Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Silverado Community Center and Live Streaming

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Announcements

Mining in Silverado resumed in the 1920s—Scott Breeden shared a couple of artifacts, like records of "white male help" being paid $4.50 a day for "Mucker and General Work."

All candidates running for the Silverado Modjeska Recreation and Park District (SMRPD) board of directors were invited to speak at the next SMRPD and ICL board meetings.

Saturday, September 19 is the annual Canyon Cleanup day at the Riviera (across from the Silverado community center). The Fire Safe Council and ICL will sponsor a chipper from 9am to 1pm. Mattresses, e-waste, tires, trash, and Goodwill items will also be accepted from 9am until noon.

Ted Wright announced that SMRPD is working on allowing Team Rubicon volunteers to use park facilities for a few days so they can evaluate and reduce hazardous conditions in the canyons prior to expected El Nino weather.

Joanne Hubble announced that she is working on a new canyon directory modeled on the one from 2019. It will contain contact information only from residents who ask to be listed—nothing automatically carried over from the previous directory, except for updated emergency information. Joanne does not envision selling ads, unlike some previous directories, but expects the cost to be somewhat over $2 per copy. Francesca Duff said that she did not think ICL should be involved due to possible liability issues.

III. Zero in on Zone Zero—Bruce Newell

"Zone Zero" means within five feet of the outside of your house. This was determined to be the most critical space to clear of combustible material in order to prevent wildfires. Potted plants are one of the "complicated" exceptions to the new five-foot rule. For details, Bruce recommended Googling "Calfire first five feet."

Homeowners will have three years to comply with this requirement for houses, and five years for fences and other buildings. "Be ready" for inspections.

IV. Canyon Watch—Bic Tran and Keith Edwards

Things were pretty quiet this past month.

V. Ambulance Service in the Canyons—Rich Pfeiffer

Rich was upset that when he had a stroke, it took 28 minutes for an ambulance to get to his house. And he was taken to Mission Hospital instead of Global, and his prescriptions were not forwarded.

He found out later that Falck has the ambulance contract for our area, that his ambulance came from Aliso Viejo, and that there are penalties if the response time is over 25 minutes. When he contacted Falck, they seemed upset. So Rich is "encouraged" about improvements coming.

Global lost their ability to handle strokes, so that leaves just Mission and UCI.

Rich repeated his recommendation to stick a list of your medicines on your refrigerator for first-responders, along with medical history and contact info in case you can't respond yourself in an emergency.

VI. Country Fair Update —Katie Kirkland & Lisa Unger

Geoff said that sign-up sheets for helping with games and contests will be posted before the fair opens October 10-11. A replacement beer trailer will have to be found this year. Fair workers are planning on using radios to coordinate with each other and the security guard. No final decision about shade umbrellas has been made. And OC Public Works might not need to use the Riviera until next year.

Donations of "good-quality" items to sell at the Christmas Boutique will be accepted on Friday, October 9, the day before the fair, or by calling Scott.

VII. Friends of the Library—Andrew Tonkovitch

Friends of the Library will sponsor "Canyon Life: How Did We Get Here?", a multimedia canyon history presentation October 3, 2:00-3:30 pm, at the Library of the Canyons.

VIII. Bugs on the Loose: Update on GSOB efforts—Mike Boeck

Francesca Duff said that although research is beginning on how long spray stays on trees, the official recommendation at this point is still that spraying oaks for gold spotted oak borers (GSOBs) once a year, in the spring, should be enough.

IX. Save our Cougars—Julie Williams

August 30 was International Puma Day. SB1135 was passed, re-establishing efforts to encourage coexistence and non-lethal control measures for mountain lions, bears, and other species. And there were two articles in the Voice of OC (online) about records of mountain lion deaths possibly being withheld be government agencies.

X. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

There is a new sign part-way up Silverado Canyon Road showing current vehicle speed.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

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

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

ICL received fees from 23 vendors requesting booths at the Silverado Country Fair. We paid for one Chipper Day, and will pay for one more. And in order to keep writing checks, we paid $57 for more checks. Friends of the Library bought books for a reading group. There was no activity in the other accounts.

The financial report for August was approved 4-0.

XI. New Business

None.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

<u>* The next ICL meeting will be held October 6, 2026 ***</u>**