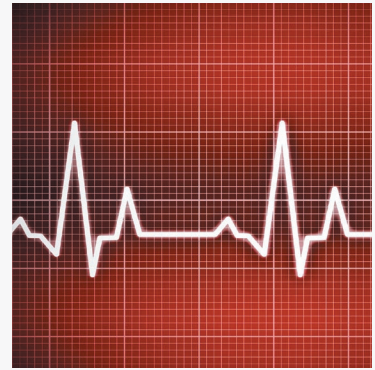


“Minutes Matter”

HAVING ACCESS TO YOUR LOCAL HEALTHCARE
RESOURCES IS VITAL TO OUR COMMUNITY



The Cambria Community Healthcare District provides two full crews of EMTs and Paramedics on standby 24/7 to care for you and to get you to the nearest hospital if needed.

Emergency Medical Care and Ambulance Transports *Now and Into the Future*

The proposed new station will:

- Improve working conditions and living quarters for our Paramedics and EMTs.
- Establish an apparatus bay that will allow ambulances and medical equipment to be securely garaged, assuring fleet readiness when emergency or natural disasters occur.
- Be designed and constructed to provide water, solar, and energy efficiency all important to a sustainable future.
- The apparatus bay will include a designated Decontamination Area for our First Responders.



Ambulance Station Replacement Project

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Frequently Asked Questions About the Ambulance Station

Why a New Ambulance Station?

- ▶ The Ambulance facility located at 2515 Main Street needs major infrastructure improvements. The building is beyond its useful lifespan and retrofitting is not economically feasible.

The new station will be constructed to resist natural disasters, assuring first responder safety and fleet readiness, and enhancing community safety when emergencies or natural disasters occur.

CCHD Ballot Measure History: What has changed?

- ▶ After receiving feedback from community members and first responders, the District modified the ambulance station's size and decreased the cost from \$8.5 million to \$6.9 million. In addition, the District secured \$1 million in federal grant funding to support the new construction, bringing the project cost to \$5.9 million.

What will the passage of the measure mean for our community?

- ▶ The passing of the C-24 ballot measure will allow the District to replace the 67 year old facility that is in need of major infrastructure improvements. the building is beyond its useful lifespan and retrofitting is not economically feasible

What will the measure cost?

- ▶ The tax rate per property is estimated to be \$7.90 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It's important not to confuse county-assessed valuation with market

value. The average homeowner in the District would pay approximately \$50 per year.

How can I be sure that funds are spent on improving our ambulance station?

- ▶ By law, all ballot measure funds must be spent locally. Funds can only be spent on healthcare facilities and not on operating costs. In addition, a local independent oversight committee will ensure the funds are properly spent.

Why A Garage?

- ▶ The new garage will be designed as an apparatus bay. A station's apparatus bay is more complex than a garage, designed to store and maintain the most expensive medical equipment and emergency response vehicles. Apparatus bays are vital to community safety and are designed to give first responders and vehicles the best chance of success in quickly responding to medical emergencies. In addition, this apparatus bay will provide a decontamination area for crew safety.

Can the grant funds be used for a remodel vs replacing the existing facility?

Yes, but can the District afford it?

- ▶ Grant assistance is limited to 75 percent of the proposed project, the District is required to match 25%. The passage of measure C-24 would guarantee grant funds would be secured for 1 million dollars allocated to replace the existing ambulance facility.

Any grant funds received would address the top priorities identified, including but not limited to the following; sloping issues on the property, and installation of a retaining wall located behind the current facility. Needed repairs and replacement of plumbing and electrical would require mitigation of hazardous materials.

- ▶ **Federal funding will not be received until the completion of the project.**

Examples of grant funding:

- ▶ Replace current facility - \$1 million federal grant. \$5.9 million bond measure.
- ▶ Repair station – \$1 million grant. No bond funding would require the District to seek \$333,250 in financing, operating funds would be needed for loan payments. Maintenance and repair projects over and above the identified top-priority list of repairs would require additional loan financing with repayment from the operating expense account.
- ▶ Additional financing would be required to address additional repairs such as updates to crew living quarters, decontamination area, and address cracks in outside walls.

Our Location:

- ▶ 2511 Main St., Cambria, CA 93428

