



## **Kermit Johansson**

Candidate for **Zone 5** - Lodge Hill east of HY 1

### **Background**

BS in Landscape Architecture from Iowa State U. and MS – Environmental Science – Utah State U. Primary employment: 4 Years Pueblo Regional Planning Commission Staff, 5 years Private Landscape Arch consultant, 34 Years USDA Forest Service Landscape Architect for Sierra, Prescott, and San Bernardino NF. Auxiliary roles with the FS Fire organization with Logistical Support unit for Type 1 & 2 Campaign Fires were Facilities Unit and Ground Support Unit Leader. Retirement from the Forest Service occurred in 2010 and from fire activity in 2018. Although, this is important experience the toll of 10 years of retirement has left me a better motorcycle mechanic than educated technician (but only 2 out of my 3 motorcycles actually run).

### **Cambria/ North Coast**

My first visit to Cambria was a camping trip with friends in 1983. I considered it a cold miserable dump and didn't really ever want to come back. However, I did notice lot prices were the cheapest in CA at the time and I wanted to become landed – I figured not everyone not everyone shared my sentiments and cheap lots here on the coast must be undiscovered gold. I bought 2 and waited for the prices to go up (let's just say real estate is not my forte). In '88 bought a water meter assuming that would help appreciation. In '93 during the CA housing recession, I was offered a build permit because no one else wanted to build, so in '94 built a spec house in Cambria. I rented the house – long term rentals – from 94 to 2018 when I moved back part time. I had to move here for 5 years to get rid of the depreciation costs. Now I have a hard time imagining a better place to live.

### **Reason to join NCACSLO**

I am currently a member of PROS (Parks, Recreation, OpenSpace) Commission (Appointed by CCSD Board). It appears that many parts of the recreation and open space goals of the current PROS Master Plan of 1994 are valid and most of it ignored. The most critical is the connection to the county as well as recreation travel routes within the unincorporated area. Projects that are reviewed by NOCASLO are not scrutinized with the focus on recreation connections. I want to attempt to provide that connection be it Cambria or the other communities served by the Council.

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