

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
May 11, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held May 11, 2016 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. 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 five staff members and no 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 informed the board of the May 20th Casitas Water Adventure soft opening. Staff has been working hard to get the leaks fixed and everything ready. He then mentioned the Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting the previous day where they finalized the voting process for the JPA. The board was informed of outreach meeting to be held at the Oak View Park and Resource Center regarding Oaks and Orchard drought course with the UC Master Gardeners.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks commented on an article in the LA Times about storage in the desert towards Las Vegas and their approval to pump the water and ship it into the city.

Director Baggerly asked the Recreation Committee to think about signage on the New Zealand mud snail to be placed at the entrance to the park to advise people what is going on. Mr. Wickstrum explained that our fishermen don't bring in waders and he suggested we coordinate with the Department of Fish & Wildlife to consider signage in the area. Director Hicks asked if they are able to get through the fish screens in the event that we divert. Mr. Wickstrum explained probably as they are very small but it is not evident that they would clog our pipes.

President

Kaiser applauded Director Bergen and Mr. Wickstrum for their efforts on the GSA including the dedication of time for the long meetings.

Director Baggerly informed the board that OBGMA was notified that we had received a comment on the basin boundary modification website. The State Water Resources Control Board is taking exception with the exclusions that were noted in the modification. We will respond to the questions. It will take more work and also applies to upper Ventura River basin.

Director Kaiser informed the board that he was contacted by Bud Rowe, former concessionaire at the lake, who tried to get into fish on Tuesday. Park Services Manager Belser informed the board that we have now moved to Old Coyote as Santa Ana is too shallow. We are waiting for additional supply of the matting material and it will remain closed until we get the product. President Kaiser asked for a quick email to be sent to inform the board.

Director Baggerly asked if we have you heard from CalPERS yet. The Clerk of the Board responded yes.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Bergen reported on attendance at the Upper Ventura River Basin GSA meeting and explained that the state board wants San Antonio creek to be part of the Upper Ventura River basin and it has never been. San Antonio creek is nowhere near a basin. They work with different perspectives with their mandates. We had a long meeting and worked through the voting structure. There is also a huge gap in time between when we can adopt the JPA and when we can assess fees. The agency will be funded through extraction fees. In the interim we have to set up the board, bylaws, and 218 processes before you can do the fees and it won't be inexpensive. Money will be an issue.

Director Hicks reported on his attendance at the AWA board meeting. Director Baggerly attended the Ventura River Watershed Council and gave a short update on the OBGMA. Director Word provided his written report for attending ACWA where there were continued discussions on the drought. Going up on 101 there was no evidence of any drought with new acres of vineyards going in. He talked to some farmers around Stockton area and asked about the water and they said when we don't have state water we put a deeper well in. Coming down 99 there was a lot of evidence of fallowed fields and more conversion of row crops disappearing and converting to trees. During the conference there was angst on regulations being imposed and regulatory agencies lack of use of science, especially with the delta. There were discussions on water markets and we will hear more of that. We can be glad we don't take or depend on state water.

5. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the April 13, 2016 Board Meeting.

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

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

6. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 4/27/16 – 5/4/16. APPROVED

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

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

7. Budget Workshop for Initial Review of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget including Revenue, Expenses and Capital Projects.

Mr. Wickstrum presented the proposed 2016-2017 Budget and discussed various expenditures, revenue and the capital projects. The Board also discussed the possibility of adjusting rates. Mr. Wickstrum suggested that we move forward with the budget process and schedule the budget hearing on June 22nd and the Finance committee continue discussions on rates with further information from Mr. Mathews.

8. Information Items:

- a. Notice sent to stakeholders regarding the May 18, 2016 workshop for the 2016 Urban Water Management Plan and Agricultural Water Management Plan.
- b. Water Consumption Report.
- c. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- d. Investment Report.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks, the information items were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

President Kaiser called for a break at 5:01 p.m. and moved the meeting back in open session at 5:07 p.m. and then immediately moved the meeting into closed session.

9. Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c). (Number of Potential Cases: One)
- b. 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)

- c. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release. (Government Code Section 54957).
- d. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957). Title: General Manager

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 5:53 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating on closed session item 9 a the reportable action taken by a 5-0 vote for special counsel to file a second cause of action per ccp 526 (b) . The motion was made by Director Word and seconded by Director Baggerly. Mr. Mathews then explained that for closed session items 9 b, c and d there was no reportable action taken.

10. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

James W. Word, Secretary