

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
February 10, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held February 10, 2016 at the District office in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Kaiser, Baggerly, Word, Hicks and Bergen were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were two staff members and three members of the public in attendance. President Kaiser 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 engineering and the sound consultant are conducting sound testing at the Reeves Road site for determination of the improvements that have been done. We hope to see a report soon.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks reported that his usage was only five units and that they have been trying to save water and comparing usage with a neighbor. He then informed the board of the discussion by Mark Watkins at the Ventura Chamber meeting. He added that there have been two reports rating Ventura as a best place to live. Ventura is the oldest city in the county and there will be a celebration in June for the 150th birthday.

Director Kaiser reported that he drove around the Recreation area and is impressed with the signage out there. The lake level is low and it is humbling. He then mentioned that he read that Cachuma is doing cloud seeding. Mr. Wickstrum explained that Santa Barbara has done cloud seeding since the 70's.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Bergen reported that Steve gave a nice presentation at the public outreach meeting for the Upper Ventura River Basin GSA. There was good background information on the process and timeline and how it will be put forth and opportunity to get feedback from ag and environmental seats. A major issue was with boundary changes and not knowing where the parcels are. There was a concern that if a well is in the basin but water is irrigated outside the basin it could be an export of water and affect water rights. The lawyers will discuss this further.

Director Word reported that the Ventura Chamber meeting discussed the recycled treatment plant and how the city of Ventura may make use of that water. It is obvious they are faced with a large number of issues that are not easily resolved. It is very expensive but still less than using desal. This is part of a

push to raise sales tax. Ventura is the oldest city and is in need of infrastructure repair.

Director Baggerly reported on a collaboration discussion with Jordan Kear, John Monday. they got the initial notification completed and sent to the Department of Water Resources Groundwater Sustainability office for the OBGMA boundary changes. This will be posted on the web as required and then they will move forward with the final and work to complete the Groundwater Sustainability plan.

5. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of January 27, 2016 Board Meeting.
- b. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc. in the amount of \$30,625.00 for Lake Casitas Recreation Area Roads Maintenance, Specification 15-384.

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

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

6. Bills APPROVED

Director Word questioned the money spent for lumber for the fish passage. Mr. Wickstrum explained that it is lumber to support the hillsides on the canal road.

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

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

7. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Water Works Engineers in the amount of \$92,161.00 for Engineering Services for the High Pressure Portion of Rincon Main Condition Assessment and Conceptual Design.

APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Hicks, the above motion as approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Recommend consideration of the request of Bruce W. Hull & Associates, Inc. for a change order in the amount of \$25,000 for the Appraisal Report for the potential Golden State Water Company acquisition.

APPROVED

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

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

9. Recommend authorizing the General Manager to sign the questionnaire letter to the Los Angeles 2024 Olympic Exploratory Committee.

APPROVED

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

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

10. Information Items:

APPROVED

- a. Recreation Committee Minutes.
- b. Water Resources Committee Minutes.
- c. Recreation Area Report for November 2015
- d. Recreation Area Report for December 2015
- e. Water Consumption Report.
- f. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- g. Investment Report.

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

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

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 3:29 p.m. with Mr. Mathews reporting the closed session items and Mr. Wickstrum asking that Park Services Manager Belser attend the first item.

11. Closed Session

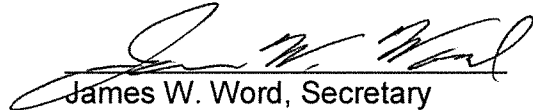
- a. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9, Government Code. (number of potential cases: two)

- b. (Govt. Code Sec. 54957.6)
Conference with Labor Negotiators:
Agency Designated Representatives: Rebekah Vieira
Employee Organization: Supervisory & Professional, General Unit and
Recreation Unit.

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 4:37 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating the Board discussed two anticipated litigation cases and no action was taken. The Board also met regarding labor negotiations and direction was given.

12. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.


James W. Word, Secretary