

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
April 13 2011

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held April 13, 2011 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Kaiser, Baggerly, Word, Hicks and Bergen 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 nine members of the public in attendance. President Kaiser led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

Pat McPherson, representing Ojai Flow, addressed the board regarding the efforts of Ojai Flow in investigating alternatives to Golden State Water in the Ojai area. After ten months of weekly meetings, their plan calls for reduced cost of water and offers Casitas a significant overall customer base for a benefit to the Casitas district.

Richard Hajas provided a report to Mr. Wickstrum which is available on Ojaiflow.com. Mr. Hajas explained that his rates have increased 65% in the last three years and are much higher than the surrounding area. He added that their pleas to the PUC have gone unanswered and the community is ready to act. The next steps will be the circulation of a petition requesting the Casitas board to form a revenue improvement district and proceed in holding an election. The desired outcome is to replace Golden State with Casitas as Ojai Valley's water purveyor.

Bob Daddi also expressed his support of Ojai Flow. He added that they are a part of Casitas now as they pay property tax to Casitas. We have always been your constituents. He asked the board to consider strongly and allow them to have the opportunity to vote through a ballot initiative to go through these steps.

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board of two scheduled shutdowns in the coming weeks. The first one is Monday on the Rincon Main. The second one is April 26<sup>th</sup> on the Ojai Valley Main. Mr. Wickstrum provided a status update on the renovations to the reservations office and the coatings on the Lazy River. Closed session item 12 a is being pulled from the agenda.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Word asked for the status of the removal of water service in CRW lands. Mr. Wickstrum explained it can be removed. Director Hicks complimented the Recreation staff for Kids Fishing Day. Director Kaiser also appreciated the

efforts of staff and enjoyed seeing the various agencies that provided demonstrations.

4. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the March 23, 2011 Board Meeting.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the Consent Agenda was approved.

5. Bills APPROVED

Director Hicks questioned the cost for the turbidity meter? Mr. Wickstrum explained that we have many of these meters in the plant and they provide critical measurements for the control and reporting at the treatment plant.

Director Bergen questioned the payment to Kennedy Jenks. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is for working with Mary Lou Cotton and state water issues. This is being done jointly with the City of Ventura.

Director Word questioned #8553 for bank fees. Are these the last ones we have been working through? Ms. Collin replied yes.

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Word and passed, the bills were approved.

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Recreation Committee Minutes

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the Committee/Manager Reports were approved for filing.

7. Recommend approval of a purchase order in the amount of \$24,479.14 to Downtown Ford Sales for the purchase of a 2011 Ford F-250.

APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Bergen and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

8. Recommend rejection of all bids for the construction of Upper Ojai Pump Plant Electrical Upgrades, Specification 10-343 and re-advertising the project. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

9. Resolution approving a grant from the Department of Boating and Waterways for the reimbursement of operation and maintenance costs of three floating restrooms for two years at Lake Casitas Recreation Area.

ADOPTED

The resolution was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Bergen and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 11-09.

10. Matilija Dam Fine Sediment Meeting Update

Mr. Wickstrum and Director Baggerly provided an update on the Matilija Dam Fine Sediment Meetings they attended

11. Information Items:

- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- b. Report on Fishery Management at Lake Casitas.
- c. Letter from City of Ventura regarding their Urban Water Management Plan.
- d. News Articles.
- e. Investment Report

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 3:37 p.m. and called for a brief recess. At 3:42 p.m. he called the meeting back into closed session.

12. Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Government Code). Name of Case: Ortiz v. Casitas Municipal Water District.
- b. (Govt. Code Sec. 54957.6)  
Conference with Labor Negotiators:  
Agency Designated Representatives: Rebekah Vieira, Draza Mrvichin  
Employee Organization: Supervisory & Professional, General Unit and Recreation Unit.

President Kaiser moved the meeting back to open session at 4:46 p.m. stating that no action was taken.

13. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

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Secretary