

# Minutes: Lake Canyon Mutual Water Board Meeting

Wednesday Aug 21, 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:** 7:05 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Rebecca Cabral, Aaruna Godthi, Mindi Porebski, Jim DiZoglio, 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)

- High water usage at 19451 Beardsley unrelated to repairs for a leak under the road. Owner to investigate the usage.
  - Leak was detected via a water spot on the road during dry weather. It was a pinhole leak on top of the pipe under the road
- Bud to investigate hookup fee from San Jose water even when raw water is not being pulled from the creek

Sam makes a motion to approve the financial reports

Mindi seconds

Motion Passes 4-0

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

- San Jose Water is doing a maintenance project above our vault and there is no water available to our vault. They project it to be completed on Oct 1. If needed they may be able to provide flow but not guaranteed. San Jose Water has asked our community to conserve.
  - Bud to update the board weekly on spring flow to keep tabs on whether or not the spring is meeting our needs and if the board needs to put out communications on conservation
  - Bud to contact Colby Sneed, San Jose Water Co., weekly to monitor the situation and the completion date for the project
- Tank cleaning with Liquivision was supposed to come out Aug 9th, but then canceled the night before due to equipment issues. If the communication does not improve and the equipment back in order, Bud will seek out other companies to clean and sanitize the tanks
- Water sampling now done at the San Mateo Public Health Lab as the Santa Clara County one stopped their water testing services
- Automated meter reading notified us that one residence was consuming water all hours of the day. It seemed to be an issue with the automated landscaping, and is resolved now.
  - We have received new parts to go through and fix some parts that will allow us to install some additional automated meters.
- PG&E has informed members of the community and LCMWC of a planned outage of electricity on Thursday Aug 29th from 9a - 4p
- Bud and Joshua from the State Water Resources Control Board had a discussion about

filamentous algae, which is in our creek but is not harmful to people or animals. Joshua usually gets reports of issues or concerns with dangerous algae and currently Joshua has no reports in our area of any issues with any harmful algae, but would notify us if he becomes aware of anything.

- Communications received from community members about speeding visitors driving through the canyon, as well as residents that are habitually speeding.
- Speed signs have arrived and some are already installed. Others need to be installed and also all of the posts will be trimmed and have solar lights on top.
- Bud to investigate use of paint on the road to put the 15 mph directly painted on the road
  - Other possible tools to use include radar speed signs that display the person's speed

Mindi makes a motion to accept the reports

Jim seconds

Motion Passes 4-0

## **Business**

- Update: CDs for better rates
  - Unable to move the money as it seems our 2011 federal tax return was never sent
  - We are on hold until the tax return is resolved
- 6" replacement water pipeline project for Laurel / Oak: update on outreach to Sherwood Engineering
  - Bud reached out to Sherwood Engineering (formerly Fall Creek Engineering) and requested a design proposal for the trimmed down project.
  - Our former contact is now retired. Andy Greenberg is now the senior project manager and will prepare the proposal for us, ideally by the September board meeting
- Annual September meeting and board elections
  - Agenda to include financials & state of water (incl. conservation)
  - Sam to help put together a slide on the RFID meters, Aaruna to present it
  - Jim and Sam to help with a slide on the 6 inch meter project
  - Aaruna and Firewise committee looking to do a presentation and raise awareness of their survey for renewal
    - To include details on Mobile Apps: Genasys Protect, LC Critical Updates Whatsapp Group
  - Mindi to put together usual slides on Community events
  - Board to submit LCMWC Candidate Statements to run by Aug 27th
- Strategic Discussion regarding Annual Rate Increase
  - Training courses make it clear that small rate increases more often are usually more accepted than very large rate increases less frequency
  - Several board members express support of more regular, small rate increases as a financial best practice
  - One board member expresses an interest in adjusting the base rate as opposed to the usage rate in order to fund projects that are not necessarily related to processing the water, which affects all community members more evenly
  - One board member also expresses interest in an assessment as a means to fund the pipeline project
    - Loans may be an option to fund these projects, but those often require us to pay prevailing wages for the project, which means higher costs in wages for the projects

- Grants are rarely available due to the economic makeup of Santa Clara County

**Review Meeting Minutes from this meeting**

Jim makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes  
Sam seconds  
Motion Passes 4-0

**Adjourn at 9:32 pm**

**Tentative agenda items for the next meeting**

- Improve Late Fee policy and documentation
- Review of Capital Improvement Plan
- Homeowner requests to discuss driveway gate at 19560 Manzanita and review of redwood tank easement
- Emergency modes of communication throughout the community and to other communities in case of no cell signal

Next Meeting: Wed., August 18th via Zoom or at Water Treatment Plant, 19605 Manzanita Dr., Los Gatos