



**CANE BRAKE
COUNTY WATER
DISTRICT**

Date: June 11, 2023

To: Kathy Steuermann

From: Jerry Bucheit

Re: Correspondence from May 18, 2023

The CCWD Board discussed your letter yesterday at the June 10th meeting. All were hoping you would be at the meeting to discuss your letter and be part of the budget discussion, etc. Your knowledge is an important part of this community.

Thank you for pointing out that maintaining roads and heavy equipment work are not in the bylaws. In fact, nowhere have we found any written responsibility for the two tasks. The board agreed to correct the minutes to say historical perspective. If you have any knowledge of any document that speaks to the tasks in writing, it would be appreciated if you would pass it along.

The Board wishes to assure you that it provides water for fire prevention. The minutes of the May 13, 2023, reflect the thought that we are not equipped for fire suppression. Further discussion today fleshed out the idea that if Canebrake wants to fight fires, we will need to work with the CIA and develop a plan to put forward for approval by Cal Fire and the County of San Diego. This is beyond the scope of the CCWD.

In 2022, I contacted Cal Fire in Shelter Valley and Cal Fire of East County and was assured that we are operating in compliance with their needs regarding water supply. Our "fire hydrants" are more like blow-off valves that are painted red. We do not consider them as fire hydrants since we do not have the proper connections for the fire department. The Board believes that there is a significant amount of water in the five miles of water lines and if needed, the CCWD has two wells to access water for firefighting if for some reason our stored water was not sufficient. Moreover, please understand that it is the Board's extreme desire to have the polyethylene tank up and running as soon as possible.

We checked the "Rules and Regs" and do not find a section that states that the CCWD is liable for leaks on private property. If you could help us with that, we would appreciate it.

Thank you for your concerns and we look forward to working together to continue providing water to the residents of Canebrake.