

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
August 12, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held August 12, 2015 at the District office in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Bergen, Baggerly, Word and Hicks were present. Director Kaiser was absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were three 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).

Randy Mitchell informed the board that it has been almost seven weeks since the incident at the water park and they have not been informed regarding actions you intend to take. Our daughter was forced out of her job and your General Manager did not deal with it appropriately and do his job. Our daughter did her job and did not do anything wrong. We expect an end to the investigation soon so our daughter can go on with her life. Do the right thing and pay her. When can she expect to be compensated?

Director Baggerly responded that the board wants to find a resolution to this as well; he explained that we can't respond to your comments today because of the Brown Act. We are not ignoring you.

Brian Holly spoke to the board regarding the high frequency noise issue on Reeves Road at the 4(M) Pump Plant. He explained that he had reached out to Acoustiblok and they seemed to think that high frequency is one of the easiest to mitigate and there might be a quick and easy solution. He provided the board with an email he had sent to them earlier in the day adding that Acoustiblok feels they can solve the problem and there should not be a high cost. Director Baggerly replied that since this is not on the agenda we cannot respond but he thanked Mr. Holly for bringing it forward and suggested that this be on the next agenda and every additional agenda until this is solved.

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that construction has started on the hypolimnetic aeration system and we hope to get oxygen in the water right away. Right now we are bordering on high turbidity and the upper gate has a bad flavor profile. The tank is to be delivered middle of next week. He then informed the board that we are continuing to ask the State Water Resources Control Board questions on the Ag use reporting. Additionally we received a notice of violation and request for information as a result of not meeting the 32% conservation standard. We are putting together our response to the state. One of the only areas that we don't do that they are asking about is patrols. If we patrol, it is only when we are following up on a public report. This was a decision that was made quite some time ago with our policy direction. We will send the response to the state and if they order us to do something I will bring it back to the board.

Director Word asked was not the intent to draw a comparison between 2013 and 2015 and how do we account for, or how do they reconcile, that we didn't have the same users in 2013. Mr. Wickstrum explained that they don't care; they are just looking at numbers. President Bergen added we are unique and the low population is a factor. Most of the agencies with high conservation targets have low populations. I am hoping they will be reasonable when they come back and see that we have done conservation for a long time.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Baggerly mentioned that he and Director Word will be attending the Quagga Mussel workshop at United. Director Baggerly added that the Office of Emergency Services is requesting comments on the hazard mitigation plan in he suggested that we include our new policy for decontamination for hot water wash and our concerns of public agencies using the Santa Clara watershed area. Mr. Wickstrum suggested that they include invasive species.

Director Baggerly then mentioned that there will be an oversight meeting on Matilija Dam in September and he asked for a report to be brought to the board prior to the meeting. Director Baggerly then mentioned that he would like a report from the full conservation team from Ron to Larry on what they are doing and how they think they are doing. Director Baggerly then reported that the plan for the OBGMA is moving along slowly but methodically.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

President Bergen reported on her attendance at the Ventura River Sub-basin GSA meeting yesterday. They are most likely to get a grant for mediation. They have decided to have two additional seats in addition to the five agencies; one would be for Ag and the other for environmental. There was discussion on weighted voting but it will require more discussion.

5. Consent Agenda Tabled

a. Minutes of July 22, 2015 Meeting.

President Bergen stated that this item is being tabled as they were not ready.

6. Bills APPROVED

Director Word questioned the bill for restroom cleaning and if it covered one month. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is for some thorough cleaning of the shower houses and would check on the period it covered.

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

AYES: Directors: Hicks, Word, Baggerly, Bergen

NOES: Directors: None  
ABSENT: Directors: Kaiser

7. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Consulting West in the not to exceed amount of \$35,000 for electrical engineering services for the upgrade of Avenue 1 Pump Plant's main service switchgear. 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, Bergen  
NOES: Directors: None  
ABSENT: Directors: Kaiser

8. Recommend approval of the policy and procedures for Alternative Decontamination for Aquatic Species. APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum provided an updated copy of the policy and went over a few changes that had been requested by staff.

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

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

9. Information Items:

- a. Water Resources Committee Minutes
- b. Recreation Committee Minutes.
- c. Lake Casitas Recreation Report for May, 2015,
- d. Lake Casitas Recreation Report for June, 2015.
- e. Water Consumption Report.
- f. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- g. Investment Report.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly, the Information Items were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

President Bergen moved the meeting to closed session at 3:38 p.m.

10. Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Government Code). Name of Case: Golden State

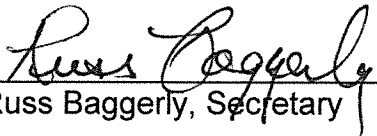
Water Company v. Casitas Municipal Water District. Case Number:  
56-2013-00433986-CU-WM-VTA.

- 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: one)

President Bergen moved the meeting to open session at 4:07 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating that the Board met with General Counsel and Special Counsel for discussion on 10 a and there is no action to report. A status update was provided on 10 b and there was discussion with general counsel with nothing to report on 10 c.

11. Adjournment

President Bergen adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

  
Russ Baggerly, Secretary