

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM Modjeska Fire Station**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September meeting were approved 4-0 (Scott Breeden absent).

III. Director Reports

a. Treasurer---Linda May

Linda moved that the following policy be adopted:

"Intercanyon League's fundraising efforts may include sale of beer and wine, so long as doing so does not contradict the purpose and mission of the organization, which is to promote the public good and welfare of all canyon residents, provide assistance in times of disaster, raise funds for community programs, and keep residents informed of activities, events and developments that affect the community.

"Alcohol sales shall be deemed consistent with the mission of the organization so long as

(a) The presence of alcohol is compatible with the intent of the event.

(b) The presence of alcohol does not hinder the community-minded family-friendly atmosphere.

(c) All state and local laws and ordinances are followed.

(d) Alcohol is sold and served in a responsible manner that includes training for sellers and servers based on the responsible service guidelines."

Janet Wilson and Steve Duff amended the motion as follows:

"(e) Each event needs to have/will require prior approval; this is not a blanket authorization."

The amended motion passed 5-0.

IV. General Announcements

People who want emergency radios will need to pay for them.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

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

The owner of Irvine Mesa is extremely interested in possible purchase by the county toll road agency or OC Parks for conservation, and has offered to reduce the asking price sharply.

The Transportation Corridor Agency has \$2 million that might be used to purchase it. ICL would want public access to the land, similar to the way it is now. Steve Duff added that the ICL web site has more information.

b. Fair Committee---Jane Bove

The Silverado Country Fair is this weekend. Winds are expected.

c. Friends of the Library--- Fran Williams

Friends of the Library will have a boutique at the fair to raise funds for the library.

d. Canyon Watch---Connie Nelson

Connie is recruiting volunteers for creek cleaning, getting permits, chain saws, etc.

Vicki Osborn of the Sheriff's Department added that permits for working in the burn area will take about two weeks, longer for other areas.

Put signs on doors after a quake: Help or OK. Before that, take photos of what's in your house, and make a go bag.

e. Emergency Disaster Preparedness --- Joanne Hubble

Joanne introduced Alex Tandy, Partner Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Weather Service (NWS).

VI. El Nino and the Winter Weather Flow: Alex Tandy, Meteorologist for NOAA

El Nino conditions (unrelated to global warming) mean a prolonged, persistent, wet winter, at least in southern California. Warm water builds up in the Western Pacific near the equator, moves east, causes upwelling, and shuts off trade winds. But not every El Nino is the same: big storms can occur without El Nino conditions. And El Nino conditions do not guarantee more rain, though the correlation is high where we live. Storms are not bigger, just more frequent.

El Nino conditions are expected this year, but prior to that The Blob, an area of high air pressure, was parked northwest of California for 3 years, blocking the jet stream and contributing to the statewide drought.

As preparation, clean out drains and debris, and take a look at the FEMA flood plain map.

VII. Q & A for Alex & other special guests

Samples:

Q: OK to remove palm trees from Silverado Creek? A: No, just dead alders per Fish and Wildlife notice (otherwise CEQA studies would be required).

Q: How to contact OC Public Works? A: Hot line at 714-955-0200.

Q: What about Modjeska Creek? A: Vicki will try to expedite permission, but no guarantee.

Q: Can debris be pushed to a public road for the county to remove? A: Not recommended.

Q: What about "Modjeska Lake"? A: The county is working on replacing the gate before El Nino.

Q: Is an old dam above Modjeska at risk of failing? A: Harding dam was filled in in 1969, and shouldn't be a danger.

VIII. Adjournment:

***** The next ICL meeting will be held: November 3, 2015 in Silverado *****