

# Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday Feb 21, 2024 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:** Rebecca Cabral, Aaruna Godthi, Mindi Porebski, Sam Monga

**Also in attendance:** Bud Everts, James Freeman

Rebecca called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Mindi makes a motion to approve the financial reports

Sam seconds

Motion Passes 3-0

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

- Water supply from the spring is at 16.4 gpm and going up every day
- Lake Ranch Reservoir is at 62% of capacity as SJW has been releasing water to avoid overflow due to the damaged outfall and keep room for sustained runoff
- Board reviewed recent photos of Lake Ranch Reservoir
- 31.8 inches of rain so far this water season per neighbor JoDe Smith
- Water usage went up this month, although one resident also discovered a leak that was likely going for some time
- LiquiVision tank diving firm has bid \$8,348.52 for all three recommended services
  - Recommended to perform every 3-4 years but it has been 6 years since our cleaning
  - Company has done our tanks before and while under new ownership; same Point of Contact person

Mindi makes a motion to approve the Liquivision quote and resulting cost of work

Aaruna seconds

Motion Passes 3-0

- Outstanding work at 19210 Beardsley to replace railroad ties. Rebecca to reach out to Ignacio and meet with Bud to discuss the work
- New AB54 trainings scheduled for new board members: March 28, 2024
- Upcoming meter readings on Feb 25 and Mar 24

Mindi makes a motion to accept the reports

Aaruna seconds

Motion Passes 3-0

## Business

- [All] Open board position
  - Board position remains open

- James Freeman will consider but cannot commit at this time
- [Rebecca & Sam] Revisit options for easier communication with the neighborhood, including on mobile devices during emergencies
  - Some ladies of the canyon have an informal Whatsapp chat and it has proven valuable for information on power outages, road closures, highway 17 traffic, etc.
  - Option to have a general Whatsapp group for anyone who wants to join
  - Aaruna has put together a table to compare and contrast options (text, email, other chat, and radio options), including considering for barrier to entry, accessibility in an emergency, probability of residents missing it, and real-time
  - There is an additional option called Meshtastic that could be a radio option
  - Radios have some barrier to entry due to the hardware and knowledge of usage
  - Text is readily available, is checked more than email, and is on your phone which most residents have at their fingertips
  - Considering we have two needs: a more official channel for the board to communicate outward and also a back-and-forth mode for community members to discuss issues
  - Leaning towards text / Whatsapp as the primary and radio as backup
  - Group text messages may raise privacy issues if residents do not opt in
  - Aaruna will work with Bud to try some of the tools out
- [Bud] Substandard water service at 19500 Manzanita Dr reported by resident
  - Homeowner linked to some tables found per the California plumber code.
  - Homeowner reports low water volume at his house. He brought this up to a previous board in 2018 and felt like it was something he should have had to deal with.
  - Homeowner feels this could be fixed as part of the 6" pipeline upgrade on Manzanita
  - His pressure is relatively low, 38 psi. 25 is minimum for appliances
  - His home and others on that stretch are such that if you run one appliance it is difficult to run another, there is low flow
  - Also there is an issue of water quality and he has rust in his water
  - There might be a possibility to replace the pipes on this section of community for a lower cost
  - At this time the lines are a high priority for the board, the top priority in the capital improvement plan, but the Oak / Laurel project was the top priority due to the number of homes and the fire prevention needs
  - Homeowner advocates for revisiting the priority of Manzanita project relative to others, especially if it is lower cost and lower complexity
  - Tom was involved in the original install and will be contacted to look at options
- [Bud] Update on outreach for Back-up Generator project
  - Signals are looking likely that we could get an exemption, working with the State on flexibility
  - Holding off on quote with Glenn at this time
- [Sam] RFID Meters Update
  - [LCMWC Smart Meter Project Presentation](#)
  - Next step is to install
  - Sam and Jenn are working to install over the weekend
  - Board reviews a number of slides of the setup
  - Can connect to Sam's wifi which has battery backup
  - The install does require some nuanced setup
  - Will be installed in bottom of the box and not attached to the lid
  - Requesting \$200 for 5-6 hours of labor and materials
  - Raising the box in the meter box helps ensure we get signal
  - Rebecca agrees to put the pole on her property next to the library
- [Mindi] Presentation template / draft for Spring members meeting
  - To be reviewed next meeting

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

**Adjourn at 9:54 p.m.**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 20 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**Upcoming potential topics:** Updating the capital improvement plan, emergency evacuation plan