

Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday Apr 17, 2024 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 / Start Zoom Meeting for remote meeting access: 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89215235407>

Meeting ID: 892 1523 5407

Roll Call: Aaruna Godthi, Mindi Porebski, Jim DiZoglio

Also in attendance: Bud Everts, Lisa Kirk, Don Kirk

Mindi called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

- Question from last month: When there are lines on the Bank Reconciliation report showing deposits with no payee listed, it is because Quickbooks consolidates multiple payments into one, which is why they are somewhat large
- Bud to investigate DropBox charge, \$11.99
- Old colorimeter just quit working for checking chlorine levels. Ours is part of the system on the wall in the treatment plant that is tied to the paper and it tracks the level all the time. This tracks filtered water turbidity and chlorine levels. This is reported out to the state as a backup to the numbers we report.

Jim makes a motion to approve the financial reports

Aaruna seconds

Motion Passes 3-0

Reports: Communication, and Correspondence Reports (10 min)

- \$308K reserves in the bank
- Water supply is doing very well, 23.8 gpm. This time a year ago was at 21 gpm. We have approximately 5x what we need to supply our needs
- Lake Ranch Reservoir is at 91% of capacity. 61.9 M gallons of water.
- Demand for water 86.9 gallons per day per household, which is down from this time last year
- No updates on state requirement for backup generator
- Tank cleaning was to be scheduled for mid to late April, but the company has a piece of equipment that is no longer working to sanitize tanks. This will be rescheduled for later this summer in order to do the cleaning and sanitization
- The automated meters are still struggling to communicate with the unit up at the water treatment plant. It turns out the units were not properly connected in the wires. Sam and Mike will have to go back through to re-wire the units on the meters.

- Rebecca asked about getting Sam paid for his efforts with the meters. At this time Sam has researched and installed meter readers without payment. But as getting this system up and running has taken much more work than expected, the board will discuss it with Sam.
- The work to replace the railroad ties will be performed by a contractor to be found by the homeowners.
- Meter reading dates are set for the next three months: Apr 21, May 19, June 30
- Bud will put in an online request to have the brush maintained along the county-maintained section of Beardsley

Mindi makes a motion to accept the reports

Aaruna seconds

Motion Passes 3-0

Business

1. Pipeline project - responding to the questions from the parks department
 - a. 2" pipeline research to bring treated water into the canyon:
 - i. Jim emailed Linda Zimmer, at the Santa Clara County Parks Department. We provided the design / map worked up with San Jose water showing the line coming through the ranch and into the community. We shared that we have Valley Water approval but that is contingent on the Open Space approval. Linda responded with the following questions:
 1. I have your proposal map that you sent previously, but do you have some documentation that you can share that shows the parcels your proposed line goes through (with ownership defined, APN#s, something that shows what's going to be affected)?
 - a. We can probably overlay this with the county assessor's map and the Lake Canyon community map to show which properties are affected
 2. Do you have some documentation that shows easements owned for water/utilities across the Park property where the water pipe is proposed? I don't have any records of a utility easement so that could be a roadblock considering that any recommendation for a project of this type that the Parks Real Estate team makes to the department will need to be reviewed and approved first by executive management – especially if a new easement would need to be granted before starting such project.
 - a. Kirk may know more about the CSD easement for the fire road and/or leach field, as it does not appear on the Lake Canyon map Jim showed
 3. Do you have alternative proposals that you can share for getting water to the Lake Canyon community (aside from putting water pipe down across parkland) or is this proposal just the first one you've considered?
 - a. There is no alternative proposal from San Jose Water at this time - this was the SJ Water guidance
2. Water service improvements for Manzanita Dr
 - a. Water service improvements for 4 ridgeline homes on Manzanita Dr experience deteriorating service.
 - b. We are consulting with Gavin Devries, an engineer, came out in early April for a walk-through of the setup

- c. Mike Souldanian was suggesting it would be easier to put a new pump at the water treatment plant, run a new line across from the plant, and abandon the old line.
 - d. Gavin sent a new water service questionnaire which has been given to the affected homes along the ridge on Manzanita. That information will help (e.g. receptacles in each house) to determine flow, pressure, etc.
 - e. Bud will also send a year's worth of water usage information for those homes
 - f. This will all help determine the right plan and equipment needed for an improved system
 - g. These homes have no pressure regulators and suffer from an issue of lack of elevation change.
 - h. We did consider if a 6 inch pipe down Manzanita could solve the problem, but the timing of that pipeline is not known and also the runs are very long from those homes and might not solve the issue completely.
 - i. These are older pipes and there could be buildup.
 - j. Fire prevention is less of a problem as the fire hydrants feed off the main line
 - k. There are several areas of the neighborhood that are still waiting for the new pipelines, but this water pressure / low flow issue was also recently brought to the board and we are investigating all possibilities, including if there is a simpler and cost effective solution
 - l. There is no change in the existing pipeline project work
3. Easier communication with the neighborhood, including on mobile devices during emergencies
 - a. Aaruna got a contact in Genesys which is the county alerting system and will get a demo with Mindi
 - b. Rebecca is not in attendance to provide an update on the Whatsapp option
 - c. Also the Firewise group would like to tap into the FireSafe council to ask the same questions regarding best practices and systems for emergency communication
 4. Spring members meeting
 - a. Bud to change laminated signage for the meeting
 - b. 4:30p will be a Firewise presentation, and the FireSafe Council will send someone out to speak, and possibly Santa Clara County Fire
 - c. Mindi to work over email with the board and community members to get the content in the presentation finalized over the next month
 - d. Ask community members to bring chairs
 - e. Jim to volunteer for the Costco run
 - f. Mindi & Ben to help with supply runs and breakdown the next day
 5. Summer members meeting - set date tentatively for Saturday September 21st
 6. Road / vehicle safety and recent car break-ins
 - a. There were two individuals late at night (around 2am) last week late Thursday / early Friday night that were checking cars along Beardsley and Laurel and stole some personal property out of cars
 - b. They seemed to have an electronic device that unlocked the car and stopped the alarms from going off
 - c. The LCMWC board does not have a remit for personal / property safety but we can at least use our community channels - such as Facebook and Nextdoor - to share this information to encourage awareness
 - d. Some good advice provided after this incident is that deterrence is the best method to prevent crime. One of the many things homeowners can do is installing solar street lights in the canyon, and encourage more neighbors to install visible cameras and sensor lights in front of the house.

Review Meeting Minutes from this meeting

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

Adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

Next month's agenda proposed topic:

- Update on pipeline project