

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
September 28, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held September 28, 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, and Hicks were present. Director Bergen was absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, Andreas Booher. There were eight staff members and five 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).

Angelo Spandrio provided a handout to the board questioning the amount of sedimentation in Lake Casitas and suggested that a sedimentation survey be completed.

Randy Haney addressed the board stating he did not hear anything about the Lake Casitas replenishment plan at the drought summit. You did a nice job in representing conservation. Are there any other contingencies other than State Water? Do you have a plan or are you putting together an ad hoc committee? What are we going to do when we run out and when will we run out and what we will do before we run out of water. The best response I can give people who ask is we are working on it.

Director Baggerly responded we are working on it and won't quit. We are doing our job.

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum stated he was interviewed on Thursday by UC Davis on drought effects throughout the state. They said we have done well compared to other areas. On Friday morning I met with Ted Moore for two hours. He gained an understanding of water supplies and discuss what is out there. We looked at well maps and I referred him to another geologist and offered to meet with his geologist and Jordan Kear. Last Thursday was the drought summit and I can't say enough about our staff that worked through it and our participants who were at the meeting. We tried to hit targets and provide information. Hopefully we did that. This is the beginning of many meetings we need to conduct to keep our public informed. Ron Merckling and the staff that put that meeting together worked diligently and the web site is updated with the recording of the summit.

Saturday at 4:30 in the morning the dam tender noticed something occurring on the Rincon main and discovered a pipe separation on a high point that was leaking water into the lake. Staff worked all day Saturday and buttoned it up about 10 in the evening. Sunday morning we had an oak tree fall on an unoccupied tent in the recreation area. I have asked Carol Belser to get our arborist in to perform some more assessments in Campground C.

I have had a conversation with Lou Nagy and they are continuing to work on our water assessment and we will see some work product soon.

There is a meeting on October 6th regarding the Matilija Dam removal project.

3. Board of Director Comments.

Director Hicks reported that we have been taken off the Olympic list for 2024. The water supply does not meet their specifications.

Mr. Wickstrum added that one of our water leaders, Mr. Randy Siple, passed away last week. He was the founder of Rincon Road and Waterworks. Director Baggerly suggested we adjourn in his memory. President Kaiser asked that we also adjourn in memory of Merle Pittman.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Hicks reported on his attendance at the AWA water issues committee and attendance at the City of Ventura Take One event.

Director Word attended the AWA reception Reagan Library. It was well attended by elected officials throughout the county.

5. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the September 14, 2016 Board Meeting.
- b. Minutes of the April 27, 2016 Board Meeting.
- c. Recommend approval of the invoice to Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. in the amount of \$60,942.24 for the renewal of the Special Liability Insurance coverage effective 9/29/16 – 9/29/17.

Suzi Taylor questioned why item b was delayed by five months. Director Baggerly responded they were not distributed. Mr. Booher informed the board that under the Brown Act there is no need to address the comments. The board could direct staff to respond. Ms. Taylor informed the board that she spoke to the board a year ago to the day regarding item c suggesting that bids be sought and that waiting for the day before it expires without providing competitive bids is not responsible use of public funds.

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

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

6. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 9/12/16 – 9/23/16.

APPROVED

Director Hicks questioned #02587 to repair a weed whacker. Ms. Collin stated she would research it. Director Hicks then questioned the \$25,300 to West Consulting. Mr. Wickstrum explained that is in regard to the pump plant electrical contract for engineering design work that was brought before the board. Director Hicks questioned what a bit inspection is. Mr. Wickstrum explained they are inspections done on our larger vehicles. Director Hicks then questioned the refund of \$3,972. Ms. Collin explained that the customer overpaid their utility bill by that amount and so it was refunded to them.

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

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

7. Resolution honoring Andy Benitez on his retirement. ADOPTED

The board took turns reading the resolution and thanked Andy for his years of service to the district and the rate payers.

Andy told the board that this has been a wonderful experience in an agency. He recalled Steve teaching him how to cross the canal. He added that this is a district that has been blessed by God. This district is unique in configuration and installation and there are not too many like this one around.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 16-25

8. Resolution setting a public hearing for October 26, 2016 to hear input from the public regarding the proposed Lake Casitas Recreation Area Fees and Charges. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 16-26

9. Resolution to award a contract to Oilfield Electric and Motor of Ventura in the amount of \$400,960 for the Ventura Avenue Pump Plant No. 1 Electrical Upgrade, Specification 16-383. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 16-27

10. Recommend approval of an agreement with Gantzer Water Resources Engineering, LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$21,200 to provide hypolimnetic oxygenation system operational support. 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
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: Bergen

11. Recommend approval of a purchase order to West Coast Welding and Construction Inc. in the amount of \$20,238.88 for the restoration and coating of the dam intake screen assembly #3. 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
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: Bergen

12. Information Items:

- a. Personnel Committee Minutes.
- b. Investment Report.

Director Hicks expressed concerns about tying up money in a ten year bond. Ms. Collin explained that we have a ten year ladder and each year we have bonds coming to term. We can sell those bonds if rates go up. Right now that is the best interest rate we can get. Our portfolio is doing well.

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

AYES: Directors: Hicks, Word, Baggerly, Kaiser

NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: Bergen

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 3:45 p.m. with Mr. Booher stating the closed session was for a conference with labor negotiators and he asked the public to leave the room.

13. Closed Session

- a. (Govt. Code Sec. 54957.6)
Conference with Labor Negotiators:
Agency Designated Representatives: Rebekah Vieira, Draza Mrvichin
Employee Organization: Supervisory & Professional, General Unit and Recreation Unit.

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 4:59 p.m. with Mr. Booher stating there is no report to be made.

14. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. in honor of Randy Siple and Merle Pittman.

James W. Word, Secretary