

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements

Geoffrey Sarkissian reminded everyone that Christmas in the Canyons will take place this Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Geoff will be singing between 10 and 10:30.

III. Mighty Silverado Community Board

Bic Edwards created an online communication tool intended to be more locally-focused than Nextdoor. She hopes to demonstrate it next month.

IV. Sandbags & Wattles: Getting ready for the next deluge

- a. Wattles will be available at the county's Modjeska parking lot at the corner of Santiago Canyon Road on Friday, December 15 from 8:00am to 7:00pm, and on Saturday, December 16 from 8:00am to 3:00pm.
- b. Geoff introduced Kevin Kothlow of Team Rubicon, who was attending via Zoom to give a presentation on how to prepare for and mitigate damage from flooding. Some highlights:
 - Team Rubicon is a volunteer organization that has helped canyon residents deal with flooding before, and it has conducted training at the Silverado community center. Keith would be happy to give another class for residents there in the future.
 - Sandbags are very useful for diverting water. To build a diversion wall, fill sandbags 1/3 to 1/2 full (about three shovels full per white bag), fold the tops over across the corner, facing away from the water, and stagger layers of bags like a brick wall, so the end of each bag is over the middle of the bag below. For every two rows of bags added to the top of the wall, add another row behind.
 - If using large prefilled "burrito-style" bags like those supplied by the county, try to alternate rows of those with other bags. To move several bags, use a human chain to pass them from person to person.
 - Wattles are long rolls of straw a few inches in diameter. They are not used to divert water, but to control erosion by stopping mud and debris from washing downhill (maximum slope 45 to 55 degrees). These should be partially buried and secured with wooden stakes. When deploying more than one, overlap the ends by about a foot.
 - If ruts are already present (wattles ineffective), sandbags can be used to build check dams: Water overflowing each dam into dams farther downhill slows down, leading to less work needed later. The top of each dam should be as high as the base of the next uphill dam.
 - For structure protection, duct tape visqueen (heavy plastic sheeting) to the outside, including over doors, and cover with sandbags. Cooperate with neighbors.
 - Store trash cans where they can't wash away and plug culverts during a flood.

V. Canyon Watch—Bic & Keith Edwards (on vacation)

No report.

VI. GSOB and Other Invasive Pests—Mike Boeck

No report. (Today's invasive pest event that Mike attended took up most of the day.)

VII. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

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

For the two ICL Director positions whose terms end this year, both Celeste Veerkamp and Francesca Duff were nominated for re-election, and there were no other nominations.

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

There was not much activity this month. Because the county supplied some erosion-control wattles, ICL did not have to pay for those. ICL did donate some money for library supplies and the reading program, and is expecting some expenses for work on the radio repeaters.

Since the \$2,788 bill for improving the WiFi system at the Silverado community center was more than the previously approved \$2,500 amount, a motion to approve paying the difference passed 4-0.

The November financial report was also approved 4-0.

VIII. New Business

Geoff said that he would try to make next month's meeting (one week later than usual because of a conflict with a park board meeting) a hybrid live/Zoom event.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held January 9, 2024 *****