



Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
October 10, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held October 10, 2018 at the Casitas Municipal Water District located at 1055 Ventura Ave. in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. President Word led the group in the flag salute.

1. Roll Call

Directors Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks and Word were present. Also present were Mike Flood, Interim General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney Robert Kwong. There were one staff member and two members of the public in attendance

2. Public comments (Items not on the agenda – three minute limit).

None

3. General Manager comments.

Mr. Flood reported that the Agricultural Town Hall meeting is set for next Wednesday evening at 6:00 at the resource center. Postcards were sent to the Ag and Ag Domestic customers. The main purpose of this is to provide some information and them to get feedback. This group uses 50% of our supply. Director Bergen added that many of the Ag customers have managers who are controlling the water use and she said she will get the word out to them as well. Mr. Flood continued to inform the board that the Ag customers can set up appointments if they want to discuss their allocations and what stage 4 might mean to them. Director Kaiser mentioned that the graphics were very appealing. Mr. Flood explained that was developed by the employees in the Conservation department.

Mr. Flood then informed the board of a meeting with Metropolitan on Monday the 15th to give their staff a feeling of what folks up here are doing with water. This will help them to be able to explain when we get a wheeling agreement in front of them. He also mentioned a planned shutdown in La Conchita/Mussel Shoals area to allow for some valve replacements that a contractor will be doing.

Director Hicks asked if there is any feedback on the Solimar problem. Mr. Flood replied that we have hired a consultant but do not have results yet.

4. Board of Director comments.

Director Baggerly commented that Casitas is not the only water purveyor in the area. Casitas should not be the only water purveyor looking for new water and trying to meet the challenge of this drought. It should be incumbent on every water purveyor to find new water, not just refurbishment of existing wells but they need to start looking just as judiciously as Casitas has been to find new sources of water for their customers.

Director Kaiser agreed with Director Baggerly stating it is time other purveyors look for sources. He then asked about the exploratory drill and Mr. Flood explained that WREA and Padre are working on getting the categorical exemption together so we can come to the board and get that filed. It is expected next month.

Director Hicks commented on the hiring of the new City Manager and that they interviewed the candidates in one day. President Word added it is good to see the brochure is out. Director Hicks suggested that it be put in the ACWA newsletter.

5. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

President Word attended the meeting with Director Baggerly on what was the Water Conjunctive Use Partners and is now decided to be the Ojai Ventura Water Agency Partnership. We heard an update on state water from Kevin Brown. Most of the members didn't remember that Casitas has been operating under a local emergency drought declaration that was done in 2016. Director Bergen added it was originally declared in 2014. President Word added and it was reaffirmed this year. I hope other agencies join us in declaration of a drought. There was discussion of grants being worked on for the area and there is a meeting for Dec 3-4 with the Salmonid Restoration Federation and NMFS. Mr. Flood informed the board that Scott Lewis will be at the next meeting to give an overview of the BO and where we are with the critical drought protection measures.

6. Consent Agenda.

ADOPTED

a. Minutes of the September 26, 2018 Board Meeting.

The consent agenda was offered by Director Hicks, seconded by Director Bergen and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks, Word
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

7. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 9/20/18 - 10/03/18. APPROVED

Director Hicks questioned the payment to Oasis and Mr. Flood explained that they have been helping after the loss of our SCADA Technician to dissect where he was with his work and get us on firm ground. Director Kaiser questioned the payment for batter kit with Rebekah explaining they were batteries for a cart.

The accounts payable report was offered by Director Hicks, seconded by Director Kaiser and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks, Word
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

8. Recommend authorization for the General Manager to sign task order for professional Web Design and Content Management Services with Vision by Granicus in the not to exceed amount of \$40,000. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser the above recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks, Word
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

9. Recommend approval of the agreement for the 2019 Ojai Wine Festival from Rotary Club of Ojai West Foundation. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly, the above recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks, Word
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

10. Recommend approval of a letter of support for the proposed boundary modification of the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin Boundary. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Bergen the above recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Baggerly, Bergen, Hicks, Word
NOES: Directors: Kaiser
ABSENT: Directors: None

11. Information Items:

- a. Water Resources Committee Minutes.
- b. Recreation Committee Minutes
- c. Lake Casitas Recreation Area Monthly Report for August, 2018.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Bergen the information items were approved for filing by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks, Word
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

President Word moved the meeting to closed session at 3:36 p.m.

12. Closed Session

- a. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code §54956.9(a) *Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board; City of San Buenaventura*, San Francisco County Superior Court, Case No. CPF-14-513875.

President Word moved the meeting back into open session at 4:04 p.m. with Mr. Kwong stating that the board met with counsel regarding the case and no action was taken.

13. Adjournment.

President Word adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Mary Bergen, Secretary