

# Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday Nov 16, 2022 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:** Ru called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

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

**Also in Attendance:** Bud Everts, Jenny Tran, Kirk Epperly, Kenji Morita, Jenna Halliday Gruer, Rebecca Cabral

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

Jim makes a motion to approve the financial reports

Casey Seconds

Motion 4-0

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

[link to Bud's report](#)

- Spring flow is down from 2.1 gallons per minute to 2.0 gallons per minute. Was 1.8 gpm this time last year, but the recent rain has helped decrease the rate at which the flow is dropping
- Reservoir above us has gone up slightly, 7.2 million gallons up from 6.9 million gallons last month
- Decrease in usage from 107 gallons to 97 gallons per household per day

Jim makes a motion to accept the reports

Mindi Seconds

Motion Passes 4-0

## Business

- [Bud] Proposal for State of Water Emergency declaration
  - Sign has been changed from "Water OK" to "Water Conserve" at the front of the canyon
  - Website also updated to reflect Water Low: Please Conserve
  - Propose no change in status, due to low spring flow and lack of rain in the forecast
- [Ru] Proposal and grant funding options for San Jose Water Co. collaboration and pipeline project
  - [Link to Ru's proposal](#)
    - Clarification from community member on Option #3: it does cover all homes in the community
    - There is a possibility to keep our current lines for non-potable water usage
    - Grants cover 75% of the cost in each option. Lake Canyon members will contribute 25%.
    - How to raise the capital needed to cover the rest
      - Property that the treatment plant sits on - cannot be actioned until we have a connection to SJW
      - Currently reaching out to State Charters iBank for California infrastructure loans, but the loans must be active for 10 years
    - Emphasis on fire safety: This is the first time SJW is serious about us, and this presents an opportunity to be connected to a connection that will be reliable in the face of a fire in the community
    - Details on drought: There is a good chance this drought continues, making fire seasons longer and fires at a higher risk
    - Unknown cost to maintain redundant non-potable water system alongside new system
  - Recommendation for sharing with the broader community

- General disinterest in Option 1
- Option 3 looks like the best option
- Likely needs a special meeting for just this topic.
  - There will be a Zoom meeting with 2 board members, Bud Everts and SJW to discuss moving forward on Monday Nov 28th 3:30 pm.
  - We will gather loan information so that we can provide details in the next LCMWC meeting.

Jim makes a motion to work with San Jose Water Co. to apply for the grant to move towards San Jose Water Co.

Sam seconds

Motion passes 4-0

- Board in favor also of getting the water treatment property appraised
    - This is within discretionary funds and does not need a formal vote
  - Option to keep the current treatment plant for a community center
    - Our lawyers have suggested this is an overstep of our bylaws and because we are incorporated as a Mutual Water Company
  - The research included speaking with neighbors in neighboring communities: Chemeketa Park, Redwood Estates, etc.
  - Can also advertise to lots above us where there has been interest (e.g. owners drilling for wells, etc.), in case they're interested in joining and funding the SJW project with us
- [All] Any needs in regards to rate increase proposal (effective Dec 18, 2022)
    - Recommend dedicated communications be sent over email and hard copy to inform community of the rate change
    - Help increase awareness and limit surprises
  - [Bud] Pipeline Project Update
    - Pipeline project dependent on outcomes for San Jose Water Co. collaboration
    - Recommendation to put project on hold
  - [Bud] Updates on retaining wall repairs at filtration plant
    - Covered as part of Bud's report above
  - [Sam] Update on signage for Upper Beardsley Bridge length restrictions
    - Sign has been purchased and put up near the Smith's (has replaced the neighborhood watch sign)
    - A 40 ft. Fedex truck backed up Beardsley today; must not have seen sign or ignored it
    - Signage is "Over 25 Ft Not Advised" not actually limiting the larger delivery trucks, etc.
    - Recommend to give the sign more time in its current location, and monitor
  - [All] Discuss additional Bylaw changes proposed to update Bylaws to current reality, remove inaccuracies, and update for clarity
    - To defer to February 15th, 2023 Board meeting in light of potential large bylaw changes, depending on outcomes for San Jose Water Co. collaboration
  - [Mindi] Recap Volunteer creek cleaning
    - A walkthrough identified the area from 19400 Beardsley to 19291 Beardsley as the highest need for creek clearing
    - 6 volunteers spent ~3 hours cleaning the creek on Oct 30th afternoon, cleaning debris, garbage, and saplings
    - Thank you to all of our volunteers!

### **Review Meeting Minutes from this meeting**

Sam motions to approve the minutes

Mindi seconds

Motion Passes 3-0

**Meeting Adjourned** at 9:15 p.m.

**Next regular meeting:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022 7:00 p.m. via Zoom