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To: Rokke, Jon@Waterboards
Subject: Comment Letter -- Cambria WDR Update

To the Central Coast Water Board:

I am writing to encourage you to do everything possible to continue to ensure that Cambria's water security.

I understand that you will be considering updating the original order for operating the Cambria Community Services District's plant. It is especially critical, of course, to approve the plan to dispose of brine by trucking it to a waste disposal site.

As a registered nurse and an elected board member (and President) of the Cambria Community Healthcare District, I can personally tell you the absolute importance of having a stable, secure and ample water supply for residents and visitors.

Our community knows how to conserve, and we, in fact, have one of the best conservation records in the state.

But in the interest of health and safety, we need water we can truly count on.

Without knowing we have water we can rely on, residents of Cambria greatly reduce the number of showers they take, and put themselves at risk by collecting water in their showers in large containers and then carting those tubs up and down stairs to provide any leftover water for defensible space or to grow a few plants in their gardens.

Without knowing we have water we can count on, Cambrians shorten their handwashing time, increasing their chance of infection and spreading disease.

Without knowing we have water we can rely on, we stop or greatly reduce watering our yards, significantly increasing our individual and collective fire danger.

Without knowing we have water we can count on, we take shortcuts washing dishes and thereby spreading disease.

Without knowing we have water we can count on, we force visitors to our coastal village and state parks to use portable toilets, facilities that may not have soap, adequate streams of water or paper towels for proper hygiene.

Cambria needs water security. Please do all you can to help ensure our health and safety by facilitating a stable, sustainable and sufficient water supply for Cambria.

Thank you,

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