

Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday Mar 15, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Held via Zoom Audio and/or Video Conference

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Call to Order / Start Zoom Meeting for remote meeting access: 7:00 p.m.

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

Also in attendance: Bud Everts, Jordan Blough (LACO Associates), Rod Wilburn (LACO Associates), Aaruna Godthi, Wais Achak

Ru called the meeting to order at 7:10p

Business

- [Ru / LACO] Potential engineering feasibility study to explore options to improve LCWMC's water security
 - Introductions and professional background shared from Jordan and Rod
 - Shared a proposal ahead of time to understand options
 - Grant funding is ideal right now, but it is a long process
 - Proposal includes engineering reports, which includes schematics and more - it essentially has all of the elements that is required for the funding that we would be pursuing
 - But it is not final design, it is conceptual design
 - These are state requirements, and it means we need to see three alternatives
 - State requirements come from State Water Resources Control Board [DWSRF](#) (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund)
 - For state-revolving funding, for the application, the environmental document is separate and would need funding. This is just the level of detail needed to get a construction grant
 - In Summary, this report is the basic minimum we need to apply for state funding
 - Funding: the funding sources may be impacted by the high water year, but LACO hopes the state realizes that one good year does not mitigate the problems of long-term drought and the aging infrastructure
 - **Steps to report development process -**
 - Site visit, high level cost analysis, evaluate alternatives = output is a concept
 - **Steps to funding process**
 - Research and assess grant options, build compliant application, apply for state funding - can apply for multiple (can take 1-2 years),
 - Grant funding is commonly 75% / 25%, sometimes 1:1, others are sliding based on income, etc.
 - Funding challenges for us are unique because we do not fit the state minimums for waivers, etc.
 - LACO has experience with a variety of communities and income availability
 - State is realizing how difficult it is to manage rural infrastructure since there is so much more infrastructure per home (e.g. more pipe, farther between homes)
 - When there are issues of consolidation, they have seen options for tie-ins

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

- Note on financial reports: insurance costs are quarterly and will increase
- Firewise certification application should be in by the end of the month, and it is possible that the Firewise certification can help with insurance cost
- Bill for SJW is for usage from Dec - Jan, hence we should see this cost decrease

Mindi makes a motion to approve the financial reports

Sam seconds

Motion Passes 4-0

Reports: Communication, and Correspondence Reports (10 min)

Business

- [Kirk / Casey] Repairs for broken SJ Water pipe and pipeline inspections
 - Kirk is going to have San Jose water come when it is dry
 - Casey is interested in asking San Jose water to come check their pipeline twice a year
 - Weather needs to be dry for about a month for San Jose water to do their inspection
 - The CSD line that goes out to the leech field may have actually accelerated the development of the sinkhole. Questa advises us to put some kind of drain (french drain) in there. CSD will get a proposal from Kevin Cunningham to do this work.
 - Casey will also email SJ Water to ask for their commitment on this
- [Mindi] Review draft community email to increase awareness of current water projects
 - Community email is only partially drafted at this time
 - Jim suggests any known additional detail around costs be added
 - Team confirms there are two options
 - This will be worked offline and an additional version to be brought to the April meeting
- [Bud / All] Continue planning and review draft agenda for May Members Meeting
 - Meeting to take place at lot across from 19451 Beardsley
 - Portable bathroom is currently located at this lot, and the owner is requesting a structure be built around it to make it look more attractive
 - Other option is to transport this to the water treatment plant so that it is no longer an eye sore for the owner
 - Tentatively Saturday, May 20, 2023
 - Agenda:
 - Financial review
 - Drought Update / Revoked State of Water Emergency
 - Fire Safety / Trimming / Firewise Certification
 - Could tell residents about clean-up options, chipping program, etc.
 - Pipeline Updates
 - Community Updates:
 - Halloween, Holiday Lights, Thanksgiving
 - Details and timeline for upcoming projects
 - Costco Run: Jim volunteers
 - Setup: TV and remote, tables, chairs, water dispenser, etc. Mindi, Ru and Ben volunteer
 - Breakdown: Jim volunteers
- Additional questions from Jim in regards to our existing 6 inch and 2 inch line build out options:
 - Can we use the partially installed 2 in. pipeline to carry the treated water?
 - We should be able to continue to build on the 2 in to carry our supply in.
 - Will San Jose and Valley water allow us to engineer the portion of our pipeline that is in our roads if we connect to treated water supplied through San Jose water.
 - That is our goal.

- If we carry the 2 in from Black, we may be able to get on to San Jose water as a supply sooner given the lower cost to build our 2 in.
 - If we bring the San Jose line in through Laurel/Oak from the emergency exit, there may be a delay due to needed funds. Building the Laurel pipeline leg will need us to have more funds for the engineering costs.
 - Overall project to connect to SJW supply also depends on costs and the county to bring water to our community edge.
- LACO recap
 - Interest in considering a framework for decision making and moving forward
 - Consideration discussed for getting community input and communications before making decision
 - If we do not go this route there are other options for us to continue with pipeline project
 - Many community members are not educated about the challenges we face
 - We understand the problem but are still considering many options for solving them

Review Meeting Minutes from this meeting - to be completed next meeting

Adjourn 10:22p