

Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday Jan 17, 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

Rebecca called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

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

- Bud annotated the monthly expenses for clarity
- The Santa Clara County property taxes are paid two installments at once, and the monthly Santa Clara County Public Health Lab water quality tests are paid 6 months in advance to simplify payment, so we then carry a credit on our account

Mindi makes a motion to approve the financial reports

Sam seconds

Motion Passes 3-0

Reports: Communication, and Correspondence Reports (10 min)

- Water spring flow went from 3.8 gallons per minute on Monday to 4.3 gallons per minute this morning. The rain is finally having an effect. This currently provides approximately 96% of our raw water needs.
- Lake Ranch Reservoir, which is the headwaters for Lyndon Canyon Creek is up to 55% capacity (up from 50% last month)
- Water usage went down 11% last month - likely due to holiday travel
- New steps constructed at the end of Beardsley to improve access and safety to the San Jose Water Co. vault that provides raw creek water to supplement our spring, when needed.
- Bud Everts and Mike Soutanian toured the San Jose Water Co. Montevina plant
- Meter Readings will be conducted this Sunday, January 21st.
- Resident shared local rain totals for the season
- For the meters already compatible (Zenner model), next steps to install new meter accessories via volunteer.
 - Board discusses possible locations with sufficient sunlight for the solar panel and repeater box
- Waiting on cost estimates for other meters that require
 - For some of the other meters that may require a full meter change, we will work with the residents and owners to ensure there is minimal disruption due to the work

Mindi makes a motion to accept the reports

Aaruna seconds

Motion Passes 3-0

Business

- [All] Open board position
 - No known interest and availability at this time
 - Board to continue outreach to residents
- [Bud] Update on outreach for Back-up Generator project
 - Bud reached out to George Chien, our Division Engineer at the State Water Resources Control Board, and Mr. Chien is going to do some research on his end to learn more about possible flexibility in that regulation mandate
- [All] Update on outreach for San Jose Water Co. project
 - We reached out to our Open Space / SCC Parks POC Linda Zimmer to ensure they would allow passage of the 2 inch line through the ranch to Oak / Laurel
 - They requested some sketched up plans to review
 - Jim called and their departments are reviewing it, with no ETA. We will call back in a couple of months
 - Next steps, once board has the list of questions from their team we can all engage
- [Rebecca] Bridge Edges
 - Rebecca showed the 12 x 12 boards to Ignacio as discussed two meetings ago, and there was no concern with the labor to move them
 - Boards need to be well secured - especially on the creek side - to ensure there is no movement off the side of the bridge
 - Rebecca to discuss with Ignacio regarding moving the wood
- [All] Early planning for Spring members meeting
 - Hold Sat May 18 4:00 p.m.
 - Include in board meeting reminders and board website to inform community to hold the date
 - Firewise
 - Researching grant money to do fire clearing around emergency exit
 - State of water usage and water consumption
 - Generator Project, Smart Meter Project, San Jose Water / Laurel Pipeline Project
 - Community: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Holiday Lights
 - Improvements: Porta Potty cover, laurel bridge work, stairs, door rebuild on shed, pump maintenance, upgrading valves
 - Thank you to Ignacio Sanchez, Mike Soultanian, Tom Newhall, etc.
 - Welcome to Nic Edwards & Gillian Peden and other new community members
- [Bud] Follow up on review of transfer fee
 - Vista Grande (homes near the bottom of Montevina) do not charge a transfer fee
 - Next up to find out from Las Cumbres and others nearby to review for next month
 - Any board member with contacts in nearby neighborhoods, it would be great to get a contact who can tell us if they charge a transfer fee and if so how much

Review Meeting Minutes from this meeting

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

Adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 21 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Proposed Topics for Future meetings:: Revisit options for easier communication with the neighborhood, including on mobile devices during emergencies