

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
April 8, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held April 8, 2015 at the District office in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Bergen, Kaiser, Baggerly, and Hicks were present. Director Word arrived at 3:48 p.m. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were eight staff members and one member 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).

Weston Neff, 1224 N. Signal St. in Ojai informed the board that he bought property in Ojai exclusively because of Lake Casitas. His family has a handmade wooden boat we have had for two generations. Our children learned to sail on it. Our children insisted it be brought here as it is designed for small bodies of water. It is an 18 foot sailboat. We shipped it across the country and obtained a permit to put the boat into Lake Casitas. They put a device around it and I went away for a month or so and brought it back and used it on the lake. For health reasons I could not use the boat on the lake for a couple of years and the permit expired. Our grandchildren are now old enough to go on the boat and will be here in two weeks and I have been trying to get the boat recertified since January 3rd. Regrettably the management of Lake Casitas is appalling. I have called the number that is on your website with the instructions on how to make an appointment, I have handed my name to the guard three times. Mr. Neff used his cell phone and called the number and extension 103 which said the mailbox is full. He added it has been full since January 7th. I am an annoyed citizen, I spent a lot of money to come here. Strange a public entity that has a procedure on how to do something but it is not effective. The ladies and gentleman at the gate were very helpful and said they would give my information to the rangers. I did this three times and did not receive one call back.

Park Services Manager Carol Belser asked for his phone number and said she would look into it. Mr. Wickstrum asked if the cable is still on it and Mr. Neff said no, because it is stored up on rafters. Mr. Wickstrum explained you will need to go thru the inspection process.

2. General Manager comments.

None

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Kaiser stated that at the last Finance Committee meeting Director Word brought up the Fisheries Biologist and it should be taken a look at by the Executive Committee however, the Executive committee was cancelled. It is time we have an open board discussion as to that position; the advantages and

continued funding of the position that is seven years in and wants this on the agenda for the next board meeting.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

None

5. Consent Agenda

APPROVED

a. Minutes of March 25, 2015 Meeting.

The consent agenda was offered by Director Hicks, seconded by Director Baggerly and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

6. Bills

APPROVED

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

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

7. Recognition and appreciation honoring employees for years of service to Casitas.

ADOPTED

- a. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Dorothy Fortner for 25 Years of Service.
- b. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Eric Behrendt for 19 Years of Service.
- c. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Neil Cole for 13 Years of Service.
- d. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Andy Benitez for 12 Years of Service.
- e. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Debbie Gomez for 12 Years of Service.
- f. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Rebekah Vieira for 11 Years of Service.
- g. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Steve Wickstrum for 31 Years of Service.
- h. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Troy Garst for 30 Years of Service.
- i. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Carole Iles for 20 Years of Service.
- j. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Gerardo Herrera for 10 Years of Service.

- k. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Denise Collin for 10 Years of Service.

President Bergen thanked the staff for their many years of service and commented that we have wonderful people and it is a wonderful organization because of the people putting in the hard work.

The Resolutions were offered by Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution are numbered 15-08 through 15-18.

- 8. Status Report on Water Supply and Demand Conditions.

Mr. Wickstrum provided a report on Water Supply and Demand Conditions and discussed several items to be completed in the near future as the lake has declined to 50.2%. These items include a revision to the Water Efficiency Allocation Program, Revision to the Rates and Regulations for Water Service, changes to the billing system in order to implement an allocation program with a conservation surcharge, transition to mandatory 20% reduction upon reaching 50%, looking to establish an MOU with other local groundwater purveyors, and increased public information campaign.

Director Word arrived at 3:48 p.m.

- 9. Discussion Regarding the Governor's Executive Order B-29-15 Proclaiming a State of Emergency to Exist Throughout the State of California Due to Severe Drought Conditions.

Mr. Wickstrum discussed with the Board the Governor's Executive Order and the additional information that was received yesterday.

- 10. Recommend Approval of Funding Participation for the Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Upper Ventura River Sub-Basin. APPROVED

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

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

- 11. Recommend Approval of a Purchase Order to Kaman Bearing in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$65,000 for the Purchase of a Pump Motor for Rincon Pump Plant. APPROVED

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

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

12. Recommend Approval of a Purchase Order to Prominent Systems Inc. in the amount of \$26,752 for the Removal, Cleaning and Reinstallation of Media in Filter #8 and Approve the Expenditure of an Additional \$2,655.50 for 54 cubic feet of fine garnet and \$4,618 for 90 cubic feet of anthracite if needed. APPROVED

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

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

13. Information Items:

- a. Water Consumption Report.
- b. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- c. Investment Report.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly, the information items were approved for filing 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 for the three listed matters at 4:02 p.m.


14. 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)
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Government Code). Name of Case: Native Electrical Construction, Inc. v. Casitas Municipal Water District. Case Number: 56-2014-00457255-CU-BC-VTA.
- c. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Govt. Code Sec. 54957)
Title: General Manager

President Bergen moved the meeting back into open session at 5:43 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating the board discussed a potential litigation, was provided an update on the case regarding Native Electric and discussed the General Manager's evaluation. No actions were taken.

15. Discussion and possible recommendation for approval of modification to the General Manager's compensation. TABLED
16. Adjournment

President Bergen adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.



Russ Baggerly, Secretary