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To John Rokke, *Water Resource Engineer*
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Comment Letter - Cambria WDR Update

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We are writing to you today to encourage your support for The Draft Updated Order No. R3-2014-0050.

Cambria's property owners deserve a definitive and forward thinking resolution to the issues with the current Emergency Water Project. For almost 2 decades the accessibility to the basic necessity of water has been at the forefront of Cambria's agenda. So much time, effort and money has already been wasted with the many challenges to the approval, construction and retention of this facility. Now the issue of waste disposal from this facility has come before the Water Board and a decision has to be made to find a way to dispose of this waste. We hope that this board will determine to approve the proposal before them for the following reasons:

- (1) Cambria needs a permanent solution to satisfy the water demands of its property owners and to improve the overall reliability of water, year round.
- (2) The decision to revise Order No. R3-2014-0050 and to authorize a new waste disposal method for Cambria to keep the water project online and functional. Cambria should be taking the lead on this issue now. Now that this water project has proven that it can perform as it was intended, it needs to be perfected – not mothballed, as it surely will be if no forward thinking action is taken by the board now. We all know what happens to machinery when it goes unused and neglected over time. It is inconceivable to think that the Water Board would allow that to happen after so much effort, time and money has been spent on getting the water project in Cambria as far as it has come.

We know that the precious issue of water availability and reliability is not going away. Global warming assures us of stronger storms and longer droughts. The clear thinking people on this board are tasked with recognizing that Cambria can not go backward, it must charge forward toward insuring that this facility becomes a permanent fixture that adds value to the community for years to come and perhaps serves as a model in this ever changing world of changing weather and scarcity of water. This mind numbing battle waged over water in Cambria must come to an end.

Hopefully the Water Board will find its way to choosing the future over the past and be part of a solution.

Sincerely,

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