

# Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday Dec 20, 2023 7:00 p.m.

## Held via Zoom Audio and/or Video Conference

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OPEN MEETING: Any eligible person 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.

**Roll Call:** Mindi Porebski, Sam Monga, Rebecca Cabral

**Also in attendance:** Bud Everts, Jim DiZoglio

Rebecca calls the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

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

- Motor Valve and Control costs were for the new automated meter reading hardware
- Gardenland costs were for a new battery for the electric blower

Mindi makes a motion to approve the financial reports

Sam seconds

Motion Passes 3-0

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

- Water supply is good. Spring went down from 4.3 to 3.7 gallons per minute. Given the new rain, Bud suspects we will start to see that rise. The spring is producing nearly twice what we had last year at this time
- Lake Ranch Reservoir went from 43% in Nov. to 50% capacity. At this time in 2022, it was at 21%
- Water usage went from 109.3 gallons per household per day down to 100.7 gallons per household per day
- Mike Soultanian fixed the broken traffic mirror around the blind curve
- One resident trimmed his bushes to allow meter reading to occur
- Still on the to-do list:
  - Steps down to the SJ vault need to be repositioned
  - Railroad ties at 19210 Beardsley to be used to repair their retaining wall along the road
- Tentatively schedule the Spring Members meeting for Saturday, May 18th, 2024

Mindi makes a motion to accept the reports

Sam seconds

Motion Passes 3-0

## Business

- [All] Open board position
  - Reached out to several community members to gauge interest, but they were currently too busy to commit
- [Rebecca, Aaruna] Back-up Generator project
  - Bud made a phone call to George Chien to see if we could get a waiver on this requirement. We are waiting to hear if there is any flexibility there with the state.
  - We are also waiting to hear if we ever get a response from the email that was sent either

- To recap from the last meeting, Rebecca spoke with Glen, but the quote we received is out of date at this point. Ru was thinking the install would be approx. \$10K, but Glen is thinking closer to \$20K. So we would need to schedule another site visit if we needed to get a refreshed quote.
- [Rebecca, Mindi] Community Events: Canyon Friendsgiving and Holiday Lights
  - Holiday Lights walkthrough will take place on Saturday, Dec 30th, weather permitting
  - If community members have a prize item they would like to donate, please contact Rebecca via text at 408-334-5650
    - Example prizes from past years: wine bottles, gift certificates
  - Rebecca is looking for a community member to help coordinate a sign-up form, similar to what we had for the Canyon Friendsgiving event
  - Bud will help send a second community email with additional details
    - Voting form
    - Sign-up form
    - Request for donations
  - Rebecca to set up the mailbox and have some pre-printed sign-up forms
- [Bud] New water quality emergency notification plan (WQENP)
  - There have been some personnel changes at the SWRCB. We have a new district engineer, which means we need to update the water quality emergency notification plan. George Chein, our division engineer, approved the plan, but wanted to ensure the board was aware of this and knew how to execute it in the case that Bud would not be available.
  - Every month, Bud is required to take water samples from two locations, and takes it to the county lab. It is tested and he gets a call the next day to inform us of the water quality (both raw and filtered water)
  - In Bud's time, there has never been any contaminants found in the treated water. The lab checks for total coliform and E. coli.
  - We first have to contact the contacts on the plan (which is available up at the water treatment plant) with the plan
  - Once approved, we need to inform the community as soon as possible with a boil water notice
  - There is also a water boil notice that can be copied and pasted into an email
- [All] Next steps for San Jose water project
  - There are dependencies between our projects, such as the pipeline work for Laurel and Oak
  - Some of the next steps are dependent on San Jose Water
  - Jim will reach out to his contact at Santa Clara Parks and Recreation
  - Mike Saultanian had explained that we might want to get something signed from the owner of the ranch, as crossing over private land would not incur the yearly fee that would happen if we cross over the valley water land
  - Original project "Cadillac project" was to take over all distribution and SJ Water would have done all new infrastructure, but the project was much too costly
  - Then, a second option, less expensive option, was pursued, which would mean San Jose Water would provide us treated water, but we would maintain distribution
    - Requires working with the Parks and Rec and Valley Water for approval, and might be relatively inexpensive, such as \$200 - 500 per year if we can cross their property quickly. Could be up to \$10,000 per year if we had to run along all of their property
    - We are waiting to hear back from the POC at the Parks and Rec preserve
- [Rebecca] Bridge edges and garbage cans in roadway
  - Last meeting we discussed using the 12 x 12 boards that came off the Laurel bridge to make a bumper along the sides of the cement bridge, as there was an issue where a vehicle went up over the edge.
  - Rebecca to reach out to Ignacio regarding labor to move the heavy boards
  - Some garbage cans are being consistently left in the roadway
  - Per County of Santa Clara Ordinance, containers must be placed for collection not more than twenty-four hours preceding the scheduled collection time. It is the responsibility of the occupant

of the premises producing the refuse to remove all containers from the curb, roadside or collection station within twenty-four hours after collection. Following removal, containers must be stored in a less conspicuous area of the premises so not to create a nuisance to the occupants of neighboring premises. ([link](#))

**Review Meeting Minutes from this meeting**

Sam makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes  
Mindi seconds  
Motion Passes 3-0

**Adjourn at 8:41pm**

**Proposed Topics for Future meetings:**

**Jan. 17, 2024:** Follow-up on review of transfer fee

**Feb '24:** Revisit options for easier communication with the neighborhood, including on mobile devices during emergencies