

**Inter Canyon League**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM Modjeska Fire Station**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President May.

**II. General Announcements**

**a. Darrell Vance, District Ranger, US Forest Service**

Mr. Vance could not come because his biologist was unavailable, so Linda led a discussion of the recent dam removal project in upper Silverado Creek.

Janet Wilson said she'd talked to the USFS biologist and told her that the community was upset about USFS destroying the dams. Janet was told that the California Coastal Conservancy had identified steelhead trout restoration as important, and that there were no Arroyo toads or suitable habitat in two creeks, but there were toads in San Juan Creek so those dams will be removed between August and next March.

Mary Schreiber said there was a Register article a long time ago about the dam project.

Two specialists not on this project were reportedly "horrified" that approval was granted during bird nesting/mating season.

Joel Robinson requested information from USFS on water quality, types of explosives used, and biological assessment. There is a question about the response because some of the data was from a drought year.

Also, was information about newts being a state level species of concern ignored? Joel would like to improve communication with USFS.

The LA Times reportedly quoted Vance as saying that two dams would be saved, but this did not happen.

Linda also asked people to read about the planned USFS fire break work.

**b. Other Announcements**

Kevin Topp of the Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District presented a donation of \$1,000 to ICL's Steve Duff fund for storage and duplication of local archives formerly held at the Silverado Library.

SMRPD will also hold a special meeting April 11 for people to come share thoughts about improving the Modjeska Community Center—6:30pm.

Modjeska fire fighters, like Silverado, will host an Easter pancake breakfast; see Paula LaBar. The Modjeska fire fighters annual dinner is also coming up soon.

Fran Williams has Disneyland tickets available for fundraising. One pair expires this fall; Fran suggested that ICL sell those and donate proceeds to the Silverado Childrens Center.

Linda, Janet Wilson, and Bruce Newell attended a waste water (septic tank) meeting. Many people living within 600 feet of a creek could be affected by May 2018. The county is working on an ordinance. More information will come later.

**III. Director Reports**

**a. President---Linda May**

1. Meeting locations for the rest of the year.

For 2017, it was decided to hold the June and August ICL meetings in the Modjeska Community Center, and the rest in Silverado.

**b. Vice President---Janet Wilson**

1. Mesa Update

Pam Ragland reported that people can get through the gate. Attorney Rich Feifer answered a letter sent from the property owner. Pam's advice: "Don't be deceived" by the signs; we have access. The property is also now listed by another realty, at a lower price. Pam's group would like to use existing maps to make an 8 ½ x 11 inch version for recording an easement. They are also concerned about lack of support from SMRPD.

2. Saddle Crest

The trees are down (to be replaced by acorns). Janet proposed pestering Supervisor Spitzer and OC Public Works to enact a tree preservation ordinance in time to save remaining trees in the county. The Saddleback Meadows property will be coming up again.

Related: On Santiago County Road, Level of Service (LOS) "C" will supposedly be exceeded by 2035 without changes such as adding passing lanes. Is this better? Linda asked what LOS means—too many cars? Is there a better solution? If lanes were added by 2024, would that make development easier? Mary Schreiber

said that a private transit district could be started: buses are for sale all the time, but insurance and maintenance cost more.

Related to roads: Supposedly the county got funding to replace the bridge near the Hunts in Modjeska. Janet or Bob were told that private property would not be taken. Surveying for bridge replacement in Silverado is occurring also.

**c. Secretary---Scott Breeden**

1. Approval of Minutes

The March minutes were approved 4-0 (Geoff absent).

**d. Treasurer---Geoffrey Sarkissian**

1. Approval of Finance Report

No report.

**e. Director---Dion Sorrell**

1. New Project Announcement

For the new Modjeska Canyon Shakespear Festival, a Chapman University group would like to present four or five samples June 3. The Modjeska House (OC Parks) would like four performances a year. The OC Shakespear group in Garden Grove has agreed to come help develop a program. For anyone interested in acting, etc., there is a Facebook page with more information.

#### IV. **Advisory Committee Reports**

**a. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams**

1. Plans for the Move

The new library location should be ready "Junish." Bruce Newell assessed the space for possible FOL use.

There will be a meeting this Thursday with OC Parks and OC Libraries; more information should be available after that.

2. Swap Meet

Donations can be brought to the Silverado Community Center on Friday, April 7 for the fundraiser that weekend.

**b. Canyon Watch---Marion Schuller**

No report.

**c. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble**

No report.

#### v. **Adjournment**

**\*\*\* The next ICL meeting will be held: May 2, 2017 in Silverado \*\*\***