

# Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday September 15, 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 calls the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

**Also in attendance:** Bud Everts, Wais Achak, Kirk Epperly, Sam Monga

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

Jim makes a motion to approve the consent agenda

Mindi seconds

Motion passes 3-0

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

- Spring rate continues to drop, -14% drop MoM from 2.1 gpm to 1.8 gpm
- Last Thursday (Sept 9), SJ water stopped releasing water from the reservoir, but the pond continues to fill from underground sources
- Plan is to do intermittent releases from the reservoir
- In late July, they opened up the reservoir to give us more water, allowing us to fill the pond and emergency tank. Unfortunately the water was very turbid and caused a lot of work (e.g. 3X daily filtering)
- SJ Water long term goal to have a 2.5 inch pipeline to release at a better rate in the future
- While there is little water flowing to the pond we can:
  - Allow the pond to drain down
  - Use the 5K gallon emergency tank
  - Allow the tanks to get down to 90% capacity
- A good portion of the community showed significant water reduction in usage, however, the daily gallons of water per household **went up from 100.5 gpm to 100.7 gpm**
  - Note, one home had a significant leaky toilet
  - Several homes in the ~30 gallons per household per day range
- Note, using the rates Bud found from calling the only water hauler in Santa Clara County, the average water bill would be \$443.50 with current average usage
- Board viewed an anonymized spreadsheet showing billing and usage. This will be shared with the community so they can look up their bill and find out their usage and how it stacks up against other homes in the neighborhood

Mindi makes a motion to accept the reports

Jim seconds

Motion passes 3-0

## Business

- [Bud] Reimbursement Request: 19388 Beardsley Christy box (5 min)
  - Water box at this location has been moved multiple times at the owner's request - unclear reason why but likely related to county requests / demands
  - Final inspection said this was not a traffic-rated Christy Box

- Initially, the contractor installed the location that was requested by the homeowner with a traffic rated top but not traffic rated box, which we understand was a location not in the road
- Owner is requesting a reimbursement for the traffic rated box and refusing to pay water bill until this is resolved
- We also have outstanding labor charges for all of the Christy box relocation requests
- All moves were directed by the owner at the owner's request, not by the board

Jim makes a motion to request homeowner's take on the facts of this situation and their rationale for the reimbursement request

Ru seconds

Motion passes 3-0

- [All] Water supply, demand, conservation and community communication (10 min)
  - Board had already reviewed the community communication draft

Ru makes a motion to send the community communication to the community

Jim seconds

Motion passes 3-0

- [All] Potential changes to water rates / tier levels (10 min)
  - Bud makes a recommendation as water treatment plant operator to lower the threshold from 150 gallons to 90 gallons at which usage rate rises from \$.01 to \$.02 per gallon, effective September 26, 2021
  - We have financial considerations for paying for San Jose Water for increase raw water drawn from creek to supplement the low flow from our spring
  - Previous drought, we were able to reduce to ~70 gallons per day average household usage
  - Board discussed alternative rate changes, the previous change from 200 to 150 gallons was a 25% drop. Current proposal from 150 to 90 gallons is a 40% drop. Intention is to reduce usage from previous 111 gallon average to 90 gallons average which is a 20% drop in usage
  - Need to ensure we are taking the right steps now to avoid the need to purchase trucked in water
  - Additional changes can be discussed in Annual meeting, such as a third tier
  - We need to be good stewards of the resources that we have

Ru makes a motion to approve the change Bud requested

Mindi seconded

Motion passes 3-0

- [Jim] Building the relationship with the water trucking company (10 min)
  - Discussed in Bud's report
  - Emergency tank is full
- [Mindi] September Annual Meeting Presentation (15 min) ([draft](#))
  - Reviewed slides and assigned owners to finish the content
    - Drought - Bud & Mindi to own, include tank capacity
    - Financial - Bud
    - Fire Prevention - Mindi & Ru
    - Hardship, Comcast - done
    - Halloween - Mindi & Ru & Rebecca
    - Pipeline - Jim
    - Propane - Mindi to add SPUG
    - Community Photos - Mindi and Jim to look for photos
    - Firewise - Susan to check with Debby Cunningham on whether she has slides
  - Food list - burgers, veggie burgers, buns, condiments

- We already have paper plates and utensils
- Mike will DJ & help with Zoom
- Saturday the 25th: Meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. Oktoberfest to follow meeting (approx. 6 p.m)
- Bud will work on the raffles for drought-related prizes
- [Jim] Roadway and easement discussion: draft v3 letter (10 min)
  - Latest draft has the changes that were requested in the previous meeting
  - [Draft link here](#)
- [Bud] Parking issues at top of Beardsley
  - We are concerned that the right of way easement is being blocked near 19525 Beardsley
  - San Jose Water has been blocked, our water treatment operator has been blocked
  - Access in an emergency could be a problem if this continues

The following items were not discussed and were moved to the next month's meeting

- [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 this meeting**

Jim makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes

Ru seconds

Motion passes 3-0

### **Proposed agenda items for next meeting:**

- [All] Election of officer positions (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer)
- [All] Water supply, demand, conservation and community communication (10 min)
- [All] Potential changes to water rates / tier levels (10 min)
- [Bud] Revise bylaws to allow electronic communication of water rate changes, instead of mail.
- [Susan - may need reassignment] Capital Improvement Plan: Review draft timeline and costs (15 min)
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**Adjourn** at 10:35 p.m.