

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements & Discussion

a. From the History Archives—Melody McWilliams

No report.

b. Christmas in the Canyons, Saturday, Dec 10, Silverado Community Center

III. Golden Spotted Oak Borer & How to Save our Trees

a. A special presentation by:

Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann PhD, Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Advisor,
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Coast Research and Extension Center, 7601 Irvine Boulevard, Irvine, CA 92618
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Dr. Nobua-Behrmann described this insect, recently found in our canyons, which can kill the oaks if enough of its larvae bore holes under the bark. It apparently arrived here in firewood from its native Arizona, where it is not a problem.

One sign of gold-spotted oak borer (GSOB) infestation is small, D-shaped holes in bark. If detected early enough, affected trees do not have to be removed, but can be treated by arborists instead. This has been successful in Weir Canyon. To arrange a free fire-department-sponsored inspection, contact Mike Boeck at rockdad@cox.net or look for “Form 7019” at the ICL website.

To prevent the spread of GSOBs here, either do not buy oak firewood that isn’t kiln-dried, or else remove the bark and burn, bury, or chip it into 3-inch or smaller pieces. Or, keep firewood under a hole-free tarp or very fine wire mesh for at least two years. Reportedly, if wood is flagged as infected, Aguinaga Green can also process it early enough to prevent GSOBs from spreading.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Friends of the Library—Janet Coughlin

Unwrapped gifts may be brought to the library for donation to Operation Santa Claus/Senior Santa.

b. Dredging Project Status Update—Rich Pfeiffer

The most recent storm brought “the perfect amount of rain” into newly dredged Anderson Creek in Silverado.

c. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

Nothing significant to report. Block captains should check in during Red Flag alerts.

V. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

The January ICL meeting, which is planned to be in person as well as on Zoom, will include election of ICL board members.

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

Celeste Veerkamp nominated Geoff Sarkissian and Scott Breeden for another term on the ICL board of directors.

Geoff would like to see someone help Francesca with ICL communications, especially social media. He noted that \$12,000 is available for communications. Rich Pfeiffer would like to have something besides Nextdoor.

Geoff added that he would like to allocate Country Fair income first to ICL's insurance bills, then to Fire Station 14 volunteers for their help with the fair, then to the Fire Safe Council, and then to the ICL general fund.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved 4-0.

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

A \$199.99 "in kind" donation of a scanner was made to the History Committee. There is also enough grant money to pay for one more person to take first aid training.

The November financial report was approved 4-0.

VI. New Business

Janet Wilson reported that activity on four Modjeska vacant lots appeared to be in violation of development plans approved in 2016. Could somebody go to the county planning office and check? Scott said that he could go with Janet. Mary Schreiber and Geoff said that they would look for the grading and project plans.

Janet also suggested inviting the head of the OC Planning department to speak at an ICL meeting.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held January 10, 2023 *****