

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
December 9, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held December 9, 2015 at the District office in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Bergen, Kaiser, Baggerly, Word and Hicks were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, Bob Krimmer. There were two staff members and three 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 reported that we had received a fish plant from the Department of Fish & Wildlife on Monday and a partial delivery that we purchased on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Wickstrum then reported on his attendance at the ACWA Fall Conference adding that the focus this time was on drought and he attended a session on groundwater sustainability agencies.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that he accompanied the appraisers for the field review on Golden State Water Company and the appraisal is in the process of being prepared. That afternoon there was a meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation and the US Forest Service regarding the open space lands. We are trying to formulate something that will work for everyone and move from the 1978 interim agreement. There was discussion of having an MOU.

Mr. Wickstrum then informed the Board of the need to pull item #9 from the agenda.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Baggerly mentioned a letter from FERC in response to a letter we sent in 2014 and suggested sending them a than you letter in reply.

Director Kaiser discussed a call he received and the use of temporary meters and asked about QA/QC to check the properties before issuing a temp meter.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Hicks reported on his attendance at the ACWA conference adding that the Australia water swapping arrangement is interesting.

Director Baggerly reported attending the Ojai City Council meeting requesting support of OBGMA boundary changes which was adopted in the consent agenda.

5. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of November 24, 2015 Meeting.

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

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

6. Bills APPROVED

Director Hicks commented that we are paying different organizations for weed removal.

Director Kaiser questioned the work done by Travis Ag. Mr. Wickstrum explained it was to replace a line in the upper Ojai where it goes across the highway.

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

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

7. Presentation by Jack Oehmke of Morgan Stanley regarding Investments of District Funds.

Jack Oehmke provided his presentation regarding the investment of district funds explaining that we yielded 2.4%, \$459,000 in income. Director Word added that our auditors couldn't believe what we were making. Mr. Oehmke added that the market is indicating that the Feds will raise interest rates.

President Bergen opened the LCIF meeting at 3:27 p.m.

8. Lake Casitas Improvement Foundation Meeting

- a. Review of the Treasurer's report.  
b. Discussion regarding any approval of projects and expenditures for the coming year.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that Larry Elshere has resigned from the LCIF and that we should look for an additional public member replacement for that position. There were discussions regarding possible replacements. Mr. Wickstrum added that we have no recommendations to support any projects at this time.

President Bergen closed the LCIF meeting and reconvened Casitas Board Meeting at 3:33 p.m.

9. Recommend approval of a purchase order to NR Development Inc. in the amount of \$33,550 for the construction of removable awning covers at multiple pump plants. Tabled

This item was pulled from the Agenda.

10. Discussion regarding scheduling a board planning meeting.

The Board discussed holding a Board Planning Workshop on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

11. Information Items:

- a. Notice to State Water Contractors regarding 2016 initial allocation – 10%.
- b. Letter to State Water Resources Control Board.
- c. Lake Casitas Recreation Report for September and October, 2015.
- d. Water Resources Committee Minutes.
- e. Water Consumption Report.
- f. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- g. Investment Report.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly, the Information Items were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

President Bergen moved the meeting to closed session at 3:42 p.m.

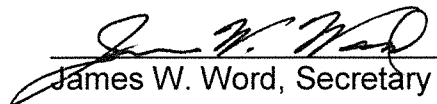
12. Closed Session

- 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 3:59 p.m. with Mr. Krimmer stating the Board met in closed session and no action was taken by the Board.

13. Adjournment

President Bergen adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

  
James W. Word, Secretary