

INTER-CANYON LEAGUE



Agenda, ICL Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Silverado Community Center

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **General Announcements**
 - a. Update on Verizon proposal for 18 cell phone towers---Steve Duff
 - b. Water: Pending rate changes and emergency plans: ---IRWD
 - 1) Cheryl Clary, Executive Director of Finance and Administration
 - 2) Tom Roberts, Water Operations Manager
- III. **Officer's Election & Director Reports**
 - a. **President**---Geoffrey Sarkissian
 - 1) March and April, business catch-up
 - b. **Secretary**---Scott Breeden
 - 1) Approval of Minutes
 - c. **Treasurer**---Linda May
 - d. **Vice-President**---Steve Duff
 - e. **Director**---Janet Wilson
- IV. **Advisory Committee Reports**
 - a. **Sil-Mod Plan**---Janet Wilson
 - 1) ICL to seek legal opinion on binding status of Sil-Mod Plan
 - b. **Friends of the Library**---Fran Williams
 - c. **Emergency Preparedness**---Joanne Hubble
 - d. **Canyon Watch**---Connie Nelson
 - e. **Communications**---Steve Duff
- V.
 - a. **Bingo**---Kevin
 - b. **Fund Raising**---Open
 - c. **Holiday Helpers**---Pam Ragland

VI. **Adjournment:**

***** The next ICL meeting will be held: Tuesday, June 7, 2016*****

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM Modjeska Fire Station**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements

a. Update on Verizon proposal for 18 cell phone towers---Steve Duff

Verizon is seeking county approval for 18 cell sites in Silverado and Modjeska using existing utility poles. The county asked ICL for comments, and our response is posted on the ICL web site. Concerning the boxes required near each pole, Rob, Verizon's representative, said that SCE would not allow meterless boxes of this type to be placed underground. Although three feet of clearance is required, landscaping around the boxes might minimize visual impact. The county road department would have to agree to maintain plants. Cell sites are anticipated to be working by the end of this year.

b. Water: Pending rate changes and emergency plans---IRWD

1. Cheryl Clary, Executive Director of Finance and Administration
2. Tom Roberts, Water Operations Manager

Rates will be going up to cover increased costs. For most customers (91%), the increase will be about 8%. Heavier users will pay more. Dick Ertman asked why the price is going up if usage is down. According to IRWD, fixed costs (like salaries) tend to rise faster than variable costs (like water purchased). IRWD's costs are about 60% fixed.

Irvine Lake looks low, but there is more than enough water for fighting fires, if needed. The lake will be kept at about the current level.

III. Director Reports

a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

1. March and April, business catch-up

See Treasurer's report.

b. Secretary---Scott Breeden

1. Approval of Minutes

The March minutes were approved 5-0. The April minutes were approved as amended 5-0.

c. Treasurer---Linda May

Treasurer's reports will be reviewed at the next meeting.

ICL will loan our pop-up to the Silverado Children's Center for their upcoming chili cook-off.

d. Vice President---Steve Duff

No report.

e. Director---Janet Wilson

No report.

IV. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Sil-Mod Plan Committee---Janet Wilson

Following Supervisor Spitzer's comment last month about being willing to "get all the lawyers in a room," it was suggested that ICL hire a lawyer to write a document addressing the status of the Silverado-Modjska Specific Plan. Janet contacted John McLendon, a lawyer familiar with specific plans and a Silverado property owner, who is willing to do the work. He told Janet that the county is not reading the law correctly—

most plans are adopted by resolution (like the Sil-Mod plan), not by ordinance. The ICL Sil-Mod Plan Committee has recommended that ICL hire John. At least three other groups or individuals have offered to help with the cost.

Ed Amador said that in the Giracci court case, the judges said that the Sil-Mod Plan was legitimate. Dennis McHale noted that Saint Michael's Abbey declared in their plans for Holtz Ranch that they complied with the Sil-Mod Plan. Andrew recommended that the goal be to get lawyers to do something: try to set ground rules for a meeting, otherwise the document can be ignored.

Janet moved that ICL "hire John McClendon to prepare a memorandum for the ICL and other members of the Save Our Specific Plans coalition that clarifies and delineates the enforceability of specific plans that have been adopted by resolution with special reference to the Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plan; that the ICL spend up to \$1,000 on securing this legal opinion; that the needed additional funds come from the Save Our Specific Plans coalition and from designated gifts; and that the total amount of expenditure not exceed \$3,000." Passed 4-1.

b. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

Gene Robinson relayed Fran's thanks to all who supported the recent swap meet. Over \$3900 was deposited in the bank.

The summer reading program will run from June 22 to August 1. Fire stations 14 and 16 traditionally help out.

c. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

OC Parks will re-sod the Silverado School site; volunteers wanted; date TBD. The Modjeska horse site is almost done.

d. Canyon Watch---Connie Nelson

We need to make a list of people who will need help getting out in case of an emergency.

Connie will remain in charge of large animal evacuation but others will be taking over responsibility for radios and Canyon Watch.

Chili cook-off parking help is needed—Connie can sign off for volunteer hours contributed.

e. Communications---Steve Duff

People can use the ICL web site to send us email.

V.

a. Bingo---Kevin Topp

No report.

b. Fund Raising---Open

c. Holiday Helpers---Pam Ragland

No report.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

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