



Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
March 14, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 14, 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, Word, Hicks, Bergen and Kaiser were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were seven staff members and 11 members of the public in attendance.

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

Michael Shapiro a resident of Ojai commented that there have been efforts to recognize water supplies awareness of the public but no new water projects have been presented by the board. I first learned about water supply two years ago and not by this board. Other than three sisters project that was developed by individuals other than this agency, you are relying on plans to conserve and that will cause our community to dry up. Property values will plummet and city revenues will dry up. You are more interested in doing status quo and are you prepared to close down the waterpark? You spent a million dollars in renovating this building and there are no live broadcasts of the meetings and your meetings are scheduled in the day. You are arrogant and irresponsible.

President Word commented in reference to additional water supply I hope you have read our newsletters, and the Ojai Valley News to see the steps we have taken.

Ellen Sklarz discussed the website design and the difficulty in finding the parameters of each stage of the drought. At the OBGMA meeting you said you would determine the next drought stage next month and on the website it says July. I wanted to see the chart. It is under the Water Efficiency Allocation Program on page 19 is where the water demand reduction measures can be

found. She expressed that in redoing the website that this gets more user friendly and more readily available for the community.

3. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum introduced Julia Aranda as the new Engineering Manager adding that we are happy to have her on staff.

Mr. Wickstrum then reported that we have had a little rainfall but it has not resulted in much movement of water into the canal. We diverted 8-10 acre feet of water. We met with Tico Mutual Water Company regarding their desire to make transitions to ourselves or Ventura River. Future discussions will happen. We are working with Tico to try to help them work through their scenario.

4. Board of Director comments.

Director Baggerly requested that the Quagga Committee minutes in item ten be modified. There is a statement that the board voted 5-0 against the purchase of Table A water sales and that is not the case. The minutes of the meeting have a motion remanding the issue back to the Quagga Mussel Committee. I would like to see them corrected and placed back on the agenda as a consent item. I also sent a memo to President Word on March 2nd regarding the quagga mussel committee meeting and asked him to publish them today and that did not happen. I want these to be published with the revised minutes in consent agenda item as well. I would also like to see a closed session item for state water project sale to another agency under real property negotiations. Mr. Mathews stated he would need more information on that. The real property section requires negotiations.

5. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

President Word discussed the positive meeting with the City of Ventura and we are meeting tomorrow with Calleguas. Director Bergen added it was a positive meeting and there are possibilities but there are a lot of pieces and parts that need to happen. President Word added we are all working toward the same goal. Director Hicks asked if any council members were involved and President Word replied no.

Director Bergen reported her attendance at the Upper Ventura River GSA meeting and informed the board that the primary thing is to get the list of well owners and figure out water extraction and delineate big users from minimal users. Director Baggerly said individual well owners may have to post extraction amounts with the department of water rights every year.

6. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes from the February 28, 2018 meeting.

Director Bergen mentioned the typo on item 12 in the 3rd paragraph to be corrected.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Bergen, the consent agenda as corrected was passed 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 2/22/18 - 3/07/18. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Kaiser the Accounts Payable Report was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Proposed Fees and Charges for the Casitas Water Adventure at the Lake Casitas Recreation Area.

a. Public Hearing

President Word reported that this is the time and place to hear public comments on the proposed fees for the Casitas Water Adventure and asked the clerk of the board to read the names of the individuals who called or submitted comments regarding the proposed changes. Ms. Vieira stated there were none. President Word then asked for the management report. Park Services Manager Carol Belser and Aquatics Supervisor Aaron Wall spoke to the board regarding the proposed fees and the need to cover their costs. Mr. Wickstrum added that the purpose of the water adventure was an answer to the public wanting a place to cool off and not being able to do so as a result of no body contact in the lake. Director Baggerly added that the concept of a swimming pool at the recreation area was part of the original project that was approved by congress. It was controversial and what we have is a great substitute for a swimming pool.

President Word opened the public hearing at 3:23 p.m. asking for any public comments. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing at 3:24 p.m.

- b. Resolution approving the Preliminary Assessment for the Restructuring and Revision in Fees and Charges for the Lake Casitas Recreation Area and Adopting the Notice of Exemption. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 18-06

9. Notice of preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report – State Water Interconnection Project – City of San Buenaventura.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that tomorrow night at 6:00 pm in the Ventura City Council chambers there will be a presentation of the notice of a draft Environmental Impact Report for the State Water Interconnection Project. This is the first phase and has been in the works for a year and a half now to start the first phase of the connection. One year ago we approved over \$200,000 in this study with Calleguas, The City of Ventura, United and ourselves to finance this study. This is to receive public comment on the draft environmental impact report. Please attend and see what has been done in the last year to get this work rolling.

Director Baggerly mentioned that the notice does not mention growth inducement. It will remain vulnerable if it is not reviewed. He also suggested that there are two alternatives, the water advisory group report as an alternative and bringing state water down the coast from Carpinteria as another. Director Kaiser suggested that the district provide written comments.

Director Kaiser moved that staff provide written comments. This was seconded by Director Hicks and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

10. Information Items:

- a. Lake Casitas Monthly Status Report for February.
- b. Water Resources Minutes.
- c. Quagga Committee Minutes.
- d. Water Consumption Report.
- e. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- f. Investment Report.

11. Adjournment.

President Word adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Mary Bergen, Secretary