

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
November 24, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held November 24, 2015 at the District office in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Bergen, Baggerly, Word and Hicks were present. Director Kaiser was absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were two staff members and no members of the public in attendance. President Bergen led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public Comments (items not on the agenda – three minute limit).

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that the Lake Casitas Recreation Area is challenged with lack of boat ramps and are using the matting we purchased to try to get boats in and out. We will keep you informed if we have to back off from launching boats.

3. Board of Director comments.

None

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Hicks informed the board of his meeting at the City of Ventura regarding their toilet to tap process which is impressive. The maximum capacity will be between 4,000 – 8,000 acre feet per year. Director Word added that right now it is a testing facility with testing to be conducted through January. They are using tests to get permits to treat recycled water and the projected timeline is ten years. They have to put in the infrastructure along with building the plant. It is expensive water and there are conflicting environmental concerns.

Director Word mentioned the special issues meeting where there was discussion and an exchange of ideas for the AWA work plan for coming year. The board discussed the possibility of alternating the GM update meeting one year with an update from the cities the following year.

President Bergen reported that she attended the upper Ventura River sub basin GSA meeting. The consultant shared the results of the outreach. Surface groundwater interactions are high on the list of things people want to know about. They want to have a water budget for the plan and they want to be involved. The group is proposing two outside seats; one for Ag and mutual water together, and one for environmental groups. The regional board is getting some money in the budget to do flow studies in five rivers and one of those is the Ventura River. Staff at the regional board was not aware of it. They will have a briefing at the

next regional board mtg. OBGMA is going thru a boundary change. If OBGMA changes, the other boundary automatically changes. The group was in support of the change but they wanted to see more technical information. Barring anything unknown in the technical information they were supportive.

5. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of November 13, 2015 Meeting.

The Consent Agenda was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

6. Bills APPROVED

Director Hicks questioned the payment to Fred Pryor Seminars. Mr. Wickstrum explained this was for employee training.

Director Word mentioned he noticed a payment to Bruce Hull Associates and assumes that work is progressing on the appraisal. Mr. Wickstrum replied yes. Director Word then asked if there could be an update to the board every other month on the progress. Mr. Wickstrum explained that we hope to have the appraisal at the beginning of the year. We are scheduled to meet with Golden State personnel in the field December 7 – 9.

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Word, the bills were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Bunnin Chevrolet Cadillac for the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Colorado for the Fisheries department in the amount of \$25,313.60. APPROVED

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

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

8. Information Items:

- a. Extension of California Drought Emergency.
- b. Finance Committee Minutes.

- c. Personnel Committee Minutes.
- d. Investment Report.

Director Hicks remarked that there is less money in investments this year. Ms. Collin explained that we have a big receivable in the grant on the aeration systems that we are waiting for and there have been a lot of capital projects that have been paid out.

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Word, the information items were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

President Bergen moved the meeting to closed session at 3:19 p.m.

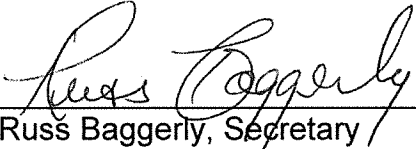
9. Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9, Government Code. (number of potential cases: one)

President Bergen moved the meeting back into open session at 4:57 p.m., with Mr. Mathews stating the board discussed one potential litigation case and no reportable actions were taken.

10. Adjournment

President Bergen adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.



Russ Baggerly, Secretary