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***Re: Comment Letter – Cambria WDR Update***

Dear Mr. Rokke:

I write here in support of the Cambria EWS Project (or “water project”).

To me, this is an easy decision. While Cambria has done a remarkable job of conservation, and I and many of my neighbors have installed rainwater collection at our homes for use in watering our yards, we can only save so much. Saving water and praying for rain is not a successful long-term strategy. The Supply side of the problem needs to be solved too.

While this rainy season has been just fine (22 inches so far in Cambria and 44 inches on Rocky Butte – about average), drought ever looms here in the arid West. And with a warming planet, the heat seasons are ever longer and hotter, drying out our finite water supplies here in Cambria as well as throughout the West.

Cambria has taken the bold and innovative step towards water security by having the water project designed and installed and I, for one, rest much easier now that we are reasonably assured that the taps won’t run dry and that we can bathe, and clean, and flush our sewage, and have water available at ALL TIMES for emergency responses. Not to mention, having to tell tourists to curtail showers and not always flush toilets and that they may not get a glass of water at the restaurant was a drain on our local economy.

I urge the Water Board to amend its rules to allow Cambria’s proposal to dispose of the wastewater brine by tanker truck. Denying that approval will essentially kill the water

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project, a result that could kill Cambria as well, at least kill any chance for Cambria to prosper in the coming years.

Thank you for your attention to the matter.

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