

Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Special Meeting

Wednesday August 31, 2022 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: Ru called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Roll Call: Casey Farrand, Jim DiZoglio, Mindi Porebski, Ru Rajapakse, Sam Monga

Also present: Bud Everts, Bob Butterfield, Bill Lei, Julia Zhang, Don Kirk, Aaruna Godthi

Business

- [Bud] Continue 19521 Manzanita Dr. project needs
 - Email sent to Christina daSilva with Santa Clara County Fire Department twice, no response
 - Permit expires Sept 12th
 - Homeowner clarified with Darrin Lee from Santa Clara County that they only need a “water will-serve” letter
 - Homeowner believes ADU cannot be blocked and cannot be charged additional fees
 - Several board members express that a letter stating “the property has a current connection and has been served water historically” is sufficient
 - One board member expresses belief that we have the responsibility as a board to ensure it is reasonable to extend service to the new construction based on the quantity of water used and the overall impact to our water system
 - Homeowner believes they have multiple water rights as they previously paid multiple water bills
 - One board member points out that “water will serve” letters and “sewer will serve letters” are industry standard letters that are often approved on the condition that the utility can handle the capacity of the new construction
 - One board member recommends we could write a letter explaining we will serve water in the way we have been serving the property, but that we are a small water company with limited resources and no formal process for “water will serve” letters, and therefore are willing to serve water at this time while we finalize our process for water will serve letters.
 - Top points of the letter:
 - We are a small water company with limited resources
 - This is not a formal will serve letter as we have not had a formal process to date for water will serve letters
 - It is our intention to continue to serve this property as we have been serving this property previously
 - We discourage high water usage through a tiered billing system
 - We do not have any formal study or information on whether this change in the property will impact our water system

Jim makes a motion to approve the letter

Sam seconds

Motion passes 3-0

- [Sam, Jim, & Bud] Review community presentation on proposal for rate increase
 - Share goals of project completion, long-term financial viability, improve rate of savings, etc.
 - Share details of regular expenses (mainly maintenance) and increased costs for those
 - Include details of pre-2016 billing, current billing, and proposed new billing
 - Include details of how this will increase our revenues yearly and also help us pay for the pipeline
 - Get it out in advance of the meeting over email to ask the community to give their feedback

Review Meeting Minutes from this meeting

Jim motions to approve the minutes

Sam seconds

Motion passes 3-0

Next Regular Meeting potential agenda items:

- [Bud] Continue 19521 Manzanita Dr project needs
- [Mindi] Review presentation for Fall Members meeting
- [All] Discuss additional Bylaw changes proposed to update Bylaws to current reality, remove inaccuracies, and update for clarity
- [Bud] Pipeline Project Update
- [Sam] Update on automated water readers and leak detection
- [Sam] Finalize signage decisions for Upper Beardsley Bridge length restrictions
- [Mindi + Jim] Volunteer needs: Finalize dates for volunteer days

Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 14th 7:00 p.m. via Zoom