

Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday June 21, 2023 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.

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

Also in attendance: Bud Everts, Navid Fattahi, Aaruna Godthi

Casey called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

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

Jim makes a motion to approve the financial reports

Mindi seconds

Motion Passes 4-0

Reports: Communication, and Correspondence Reports (10 min)

- Spring running over 13 gallons per minute (gpm) vs. 4 gpm this time last year
- Lake Ranch reservoir is still full
- Last year at this time raw water cost were .6 cents per gallon and now if .76 cents
- 71 inches of rainfall this year - higher than last two years
- Water usage gone up slightly last two months
- We are now officially Firewise Certified as a community. This might help us a little bit to get better rates on home insurance
 - [Link](#) to Firewise Website where Lake Canyon is listed (we are not yet visible on the map because that has not been updated since February)
- Possible dates for Fall meeting:
 - Sept 9th
 - Sept 16th
 - Sept 23rd
 - Sept 30th
- Resolution on the 19220 Beardsley Rd account was to pay via invoice outside of the escrow, but then ultimately it was instead paid through escrow. There were no errors in the amount charged.
- Laurel Bridge repairs: wood was delivered today, Tom & Mike will begin work a week from today.
- Some maintenance needed around the meters during meter reading

Mindi makes a motion to accept the reports

Jim seconds

Motion Passes 4-0

Business

- [Ru] 6 inch pipeline grant opportunities
 - Without Ru present we will not be able to cover this topic completely, but in conversation with Bud he learned about the Small Communities fund that has several hundred million available for small communities. This sounds like something we would not be disqualified for because of income levels. Ru will be trying to reach out to the contacts that he has for more information.
 - Grant information is at:
<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/small-community-drought-relief-program/>

- [Sam] Update on RFID meters
 - Summary: Looking to add equipment to existing meters to add wireless reading functionality.
 - Last July we approached MV&C, a company that installs this equipment locally
 - Recommended a [Tehama wireless system](#)
 - Overview of the system:
 - Meters get outfitted with a [transmitter](#), sends readings once every hour
 - [Repeater](#) amplifies the messages from all the meters and sends to receiver
 - [Receiver](#) at the treatment plant aggregates all the readings
 - Quote has had small changes in cost (increase of ~\$600) since we reviewed this last as a board
 - Quote includes transceiver, repeater, central access point, and a config and installation tool
 - There is the possibility of some small grant funding for this project. Sam to explore with Valley Water
 - Sam may need assistance in getting model IDs or other information off each meter
 - MV&C will come out for a trial before we sign up for the entire system
- [Ru / Bud] Brush, trimming along the canyon roads and road cleanup after the winter storms
 - Contacted Dennis Abbott to clear slough along side of the road - we did this two years ago as well to clean the sides of the road
 - Our road trouble spots:
 - Beardsley from 19220 to the end of the road on the uphill side
 - Laurel from 19141 to 19025
 - Manzanita up the hill above the curve at the end of Beardsley
 - Also the area behind the CSD equipment up to behind the mailboxes on Beardsley
 - Also several areas with overgrown foliage, including poison oak which might need treatment with safe options
 - Board reviews photos of trouble areas
 - County road trouble spots
 - From Black Road in, the foliage has been overgrowing
 - Can put in Service Request with Santa Clara County Dept. of Roads and Airports, similar to what we used to address sinkhole on lower Beardsley in January 2023.
- [Bud / Kirk] Fire road repairs: Communication with and updates from San Jose Water co.
 - San Jose Water Co. came out last week (June 14) and laid large base rock
 - Condition of the road right now is subject to sinking at the bottom curve. It looks dry and flat but if you drove a pickup on it, there is a chance it could sink as the ground is still very wet and soft
 - In summary, the road is not functioning well as an emergency road for large vehicles
 - Large base rock is on the right hand side of the road as you enter from Oak Ct. and go towards the leech field
 - Rest of the work is the responsibility of Lake Canyon CSD. Base rock on the right hand side is covering up still running water, which was caused by CSD piping that leads to the leech field.
 - Questa Engineering was contacted - they designed, built and now maintain our sewage system. They have approved a drain to go in there so that the pipe would not accumulate that water
 - Board reviews photos of the current situation on the road
 - Springs are still running up above the leech field and hitting the pipeline and the water is being diverted to that point
 - Request that CSD keep the community posted on the status of the work and status of the emergency road

Review Meeting Minutes from this meeting

Jim makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes

Mindi seconds

Motion Passes 4-0

Adjourned meeting at 8:39 p.m. to Wednesday, July 19th at 7:00 pm via Zoom