

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
May 13, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held May 13, 2015 at the District office in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Bergen, Kaiser, Baggerly, Word and Hicks were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were eight staff members and three members 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).

Ralph Steele spoke regarding the issue of water exported to east Ventura being mentioned more frequently and asked that the board look for all possible ways to temporarily or permanently stop the export of water from the district until the Governor declares the statewide emergency is over and the lake is full. Keep the water in the district or we will not have any left.

Mr. Mathews reported that he attended another board meeting last night and one of the members wanted to thank the board for letting the kids train with Casitas Rowing at the lake. His daughter was involved in the rowing and qualified for nationals in Florida.

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that we have received an email from Mr. Brian Holly and requested the opportunity for us to assess what is there before we bring it to the board. Our consultant will also review the report. Tomorrow, staff will be attending a meeting regarding NPDS permits for discharges of drinking water and will have a report back to the board. The front gate at LCRA is making good progress but we are not promising access by Memorial Day.

3. Board of Director comments.

None

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Baggerly reported on his attendance at the VRWC meeting and heard from Mary Bergen about the perils and joys of being a farmer. It was an informative discussion.

Director Word attended the Economic Development meeting for the Ventura Chamber of Commerce. Ventura Water explained their proposed new rate structure. Ventura Water is not getting anything from the Ventura River and is losing 29% of anticipated volume from Fox Canyon. Their rates will be going up. They are in stage three now and will be in stage four with a mandatory cut in water usage.

5. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of April 22, 2015 Meeting.

The Consent Agenda was offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Word and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

6. Bills

APPROVED

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

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

7. Recommend approval of Leak Relief to Jeannine Altmeyer in the amount of \$1,824.57. 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

8. Recommend approval to engage The Pun Group as our Independent Auditor for Fiscal years 2015 – 2019. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Word, 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

9. Resolution awarding a contract to New Vision Construction in the amount of \$68,630 for District Office Window Replacement – Specification No. 15-378. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 15-20.

- 10. Resolution modifying the Rates and Regulations for Water Service to Rescind the Leak Relief Program. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 15-21

- 11. Report to the Board regarding the State Water Resources Control Board Drought Emergency Regulations.

Mr. Wickstrum explained that there was a minor change to the memo on page 2, second paragraph about mid-way down it is changed to the state is now requiring all urban water suppliers that are seeking to deduct Ag water usage from total water production to submit an Ag plan.

Director Word asked how do we achieve 36%? Mr. Wickstrum explained that the state has asked us to curb the outdoor irrigation. It is a challenge. President Bergen wants to focus on the allocation program and not the percentage. Mr. Wickstrum added that we will be bringing forward a new Water Efficiency and Allocation Program including a conservation surcharge for exceeding your allocation.

Director Baggerly suggested that there may be an opportunity under Section 865 to request an in-lieu of the reduction amount to a 4% reduction for those agencies who do not receive imported water and can show they have four years of supply remaining.

Director Baggerly made a motion that the General Manager submit a request to the State Water Resources Control Board for consideration under Article 22.5, Section 865 for the In-Lieu Water Conservation Standard of 4%. This was seconded by Director Kaiser and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

- 12. Draft Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget.

a. Discussion regarding any board proposed modifications.

b. Resolution setting a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget for June 24, 2015.

ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 15-22

13. Information Items:

- a. Lake Casitas Recreation Report for March 2015.
- b. Water Resources Committee Minutes.
- c. Finance Committee Minutes.
- d. Recreation Committee Minutes.
- e. Water Conservation Status Report
- f. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from Government Finance Officers Association awarded to Casitas and presented to Denise Collin.
- g. Water Consumption Report.
- h. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- i. Investment Report.

On the motion of Director Word, 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 at 3:51 p.m.


14. Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Government Code). Name of Case: Golden State Water Company v. Casitas Municipal Water District. Case Number: 56-2013-00433986-CU-WM-VTA.
- 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. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9, Government Code. (number of potential cases: two)

President Bergen moved the meeting back to open session at 5:03 pm with Mr. Mathews providing the following report on the four closed session matters. On the Golden State Water Company v. Casitas the board was provided an update on the status of that case by general counsel. The motion for rehearing was denied and there was no action taken by the Board. On the Native Electrical v. Casitas, direction was given to counsel with no action taken. On the two potential litigation matters direction was given to legal counsel on one of those and the other was a general update from general counsel.

15. Adjournment

President Bergen adjourned the meeting at 5:05 P.M.

  
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Russ Baggerly, Secretary