

Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District

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MINUTES – August 26, 2024

The Chairman, Steve Cummins, called the regularly scheduled Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District to order via Zoom.

Roll Call

Directors Present - Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman and Grillo

The meeting was paused to go to Executive Session – 4:30 p.m.

After the executive session, the Chairman reconvened the special meeting, and the members were invited into the zoom meeting.

Roll Call - Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman and Grillo

Mr. Cummins informed the board that there have been 6 new tort claims filed against the Klondike board and the board considered the claims and that the board has rejected each and every claim. They are claiming damages caused by Klondike. In order to sue a public agency, you have to first file a claim. The district has 45 days to accept or reject the claim. Then 99% of the time, the claimant files suit. Mr. Cummins read the names of the additional people in the claim. They are as follows and the board has voted to reject them all.

1. Mark Simon – Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman, Grillo -reject all
2. Laurence S. Paul & Julie W. Paul - Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman, Grillo -reject all
3. Gregory Montgomery & Sandra Montgomery - Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman, Grillo - reject all
4. Vincent Iacano & Theresa Iacono – Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman, Grillo – reject all
5. Alfredo Gomez - Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman, Grillo – reject all
6. Chip Assets, Johnny H. Pak, Manager - Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman, Grillo – reject all

After discussion and due consideration, each of the members of the board have voted to reject the claims of each and every claimant. The clerk of the district is instructed to mail a notice to each claimant and their attorney of record that their claim has been rejected by the district.

As a side note, the city loan and the FEMA loan if we get it, will not cover any of the legal expenses. Funds for legal will all come out of assessment funds. If we are not released from those claims it will be on the backs of the assessment district.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 2, 2024 meeting were presented. It was moved by Mr. Grillo seconded by Mr. Freeman that the minutes of July 2, 2024 be approved as presented.

The vote was: Ayes: Cummins, Freeman and Grillo

Abstain: Hotchkiss

The motion passed by the above vote.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 22, 2024 regularly scheduled meeting were presented. It was moved by Mr. Grillo and seconded by Mr. Freeman that the minutes of July 22, 2024 be approved as presented.

The vote was: Ayes: Cummins, Freeman and Grillo

Abstain: Hotchkiss

The motion passed by the above vote.

Continued Business

- 1. a Upper Canyon Drain** – The Chairman has had covid for the last week so he has been trapped at home. But he reported that we had 2 deep wells and 2 shallow wells. One of the shallow wells in the last month was crushed by the landslide. The vault that the other well was in was also crushed but has been repaired and it is running at approximately 20-30 gpm. In April, the casing in the wooden box of the westerly well was deformed and the pump fell with the cable and we put another pump on top of that and it is running at approximately 80 gpm. Regarding the new well that was put into service on December 23, 2023 it was functioning until June and then it got sheered. They put another pump on top, but there was a problem with the power and they had to be shut down, but it started up recently and is pumping 50 gpm. We have installed a new power system, but it isn't connected yet to the other 3 wells. The new well pump is in, electrified Friday – pumping approximately 200 gpm. This is only ½ of what it can be. We should get 300-400 gpm out of the well with changes. At approximately 40 gpm years ago we were keeping the slide under control, but of course things have changed now. We're starting to drill another new well, which will be a replica of the one we have just drilled. With this new well we should be producing approximately 900 to 1000 gpm out of the wells within the next month. The issue becomes how not to lose another pump. It was suggested that we put a 1" tube on the side to act as a poor man's inclinometer to check for bending or pressure. It is a possibility of drilling another well if things keep going ok. This is what the funds have provided. However, we are now dealing with a deeper slide, which is down about 400 feet. It is moving about 40/ft a year. The upper slide is moving about 10 ft/year. They think that the lower slide is causing the up lift at the beach about 500 ft out into the ocean. This was found from the boring logs that were being used to determine the location of the hydraugers. The city may give up on the hydraugers and is discussing a series of vertical wells. The \$10M set aside for the hydraugers can hopefully be used for new well projects.

1. b Beach Drain (Artesian Well) – already discussed

2. Seaview Area Report

The tarps have been removed, but grading will probably happen next week. The Chairman has had COVID and couldn't get grading going last week. The tarps being removed is important, and grading will create a graded berm directing water into the canyon. They may come up with a new soil stabilizing plan to better divert the water and we will need a constant maintenance plan.

3. Klondike Channel Maintenance Plan – The Chairman says we still have an issue with the 48” pipe. Hopefully we can put in a 16” pipe quickly and temporarily take water down to the 48” pipe, but we have not figured out how to get this repaired. The first priority has been on the pumps, secondly on the fissures. The pipe will probably have to be re-dug with a whole new pipe system to the ocean. Current drain location won't work right now and we will need major work to get the drain pipe to properly drain.

4. Sub Slide Maintenance – This is the head of the ancient Beach Club slide. The Sanitation District is moving lines above ground, but it is taking longer than we would like. Cal Water is going to be doing the same thing. They will cross over and be on the landward side of P.V. Dr. S. They are going to connect up to the beach to Schooner to their water main system there and abandon everything from the easterly side of the Beach Club slide all the way west. The Sanitation District and Cal Water are working together to make that work. We want to try to get a drain into the head of the beach club slide.

5. Video Presentation for district – the Chairman inquired if there was any new information on this. Mr. Grillo says that he and Mr. Freeman still need to connect on this project. He says that we are still asking for interviews. All the new information is good information. We should get this out to the general public. Mr. Grillo and Mr. Freeman will work on this. Mr. Jaconi is asking for people to get involved. He says that Mr. Cummins has done an incredible amount of work. The Chairman reports that we have a group of people that are working very hard trying to stop the landslide. We have volunteer attorneys, fund raisers, grant producers, engineers and geologists. He is still optimistic that this can be done with the Klondike slide.

6. P.B. slide dirt – Mr. Cummins reports that we are keeping up with this and have removed a lot of dirt that was causing havoc.

7. Loan from the city – we need to get documentation ready to pay receipts so that we can ask for reimbursement from the loan funds.

New Business – none at this time.

(Amended) -Maintenance & Operations Warrant Register -August 26, 2024

1. Sandy Marshall - District Clerk – August 2024 service	1,000.00
2. Portuguese Bend Beach Club –8/11/24 to 9/11/24	1,000.00
3. Christopher Lewis – maintenance	125.00
4. Mike Drews Construction - #2595 – pipeline repair	2,811.00
5. Mike Drews Construction - #2601 – addl. break force main Pipeline and creating access for new monitoring well	2,817.00
6. Sandy Marshall – reimb. election posting 7/19/24	394.94
7. Mike Drews Construction – 1171 landslide encroachment	17,760.00
8. WSP USA Environment – Inv.#40049209 thru Jan 1 2024	31,272.65
9. Troy Marshall – data preparation for assessments	436.50
10. Jeff Torgrimson- #1 drill 8” -160 ft. dewatering well balance due (Total due \$74,910.00)	30,300.00
11. Jeff Torgrimson - #2 dewatering well deposit (Total due\$74,910.00)	44,610.00
12. California Coastal Commission -emergency permit fee (8/5/24)	1,528.00
13. The Liberty Company – D & O Insurance	3,997.55
14. WSP USA Environment – Inv. #40049168 -Feb to March 2024	2,100.00
15. Christopher Lewis – reimb. water level meter	818.90
16. Garrett & Tully – legal retainer	25,000.00
17. Mike Drews Construction - #217 misc. well maint. repairs	7,265.56
18. Christopher Lewis – addl. maintenance	45.00
	\$173,282.10

It was **moved** by Ms. Hotchkiss and seconded by Mr. Grillo that the (Amended) Maintenance and Operations Warrant Register dated August 26, 2024, No. 1 through 18 in the amount of \$173,282.10 as summarized on the warrant register, be approved for payment.

The vote was: Ayes: Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman and Grillo
The motion passed by the above vote

Information items – Mr. Cummins appreciates all of the volunteer help that he has received for the neighborhood.

Speaker Items – A question was asked about with all the work already done regarding getting the wells up and running and drilling new wells to increase production, but come winter if the 48” inch pipe is not fixed, all the water running off down the canyon is going where we don’t want it to go. Mr. Cummins replied that the 48” pipe wasn’t as important as the well drilling, filling the fissures at the top and doing the grading at the top. It is very important, but we still have time to remedy this problem. Hopefully the grants will come in and then we won’t have to use as much of our assessment and loan funds. FEMA is very slow in responding and the money comes much later than the emergency. Kelly and Andrew Ehly are working none stop at getting

the FEMA grant money. Seems like you can't give FEMA enough information to get the grant money. Ms. Noushkam still wants to know the plan for the 48" pipe. Plan B is to actually move the channel direction further to the east and carry the channel for the winter diagonally across to the ocean or to utilize the 30" pipe and then from that point to take a pipe out to the ocean. They have some ideas about what can be done, but it is an angularly raising of the beach toward the west. The Lifeguard stand and play equipment are still at the same level. Possibly could take a pipe out there. The beach has raised 10-15 feet at this point. We need to get the wells working and protect them. We have to work closely with the city to make sure the work being done at the beach with the force mains, wells, electrical, etc is monitored. When they were drilling the new vertical well, they were almost going to drill right over a force main and Mike had the city move their equipment over. There are issues stacked on issues. Same thing with the sanitation district and Cal Water on PV Dr. In the last 4 to 5 weeks, it has been very confusing with those groups and we would like it to move faster. This is a regional problem and we feel that the county and the others should chip in. This is a major thoroughfare for the South Bay and shouldn't be laid on just the city and the abatement districts. Janice Hahn and others should push for more help. They do hear us when stacks of letters get higher.

Audience Items – discussion followed regarding drilling new wells by the city in their property near the beach club.

Adjournment – There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held via Zoom on September 23, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Marshall, District Clerk