letter to the Cambria CSD Board requesting that the CFC be provided an opportunity to provide formal input into hiring/selecting a registered professional forester/ecologist toward implementing the Cambria Forest Management Plan discussed. Motion by Rick Hawley seconded by Tim O'Keefe to approve modified letter. Motion carried
6. CFC Adhoc Defensible Space Ordinance committee progress was discussed. Rick Hawley and Rob Trask stated that the Adhoc committee met twice and is off to a good start. They will have a report for the CFC at the August meeting. Adhoc Committee members reporting to the CFC are : Rob Trask, Rick Hawley and Greg Sanders, with Galen Rathbun serving as an alternate.
7. **New Business**
Rick Hawley stated that Greenspace is applying for a grant that could include funding for the Fire-Wise Field Worker training program. He requested support from the CFC to proceed with this grant and requested whether the CFC would support the grant request formally. Discussion followed, and Rick was asked what the source of the grant funding was and the specifics of the grant. Rick stated that he was unwilling to share the grant-funding source, as the grants were reviewed on a competitive basis. CFC directors gave conceptual approval of support, and will consider official endorsement after the grant funding source and the specifics of the grant are disclosed and reviewed.

Chair Putney reported that a verbal response, including documents were provided to the CAL Fire representatives at the Cal Fire State Board of Foresters, Fire Hazard Severity Zone public hearing held on July 12th, 2007 in San Luis Obispo. Additional public comments and input submitted in writing will be accepted at CAL Fire Administrative Headquarters in Sacramento through July 31st, 2007. In August CAL Fire will respond to written comments

and submitted requests, and then move on to release the final statewide draft of the proposed California Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The final map will be approved in September/October and will be published as a final document in October/November 2007. There was general discussion on the Cambria area proposed CAL Fire- Fire Hazard Severity Zone rating change from a Moderate rating to a High rating.

Public Comment: Some questions regarding the proposed Fire Hazard Severity Zone ratings.

Rick Hawley moved, Tim O'Keefe seconded to **adjourn the meeting 2055 hrs.** Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Putney (Chair) and acting/recording secretary for Art Trinidad.

Bob Putney

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CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 22nd, 2007

**Cambria CSD Meeting Room-1316 TAMSON DRIVE, SUITE 204, CAMBRIA
1905 Hrs.**

Present:

DIRECTORS

Ilan Funke-Bilu, Pat Bouldin, Jon Martinez, Bob Putney, Galen Rathbun, Bill Schassberger, Rob Trask, Tim O'Keefe

GUESTS

Judy Martinez

Cambria CSD STAFF

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 1905hrs. by Chair Putney. July 25th, 2007 meeting minutes reviewed. M/S/Approved with changes.
2. Treasurer Rob Trask reported the current checking balance as \$816.99.
3. No report about negotiations with PG&E regarding County Tree Replacement Program were available as both Rick Hawley and Art Trinidad were not present at the meeting. Item carried over to the September agenda. (Approximately 1912 trees were reported to have been removed from the Cambria area.)
4. Proposed CFC demonstration website review postponed to the September agenda. Art Trinidad absent.
5. A copy of the final letter that has been sent to the Cambria CSD Board President, requesting that the CFC be provided an opportunity to provide formal input into selecting a registered professional forester/ecologist toward implementing the Cambria Forest Management Plan was distributed. General discussion followed regarding potential funding sources that could be used to hire this Forester/Ecologist position. Directors unfamiliar with the Cambria CSD proposed Buildout Reduction Proposal (BRP) should visit the Cambria CSD website for more information at cambriacsdsd.org.
6. The CFC Adhoc proposed Defensible Space Ordinance committee progress was discussed. Rob Trask reported that the Adhoc committee has met several times and has a working draft. They are scheduled to meet again this Friday August 24th. They will have a report for the CFC at the September meeting. Adhoc Committee members reporting to the CFC are : Rob Trask, Rick Hawley and Greg Sanders, with Galen Rathbun serving as an alternate.
7. Chair Putney reported that CAL Fire closed the public comment and input period, regarding the proposed California State Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map, on July 31, 2007. In late August early September, CAL Fire Sacramento, will respond to written comments and submitted requests, and then move on to release the final statewide draft of the proposed California Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The final map will be approved in late September/October and will be published as a final document in October/November 2007. There was general discussion on the Cambria area proposed CAL Fire- Fire Hazard Severity Zone rating change from a Moderate rating to a High Wildland Fire Severity Zone

rating. Questions about wildland fire risk and wildland fire mitigation were also discussed. Any response received from CAL Fire will be shared with the CFC directors.

8. Determining the need for and establishing a December CFC meeting date was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to cancel the December 2007 meeting. Discussion then followed. The initial motion and second was pulled by the maker and second of this motion. The consensus was to place this back on the agenda to discuss and determine the need for a December meeting in September or at a later CFC meeting, prior to December 2007.

Public Comment: **None.**

Tim O'Keefe moved and Rob Trask seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 2025 hrs.** Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Putney (Chair) and acting/recording secretary for Art Trinitade.

Bob Putney

**CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2007 7 P.M.
CCSD MEETING ROOM**

Members in attendance: Pat Bouldin, Jon Martinez, Bob Putney, Galen Rathbun, Bill Schassberger, Tim O'Keefe, Rob Trask, Art Trinidad

1. Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.
2. August minutes approved unanimously - Tim/Galen
3. Treasurer report \$816.99 in checking account
4. PG&E tree mitigation: Galen/Bill proposed a committee to find properties to deal with mitigation trees. Art, Jon, Bill and Tim were appointed. Tim will chair.
5. Rick will do website on a grant they received.
6. Art stated that the recent rhetoric the committee has been dealing with harms rather than helps its forward progress in its standing with the CCSD. He recommended that we keep spirited discussions "in house" and that picking up the phone was better than e-mail "flames".
7. Defensible space ordinance. Rob said that they can bring a draft to the CFC after consulting with the fire department, possibly by the next month.
8. Bob has received the new CalFire fire hazard severity zone. Other than the East-West Ranch, they are proposing that all of Cambria be considered a high hazard zone.
9. October 6,7 chipping weekend with CCC. Suggested donation of \$20. Ilan/Jon moved to donate \$200 to the effort. Passed unopposed.
10. No December meeting unless there is a need.
11. New business – Jon expressed condolences for the loss of Linda LeClerk. Bob expressed what a loss it has been for the fire department and community.
12. Move we adjourn 0900 p.m. art/tim

CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 2007
CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Members Present:

Pat Bouldin, Galen Rathbun, Tim O'Keefe, Jon Martinez, Bill Schassberger, Rob Trask, Art Trinidad, Bob Putney, Ilan Funke-Bilu

Meeting began at 7 p.m.

Minutes – Rick/Tim moved to approve with correct spelling of Linda deClercq's name - approved.

Treasurer - \$616.99 after giving \$200 to the chipping program.

PG&E – decided on \$25/tree with a 2-1 replacement. Need to nail down the receiver sites and volunteers.

Website – Grant funded to Greenspace. Certification will be available on the internet. Discussion on certification. Bob concerned that people with poor BMPs be certified by the CCSD. Suggestion on just have a list of people on the web with an ID card. Decided on professional and residential tests. Rick will come up with a draft script and distribute it to the CFC.

Defensible space draft. Rob said that it is almost complete.

Bill/Tim moved to adjourn 8:00 p.m.