

**Inter Canyon League  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Sarkissian.

**II. General Announcements**

Bruce Newell reminded everyone to get pancakes at a nearby fire station on Easter.

Fran Williams said that a 90th anniversary celebration is planned for the library, and for the Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary: May 19.

Joanne Hubble said that the canyon phone books are ready to go to print.

Kevin Topp announced the first concert of the season in Silverado Park: May 18, featuring the Trabuco Hills High School jazz ensemble.

The Modjeska firefighter awards dinner will be the week after Easter, and there are openings for volunteers—see Bruce or apply online.

**III. Director Reports**

**a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian**

No report.

**b. Vice President---Dion Sorrell**

Dion received paperwork from the FCC about establishing a local AM or FM radio station mainly for emergency information. Checking the area for other stations, etc. will be “a lengthy ordeal” lasting a year or more, but he hopes that the goal of avoiding a communication breakdown like during the Paradise fire will give the project higher priority. Some sort of backup power (solar or generator) is also envisioned.

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

The minutes of the March ICL meeting were approved 4-0.

**d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff**

It was a rather slow month, but Francesca did work on an insurance rider to cover the History committee’s archive collection. The financial report was approved 4-0.

**IV. Septic System Regulation**

Geoff gave an overview of changes under way concerning regulation of septic systems (Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems, or OWTS). The county is working on a Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) to allow existing functional septic systems to skip the registration, monitoring, and fee requirements of new systems. Details will be posted on the ICL website.

“What we can do”: (1) Everyone keep their own system working; failure means added expense, and could affect everyone else if the creek becomes polluted. (2) Show up at the Water Board meeting to support the county’s LAMP efforts; Geoff will have updates.

**V. Advisory Committee Reports**

**a. History---Melody McWilliams**

Fran Williams reported that the archive room has been organized, with drapes installed to cut down on summer heat. The display about the 1969 flood is still at the library, but a new display about the history of canyon libraries is planned.

**b. Canyon Watch / Fire Watch**---Marion Schuller, Emily Graham

Emily is ordering door hangers for Modjeska giving useful emergency information and noting volunteer opportunities such as becoming a block captain.

**c. Emergency Preparedness**---Joanne Hubble, Connie Nelson

Things are generally quiet.

**d. Country Fair**---Jane Bove

Work has already started on lining up bands for the next Fair, which will be October 12-13 in Silverado. Kevin Topp, Zach Dupre, Kelly Markham, and Rachel Maloof have stepped up to help. Jane would like to have a 3-sink system available to meet current health requirements—last year seven booths cooking in the same kitchen within 24 hours was very difficult. A permanent setup might be useful for events besides the fair. Could SMRPD pay for this? Or the Fair committee?

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

For the upcoming swap meet benefiting the library, it would be ideal for people to donate items to sell by Friday, at the Silverado Community Center. Then come back the next day and buy different items, or volunteer to help.

The summer reading program will start in June; it is primarily aimed at children but adults are also welcome. A special program featuring a juggler will be presented June 19, and Wild Wonders will return July 17 with a program including live animals (species TBA; last year there was a hairy armadillo, among others).

**f. Communications**---Francesca Duff, Dion Sorrell

See Dion's radio announcement above.

**g. Land Use**---Scott Breeden

Permission for the proposed Red Rock Gardens event site between Modjeska and Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park was overruled in court. The judge ruled that it would conflict with the county general plan, Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plan, and Zoning Code, and would require an Environmental Impact Report.

## VI. New Business

**a. Portolá Expedition Anniversary**

Isabell Kirens said that OC Parks will offer hikes at the library between July 20 and July 27 to mark the first Spanish hike through Orange County exactly 250 years ago.

**b. Sound insulation at Modjeska Community Center**

Geoff would like ICL to help fund improvements to the acoustics in the Modjeska Community Center. He has some equipment and will investigate further.

**c. Rattlesnakes**

Francesca said that rattlesnake avoidance training for dogs will be offered again in Modjeska the same weekend as the swap meet in Silverado. The Tucker Wildlife Center has also picked up unwanted rattlesnakes for her in the past.

## VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

**\*\*\* The next ICL meeting will be held May 7, 2019 at the Silverado Community Center \*\*\***