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Central Coast Water Board Approves Cambria Emergency Drought Project

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The Cambria Community Services District's emergency water treatment system moved a step closer to operation today with the approval of the district's financial assurance element.

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's Executive Officer, Ken Harris issued the approval, which is required under the Waste Discharge Requirements for the District's brine disposal surface impoundment associated with its emergency water treatment system.

The system is designed to increase the Cambria community's water supplies during the drought. This approval allows the District to initiate testing and operation of the facility. The financial assurance component ensures the District has the financial means to pay for reasonably foreseeable impoundment repairs and for the disposal of brine waste liquid in the impoundment, should a leak develop in the liner system.

This emergency water treatment system will pump groundwater from an existing well near the District's wastewater disposal ponds, treat and filter the water by several methods to remove impurities, then inject the water back in the San Simeon Creek aquifer where it will be available to the District's existing water supply wells. Brine generated during this treatment and filtration process will be discharged to a lined surface impoundment.

The Central Coast Water Board is responsible for protecting and restoring water quality in the 300-mile-long coastal region from southern San Mateo and Santa Clara counties to the northern part of Ventura County.

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