

Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday August 18, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Held via Zoom Audio and/or Video Conference

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PUBLIC FORUM: Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction, if the matter is not on the agenda or pending before the Board.

Call to Order / Start Zoom Meeting for remote meeting access: 7:00 p.m.

Susan called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Roll Call: Casey Farrand, Jim DiZoglio, Mindi Porebski, Ru Rajapakse, Susan Ady

Erick Sturm, Don Kirk, Debby Cunningham, Wais Achak, Cantu family member, Jennifer Johnson, Stacey Johnson, Kirk Epperly, Jenna Halladay Gruer, Mike Saultanian, Sam and Jenn, Terry Truong, Kenji Morita, David Cheng,

Consent Agenda: Financial, Water, Staff, Projects, and Maintenance reports (2 min)

Casey makes a motion to approve the consent agenda

Jim seconds

Motion passes 3-0

Reports: Reports: Communication, and Correspondence Reports (10 min)

Link to Bud's report [here](#)

Re: Meter Reading locations: Jim, Mind, and Bud can all help residents who need info on where their meters are or how to read them

Business

- [All] Water supply, demand, conservation and community communication (10 min)
 - See Bud's detailed notes [here](#)
 - Spring flow / production has decreased significantly MoM
 - The current line from Lake Ranch is small (1.5 inch line) and the restricted flow is causing the pond not to fill. Note: the pond is the location where we pull water from the creek
 - San Jose Water takes level measurements in the pond, and San Jose Water is working to post the pond level on the fence; this was done in the last drought
 - Current rate is inadequate to fill the pond
- [All] Potential Declaration of "State of Water Emergency" (10 min)

Casey makes a motion to declare a state of water emergency

Mindi seconds the motion

Motion passes 4-0

- [All] Potential changes to water rates / tier levels (10 min)
 - Previous meeting [recommendation](#) to lower the threshold to move to the second tier in the pricing model from 200 gallons to 90 gallons.
 - 90 gallons was determined because the average household usage was 111 gal / day, and there was a recommendation to lower usage by 20%, which came to 88 gal / day, which was rounded off to 90 gallons

- Discuss additional option to add a third tier to provide more flexibility in the model
- Discuss additional option change in the tier rates to include partial cents
- Some actions are already being taken, we have seen change based on communications alone
- Feedback from community member that perhaps this new tier proposal won't have enough impact as cost per household per month, seems small
- A community member asked a question on the timeline to move to San Jose water. There are no current solid plans to move to San Jose water due to cost and other factors.
- Feedback from community member that asking a household using over 200 gallons per day (3 households) to go down to 90 gallons per day is a drastic, 55% decrease
- Feedback from community member that drastic changes are needed, as we need more than 15% conservation from the community, and the actions of some are affecting the rest in that we will all suffer if we have to truck in water
 - We do have an existing relationship with two vendors for trucking in water
- Community member question on recording the meeting, which is not historically done
- This proposal to change rates and/or tiers is a temporary change, not permanent, due to the drought and the need to conserve
- We need to begin changing behaviors, and that takes time. We should build the muscle and seek to change behavior over time.
- Feedback from community member that we are doing too little too late
- In regards to the calculation, the reduction in average usage from 110 gallons to 90 gallons is ~20% reduction, and so one option is we could reduce the tier 20% from the 200 gallons threshold to the 160 gallons threshold
 - Request to share medium as well as average water usage
 - Additional option discussed to use 150 gallons threshold to be closer to the 90 gallons usage desired
- Feedback from community member that trucking in water would be very expensive and all community members would pay for it if we all do not conserve drastically now
- Feedback from community member that water status could be helpful (e.g. stage 1 to 5)
- Board is all in agreement we need to make a change beyond voluntary conservation

Jim makes a motion to accept an adjustment to the tier that lowers it from 200 gallons to 150 gallons and review usage after Sunday's meter readings (August 29th 2021) to see if we should follow up before the next scheduled monthly board meeting and adjust our tiers further.

Mindi seconds the motion

Motion passes 3-0

- [Mindi] Review community engagement email (10 min)

Jim makes a motion to mail this to the community

Ru seconds

Motion passes 3-0

- [Bud] New water pipeline - Laurel, Oak and Beardsley: Engineering proposal (10 min)
 - Jim would like to review and compare these proposals
 - There may be an option to bore on Beardsley from Laurel bridge to the front of our Canyon to reduce cost
- [All] Annual Sept. Members Meeting: Confirm proposed dates and details
 - Proposed Sept 11 or 25
 - Sept 25th, Rebecca confirmed her property alongside the creek is available
 - At least 1 board position is open to be filled
 - Mike can assist with virtual meeting and audio
 - Susan to also get buckets, Jim to get burgers, hot dogs, propane, etc

- Meeting presentation topics:
 - Year lookback, Financial presentation & Firewise presentation
- A community member shared that a Halloween celebration and walkthrough is being planned for Saturday, October 30th. More details to come over Facebook and Nextdoor.

Not discussed; moved to next meeting:

- [Jim] Roadway and easement discussion: draft v3 letter (10 min)
- [Susan] Capital Improvement Plan: Review draft timeline and costs (15 min)
- [Susan] Capital Improvement Plan: To schedule regular cadence for re-review (5 min)

Review Meeting [Minutes from July 21st meeting](#)

Jim makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes

Mindi seconds

Motion passes 3-0

Review Meeting Minutes from this meeting

Jim makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes

Mindi seconds

Motion passes 3-0

Proposed agenda items for next meeting:

- [All] Water supply, demand, conservation and community communication (10 min)
- [All] Potential changes to water rates / tier levels (10 min)
- [Jim] Building the relationship with the water trucking company (10 min)
- [Jim] Roadway and easement discussion: draft v3 letter (10 min)
- [Susan] Capital Improvement Plan: Review draft timeline and costs (15 min)
- [Susan] Capital Improvement Plan: To schedule regular cadence for re-review (5 min)

Adjourned at 10:32pm