

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
January 25, 2012

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held January 25, 2012 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. 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 three staff members and no members of the public in attendance. President Baggerly led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public Comments

Mr. Mathews gave kudos to Ron Merckling regarding his representation of the district and the great speakers that he lined up for the AWA Symposium in April.

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that he would be meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation and the US Forest Service tomorrow regarding improvements at Casitas Fire Station, improving the water pipe and the septic system. Discussions will also cover responsibilities on CRW lands. Next week there is a meeting with various representatives regarding state water.

Mr. Wickstrum also reported on his attendance at Matilija Fine Sediment committee meetings. The Coastal Conservancy has fronted the money for this effort to bring in experts to better look at the fine sediments. One thing that hasn't been realized over 12 years of review is that they stopped drilling and have 25 – 45 feet of organic matter. That is the source of what needs to be looked at further. There were presentations on other dams that were removed recently and comments that the water coming off was clean. Experts in charge of those jobs refrained and said you have seen the very start of it and haven't seen the materials that bring high turbidity, therefore, don't jump to conclusions. I hope this group will work through this. There were good suggestions over the two days. The notching was brought up and the problem Brian McClure saw is that if you notch it down it will bring the courser gravels and overlay on top of the finer sediment and mix in and make it difficult to deal with the fine sediment.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Word mentioned an employment law seminar being held by the Chamber on January 31st.

4. Consent Agenda

APPROVED AS MODIFIED

- a. Minutes of the January 11, 2011 Board Meeting.
- b. Resolution approving withdrawal of membership in Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance.

- c. Recommend declaring as surplus the items listed on the Surplus List and authorizing sale and or disposal of such items.

President Baggerly pulled item b from the agenda as VCREA requires a full month of notice to take this action. It will come back on the agenda the second meeting in February.

President Baggerly informed the board that on item c there are two additional items added to the surplus list. They are a brother typewriter and an hp printer.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Word and passed, the consent agenda as modified was approved.

- 5. Bills APPROVED

On the motion of Director Bergen, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the bills were approved.

- 6. Recommend authorization and signature of the final repayment check to the Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$943,645.96 for the Ventura River Project. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Word and passed, the above recommendation was approved and the board signed the check and letter.

- 7. Recommend authorization of a written waiver to Best, Best & Krieger LLP for the purpose of their representation of Westlands Water District in the preparation of an amicus brief. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed with Director Baggerly voting no, the above recommendation was approved.

- 8. Resolution awarding a contract to Atom Engineering in the amount of \$104,398 for the Fairview Pump Plant Electrical Upgrades Spec. #11-349. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 12-06.

9. Recommend approval of the agreement for design services from Flow Science Incorporated in the amount of \$100,000 for evaluation of the Lake Casitas Aeration system. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

10. Information Items:

- a. Letter from Ojai Valley Land Conservancy to Mr. Pendleton.
- b. Letter from National Marine Fisheries Service regarding the release of the Final Southern California Steelhead Recovery Plan.
- c. Water Education Foundation Lower Colorado River Tour.
- d. News Articles.
- e. Investment Report.

11. Closed Session

President Baggerly moved the meeting to Closed session at 3:23 p.m.

- a. LIABILITY CLAIMS (Section 54956.95 (d))
Claimant: Fred Breneman
Agency claimed against: Casitas Municipal Water District
- b. (Govt. Code Sec. 54956.9 (c))
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (One case).

President Baggerly moved the meeting back to open session at 3:40 p.m. Mr. Mathews reported that the board discussed item b regarding anticipated litigation and no action was taken. Regarding item a, the motion was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed to ratify the agreement for payment of the claim.

12. Adjournment

President Baggerly adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Bill Hicks, Secretary