

Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday Jan 21, 2026 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: 7:05 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89215235407>

Meeting ID: 892 1523 5407

Roll Call: Mindi Porebski, Jim DiZoglio, Sam Monga, Rebecca Cabral

Also in Attendance: Bud Everts

Rebecca called the meeting to order at 7:05

Consent Agenda: Financial reports (2 min)

- The PG&E bill rose to \$771.50 when this time last year it was only \$590.82. That is an increase of 31% and is attributed to increased usage (55 kWh vs. 43.7 kWh) as well as rate increases.
- The expenses by vendor summary was not showing the San Jose Water payments because of a change in naming of the account (follow up from last month's question)
- The line in the expenses by vendor summary for the department of tax & collections includes both payments for property taxes
- Observation on P&L: we are not earning as much income as last year - likely due to short billing period around the holidays

Sam makes a motion to approve the financial reports

Jim seconds

Motion Passes 4-0

Reports: Water, Staff, Projects, Maintenance, Communication, and Correspondence Reports (10 min)

- Nancy Ku highly recommends to have a structural engineer design the pipeline crossing
- SWRCB engineer Joshua Widjaja previously did not believe this needed to be engineered
- Engineering is high cost and sometimes feels like a lot of cost for very little on-hands and on-site experience based on the previous pipeline project.
- Multiple members express confidence with Kevin's proposed design
- Board is comfortable with moving forward without the additional engineering
- Spring flow 9.8 gallons per minute, far up from last month
- Lake Ranch Reservoir at 81% of capacity, also well up from past month
- One leak caught by our automated leak alert system
- Lead service line reports sent to us for review and have been submitted and approved by SWRCB, meaning we are done with the lead service line project
- Board members can recertify for free through CalMutuals

Mindi makes a motion to accept the reports
Aaruna seconds
Motion Passes 3-0

Business

- [All] Review Meeting Minutes from December meeting

Sam makes a motion to approve the Dec 17 meeting minutes
Mindi seconds
One board member abstains from voting due to not being present for that meeting
Motion passes 3-0

- [All] Speeding in the community
 - The board received the dynamic speed sign ordered
 - The sign is light and mobile and is solar charged, but the battery is quite small
 - The sign displays the speed of the car approaching it and is color coded (it will be calibrated to turn red if the approaching car exceeds the speed limit)
 - The sign is currently posted at the curve up near Manzanita
 - The sign itself is relatively thin sheet metal, so trying to chain it to something is questionable, and there are concerns about possible theft
 - The board plans to move this sign to different locations in the canyon where speeding is a problem and where sun is available (due to it being solar)
 - There is discussion of whether the 15 mph speed in the community is too high, especially considering that many drivers feel that exceeding the speed limit is okay.
 - There is discussion on the feelings and experiences of some community members - such as seeing cars speeding near children playing - which are driving some of the concerns
 - There is some sharing of the feeling of drivers who are adhering to the speed limits being more adversely impacted by lowering speed limits than those who do not adhere to speed limits
 - Board members discuss the feelings and challenges of having close calls and conversations with community members who claim to be not speeding or barely speeding
- [Bud] Late Fees: Late fees impact list broken down by individuals
 - Board reviews list of all members who have been charged late fees since ~2019
 - Board intends to ensure that the policy is enforced as follows:
 - Any member in arrears accrues late fees for the first three months of being behind in payments. After that point, the board would have normally shut off the water which would have been a clear sign to the homeowner that there was a problem
 - During COVID periods there was a moratorium on water shutoffs, so this policy could not be abided by
 - The Board proposes removing previously charged late fees as follows:
 - Any late fees charged from April 2020 - December 2021
 - Any late fees charged consecutively for more than three months for the same household

Mindi makes a motion to remove previously charged late fees as follows:

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Aaruna seconds
Motion Passes 3-0

- [Rebecca] Community flier for key points and contact information
 - To be deferred to next meeting
- [All] Road maintenance plan: review road walkthrough findings
 - To be deferred to next meeting
- [All] Cleanup of plugged culvert above Laurel Dr.
 - Cost for Christmas Day cleanup and dirt piles along Beardsley afterward: \$5,580.00
 - County required taking the dirt to Guadalupe Landfill or private land nowhere near a county road
 - Community member did notify through the Critical Updates Whatsapp around 4 a.m.
 - Homeowner was awake around 3:30am but it happened quickly and they were unable to dig down to open up their large “overflow” culvert once the opening was clogged by a boulder
 - This culvert and the other culvert on Laurel do have a history of clogging like this during bad storms.
 - Suggestions for improvement or changes:
 - Possible improvements to the culvert systems to help ensure the drainage improves, such as increased height in Jim’s garage
 - Trying to keep the flow as close to the creek as possible
 - Sand bags (along the road and along Jim’s home and garage) likely would not have helped due to how high the dirt came (6 feet high in some areas)
 - One board member expresses frustration about the amount of dirt we had to pay to move when naturally this would have gone in the creek had nature just taken it through the culvert naturally
 - How to make the culverts bigger or a different, alternative design that would perform better
 - Even the concrete bridge clogged quite a bit during this storm, possibly a full cement bottom (not roots that catch things on the side) could be an improvement
 - Thoughts on liability given that this landslide initiated on county land
 - One board member’s experience from previous conversations with companies that fight landslide cases with uphill properties has been that unless conditions are man made (like changes in drainage) that they do not win these cases as it is easy to argue that these are acts of god and the natural rainfall and hillside conditions causes it
 - At the very least, we might want to notify the Santa Clara County that these conditions exist on their property and see if they are willing to mitigate

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

Adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Future Agenda Items / Deferred from previous meetings:

- [Rebecca] Community flier for key points and contact information
- [All] Road maintenance plan: review road walkthrough findings and investigate new material for

pothole filling