

Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Company Special Board Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Held via Zoom Audio and/or Video Conference

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Meeting ID: 856 673 529

Board roll call: Casey Farrand, Jim DiZoglio, Mindi Porebski, Rebecca Cabral, Susan Ady

Also in attendance: Don Kirk, Steve Maxson, Wais Achak, Shakila Reshtoon, Kirk Epperly, Eric Sturm, John Lipka, Barbara Abel and Phil Abel, Bud Everts, Debby Cunningham, Kenji Morita, Tommi Yaramurto, Vu Dang, David Cheng, Brad Bell, Liia Sarjakoski

Meeting called to order by Casey at 7:07pm

Business

1. Comcast proposal

a. Background

- i. We have been in Comcast for a long time. Recently learned Montevina was also working with them

b. Basics of the Comcast proposal

- i. Locations included: Lakeview (off Black), all of Lake Canyon, and Montevina
- ii. Cost to build infrastructure: \$114,000
 1. Monthly costs for those who want to sign up for internet are on their website
 - a. Comcast 25Mbps for \$29.99 monthly
 - b. Ridge is 5Mbps for \$99 monthly
 - c. Frontier is ~2Mbps for ~29.99 monthly
 - d. Neighborhood created spreadsheet to see your monthly costs
 - i. **Request to ask for longer locked-in cost as Comcast is known for raising the price down the road**

iii. Options to reduce the cost

1. Remove Montevina

- a. This is being requested as it is assumed it could reduce the cost significantly due to difficulty of access long distance up to Montevina and aging poles with weight restrictions that would need to be replaced as part of the project
- b. High speed hardwired internet to each house
- c. Requesting re-design timeline is not completely clear
- d. **Request to redesign costs \$500**

2. Increase the number of business accounts

- a. Comcast tends to reduce install costs if more business accounts are secured

iv. Compare to others -

1. 250k option that did not include
2. Ridge wireless

v. Permits

1. Comcast already has permits for the work

vi. Work timeline

1. Likely the Comcast work is done in 3 months
2. Additionally several months due to PG&E delays
- vii. Cell phone coverage could also be improved on this plan
- c. Infrastructure details
 - i. Fiber is brought down from Black to Beardlsey
 - ii. From there, high speed hardwired internet to each house, up to 150 feet to each house. So no additional cost unless you are 150 feet from the road
 - iii. If you have phone conduit they can do underground, else it is from above
 - iv. If you want to trench and don't already have underground utilities, you pay the cost
 - v. If some homes don't want to sign up
 - vi. 8 hours of battery backup minimum for Comcast
- d. Alternative infrastructure:
 - i. Verizon and T-Mobile are not interested in 5G here
 - ii. Tree coverage is an issue here
- e. Funding options
 - i. Deadline to approve Comcast proposal is May, 26, 2020, then 15 days to fund
 1. Options to fund:
 - a. We could collect money from everyone
 - i. If we did a model where we asked \$1400 from each home, and some homes did not want to participate, what happens to them?
 1. They are locked out of signing up for Comcast for some time
 - b. Pre-pay water bills to provide LCMWC to have enough capital to pay for this
 - i. Residents could pay the amount they are able
 - c. Water company could take out a loan to pay for the rest
 - ii. Look into if this action would cause our non-profit status to be lost
 - iii. How to support community members who cannot afford this
 1. Go Fund Me or other options
 - iv. Possible option to do a blend of community input and water company funding upfront
 1. e.g. If 30 homeowners can pay the 1400, perhaps the water company can pay upfront finance the rest, and allow a slow payment plan that works for them, but also includes a penalty / fee for financing
 - v. Grants
 1. New proposed COVID-19 grants being put out for rural internet
 2. Looking for grants that allow payment after funding
 3. Looked at another California grant, but there were things that made us ineligible
 - vi. Getting the water company to pay for this today
 1. We don't have sufficient funds in the bank, as we do need to keep 90k+ to \$100k in reserves, in order to cover for possible emergencies
- f. Community survey
 - i. To capture interest in Comcast - speeds and business accounts
 - ii. Request to include if this is something we should do and how this ranks with other priorities
 1. This is being considered due to community member raising the question of whether the internet project is a higher priority for us than the pipeline project?
 - iii. Option for paper surveys as well
- g. Casey proposes \$500 for redesign. Jim seconds
 - i. Motion passes 4-0

Review Meeting Minutes from both April 9th and today's meeting

Mindi makes a motion to approve both tonight's minutes and those reviewed from April 9th. Susan Seconds. Casey Thirds.

Motion Passes 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm