

Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District

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MINUTES – July 22, 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 and Freeman

Directors Absent - 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 –

Directors Present - Cummins, Hotchkiss and Freeman

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Mr. Cummins informed the board that there have been 4 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:

1. Mark Young – Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman reject all
2. David French– Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman reject all
3. Yuko & Yunich Kasuga– Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman reject all
4. Diedre & Christopher Heimer– Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman 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.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 17, 2024 meeting were presented. It was moved by Ms. Hotchkiss and seconded by Mr. Freeman that the minutes of the June 17, 2024, meeting be approved.

The vote was: Ayes: Cummins, Hotchkiss and Freeman

The motion passed by the above vote.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 2, 2024 special meeting were presented. Due to lack of a quorum of members present at that meeting, the minutes of July 2, 2024 will be postponed until the August meeting.

Continued Business

1. **a Upper Canyon Drain** – The Chairman reported on the Klondike drains. He planned to meet with Mike Drews last week regarding removal of the tarps. But work will probably start this week. There is a lot of damage going on up in Seaview. Fortunately we have dry weather now, so we are more concerned with fire damage, etc. than actually adding to the landslide.
1. **b Beach Drain (Artesian Well)** – The main topic is the beach wells. We now have 4 wells. The landslide has damaged the two deeper wells. The two shallow wells continue to work. The well in the wooden box is pumping around 80 g/m. There was an electrical problem with the other well. We are going to replace the electrical panel and the transformer with the new well drilled in December 2023. This has been effecting all the pumps. We are drilling a new well to 155 ft. and it may be completed today. It will include an inclinometer. The well driller will develop the well after August 5th. This should be a very productive well and the new electric circuits will help.

Sha interrupted to tell us that members were trying to get into the meeting, but were unable. To join. The clerk has set the zoom to admit all and we don't know why they can't join.

2. **Seaview Area Report** - discussed above
3. **Klondike Channel Maintenance Plan** – The Chairman and Mike Drews were supposed to meet with the homeowner this Friday regarding the 48” pipe, but that did not work. Hopefully this will be rescheduled for the coming week.
4. **Sub Slide Maintenance** – A lot of action on the head of the beach club slide. On PV Dr. S. a new force main system is being installed along the ocean side. It unfortunately had problems, so they are working with the Water Company to move pipes above ground. They have had several meetings with all parties to coordinate work. The area at the head of the beach club slide has not been worked on yet. We just got the OK for the city loan. The agreement was signed with the city and after the city council approves it, they will release the \$1.9 million and we can start using these funds.

5.Video Presentation for district – Mr. Freeman said that in general they are still looking for people to interview. Ms. Hotchkiss says that we have waited long enough to get this going

6. P.B. slide dirt removal – we are trying to pump water out., but it is still going up significantly. It was reported to Mr. Cummins this morning that the channel that we removed the two 24- inch pipes from and recut a dirt channel several weeks ago is again not draining. The ocean end had raised up another 3 feet and it was not draining below flow. All of that needs more work, including the 48” pipe. There is a large fissure on one of the pipes that drains the frontage beach area. The fissure exposed the pipe and it separated. The Chairman is still wanting to get another video down the Klondike drain to make sure that it is as it was a year or so ago. Things are going smoother now that we have all the people in place to do the work.

New Business – Declaration of State of Emergency for the Klondike Canyon District

We understand that the Klondike district needs to declare a State of Emergency for the District. This was suggested by Vina, the City Controller of Rancho Palos Verdes. If we declare a state of emergency, it should relax the rules on dealing with FEMA, getting three bids and other restrictions. If we declare a state of emergency, we have to keep declaring it every 60 days. The city will get us the wording for a Resolution regarding this declaration. The city has already declared a State of Emergency. Klondike should declare the same emergency action. Discussion followed.

Mr. Freeman made a **motion** that the Klondike Canyon district declare a State of Emergency regarding the district boundaries. Ms. Hotchkiss seconded the motion

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

(Amended) - Maintenance & Operations Warrant Register - July 22, 2024

1. Sandy Marshall - District Clerk – July 2024 service	1,000.00
2. Portuguese Bend Beach Club –7/11/24 to 8/11/24	1,000.00
3. Christopher Lewis – maintenance	125.00
4. CA Assoc of GHAD’s -General & Excess Liability Ins. 2023-2024	1,047.13
5. CA Assoc of GHAD’s-General & Excess Liability Ins. 2024-2025	1,012.97
6. Mike Drews Construction - #2578 – work on outlet channel	5,150.00
7. Christopher Lewis – addl. maintenance	235.52
8. Sandy Marshall – reimb. postage, notary, etc 1/1/24 – 5/30/24	541.71

9. Pump Systems – Inv. #Q8741757 – 6/4/24 maintenance work	9,364.78
10. WSP USA Environment – Inv. #40049209 Belshire Environment *(eliminated for now-Mr. Cummins verifying)	31,272.65 *
11. Mike Drews Construction - #328 well pump panel	14,497.00
12. Mike Drews Construction - #329 addl. 3 rd phase/lateral conduit	5,567.96
13. Mike Drews Construction - #1169 install 4” steel post for new electric & concrete slab for transformer mount	3,250.00
14. Mike Drews Construction - #1167 labor & equipment to drill trench install drill casing	5,400.00
15. Mike Drews Construction – #1168 install vault for new well	12,955.00
16. Jeff Torgrimson - #1 drill 8” – 160 ft. dewatering well – deposit Total due \$74,910.00	44,610.00
17. Mike Drews Construction - #1170 sub-contractor electrical work	2,006.50
18. Pump Systems – Inv.#Q843435 – deposit for well drilling (added at meeting)	14,000.00
	\$121,763.57

It was **moved** by Ms. Hotchkiss and seconded by Mr. Freeman that the (Amended) Maintenance and Operations Warrant Register dated July 22, 2024, No. 1 through 18 in the amount of \$121,763.57 as summarized on the warrant register, be approved for payment.

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

Information items – Mr. Cummins discussed the grant information. He thanked Kelly and Andrew for all their hard work on the FEMA loan. We have an actual field review with FEMA on the 31st of July. We now have an inventory of the damages that were acceptable to FEMA and they have moved it into the inspection phase. Hopefully this will go well. He sent out the spread sheet on the status of the loans that we are seeking. It will be interesting to see if we get through. We have interviewed several people for management positions for our FEMA grant. Need a focused person to manage the FEMA loans and the city loans. Need a manager to manage the field projects and a manager to manage the managers. We need an actual office with office equipment to manage it all.

Sha interrupted again saying that Klondike members could not get into the meeting. Clerk has it set to allow everyone into the meeting. Don’t know what the problem is.

Klondike tries to keep the slide from moving again, which we have been doing for 40 years. We basically had catastrophic rain. We started out with 1 well and now we have 4 wells. Now we need to remove tarps, fill all the fissures, dig some swales. Until the rain stopped, the only thing we lacked to get started was the lack of money. We have been working on getting money for 4 or 5 months. We knew our reserves were running low.

Speaker Items – there were no speaker items.

Audience Items – there was a question from Dennis Jaconi regarding the hydraugers and the test borings. The one that Klondike is interested in is the one in the beach club. The access agreement for the club is in the loan agreement. The access agreement was approved by the Klondike attorney. We are already allowing the city to come into the club to come in and look for a drill site. Mr. Cummins understands that the test borings should begin this week and there should be multiple borings. Nikki Noushkam had suggestions regarding receiving help from the county and putting pressure on Rolling Hills. A question was asked about the election. Information has been posted and emailed. Sha complained about not receiving water tests information from the clerk. The Chairman gave her the information that he has which has been delayed. Discussion followed.

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held via Zoom on August 26, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Marshall, District Clerk