

# Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday Oct 19, 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 7:08 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Casey Farrand, Jim DiZoglio, Mindi Porebski, Ru Rajapakse, Sam Monga  
**Also present:** Bud Everts, Jenn Tran, Aaruna Godthi, Wais Achak

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

Mindi makes a motion to approve the financial reports  
Jim Seconds  
Motion 4-0

**Reports:** Reports: Communication, and Correspondence Reports (10 min)  
[Bud's report](#)

Jim makes a motion to accept the reports  
Casey Seconds  
Motion Passes 4-0

## Business

- [Bud] Proposal for State of Water Emergency declaration
  - Rainfall is low for the year and not anything notable in the upcoming forecast
  - Spring flow is down significantly (-16% MoM) to 2.1gpm, which is at the same level that we declared a State of Water Emergency last year
  - Lake Ranch, which feeds the creek, is at 10% capacity and the managers have lowered the flow out of the reservoir into our creek. Lake Ranch Reservoir is at a lower level than it was last year when we declared a State of Water Emergency
  - Due to these conditions, the recommendation to the board is to call a State of Water Emergency to provide awareness and flexibility to change rates if needed to encourage conservation, especially if there is not significant rainfall in the coming months
  - Sign at the front of the Canyon states water is "OK" - two board members recommend this should be changed to "Water Low" signage

Mindi makes a motion to declare a State of Water Emergency and update the signage at the front of the Canyon  
Casey Seconds  
Motion Passes 5-0

- [All] Review results of community advisory vote on Rate Increase Proposal, vote on implementation, and if passed, schedule communication
  - General interest in the rate increase
  - Some community members expressed a stronger interest in increasing the base rate even higher than the proposal, which has a higher impact on everyone but does not impact consumption as much
  - With current usage, 85% of the average bill is base rate and 15% is consumption. Under the new proposal, that would be 80/20
  - Board agrees to implement the change in December on the date of the meter reading, meaning the first bill to reflect the new billing rate would be sent in February

Jim makes a motion to pass the rate increase proposal, with an effective date of Dec 18, 2022

Sam Seconds

Motion Passes 5-0

- [All] Review board member roles for upcoming service year
  - All board members are content in their existing roles. Board roles for Sept 2022 - Sept 2023 are therefore as follows:
    - Ru Rajapakse - President
    - Casey Farrand - Vice President
    - Bud Everts - Treasurer
    - Mindi Porebski - Secretary
    - Jim DiZoglio - Board Member
    - Sam Monga - Board Member
- [Bud] Pipeline Project Update
  - Given the complexity of crossing the Laurel bridge and creek, we are recommending a bid from Sherwood Engineering for this section. This is a critical and expensive part of the project, and so it is important to ensure we do it right and get engineering guidance and a greater level of expertise.
  - Plan is still to get expert guidance and engineering support through Laurel curve and the narrow area by the guardrail further up Laurel due to the pressurization and complexity of those areas
  - Having a licensed engineer sign off helps with liability
  - There may be additional funding available for this project
  - Board members agree this is a good idea and we will proceed with investigating this type of engineered plan and cost estimate for our consideration
- [Bud] Review options for retaining wall repairs at filtration plant
  - Kevin Cunningham and Tom Newhall reviewed the plans and situation.
  - Kevin recommended a geologist, who recommended a geotechnical engineer (Greg Bloom) who will come up to assess on Oct. 20th
  - Option to pre-approve funds for Bud to use for this repair
  - Bud to communicate to the board tomorrow night with learnings from the site visit
- [Sam] Update on signage for Upper Beardsley Bridge length restrictions
  - Sam spoke with the homeowners at 19095 Beardsley and shared the sign mockup. They have agreed on the necessity of the sign and pointed out that the current orientation of the arrows in the design is the standard use.
  - Proposed size (18 x 24) is consistent with the other signage at the front of the canyon
  - The homeowners at 19095 Beardsley have offered to install it as a replacement to the Neighborhood Watch sign
  - Board discusses total vehicle length appropriate for sign
  - All board members in agreement with the sign purchase and the very reasonable cost
- [Mindi] Additional Volunteer opportunities
  - Volunteering hours to be shared with Debbie for Firewise purposes
  - Jim to photograph creek for obstructions this weekend to target any needed areas and to follow up with homeowners to request access where needed
  - Afternoon 2pm Sunday Oct 30
    - All residents and homeowners are welcome to volunteer alongside Sam, Jim, Mindi, Jenn, Aaruna, and Ben!

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

Sam motions to approve the minutes

Jim seconds

Motion Passes 4-0

### **Proposed Agenda Items for next meeting:**

- [All] Discuss additional Bylaw changes proposed to update Bylaws to current reality, remove inaccuracies, and update for clarity

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:36 p.m.

**Next regular meeting:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022 7:00 p.m. via Zoom