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Honorable Presiding Judge Dodie Harmon
Superior Court of California
1035 Palm Street, Room 355
San Luis Obispo CA 93408-1000

San Luis Obispo Grand Jury
P.O. Box 4910
San Luis Obispo CA 93408

Re: CCSD Response to the Grand Jury Report titled, **"In a State of Emergency? Assessing Fire Risk in Cambria."**

Dear Honorable Presiding Judge Harmon,

This letter is the Cambria Community Services District's official response to the Grand Jury report referenced above, dated March 12, 2015.

Please note the following responses to the Findings and Recommendations contained therein:

Findings:

1. We concur.
2. We concur. The CCSD has been working with Cal Fire conducting door to door public outreach campaign that provides residents with a detailed brochure of the community's fire evacuation plan. Efforts include increasing public education to the community such as; a press conference, Fire Safe Council meeting, CCSD Fire Department Open House, and a Table Top Exercise.
3. We concur and have been taking steps necessary to improve communication within the community.
4. We concur. The CCSD has been working with the County on a blanket dead tree removal permit, working with Cal Fire on door to door public outreach, and the annual implementation of the Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program.

Recommendations:

- R1. We concur. The CCSD board took action at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 26, 2015 adopting Resolution 08-2015 declaring that there is a state of emergency in Cambria due to the extreme risk of a catastrophic fire.
- R3. We concur.
- R4. We concur. The CCSD is in the process of evaluating the criteria required to obtain State and Federal funding for the removal of dead trees.
- R5. The CCSD has included funds in the amount of \$75,000 in their 2015/2016 fiscal year draft budget for dead tree removal on CCSD property. Historically, based on availability of resources, the California Conservation Corps has worked collaboratively with the CCSD in assisting our agency with maintaining critical fire breaks throughout the community. We will continue to solicit their help in maintaining these fire

breaks. The CCSD has also increased its efforts of dead tree removal on unimproved parcels through the annual Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Gruber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

Jerry Gruber
General Manager