

Board Meeting Agenda

Russ Baggerly, Director
Mary Bergen, Director
Bill Hicks, Director

Pete Kaiser, Director
James Word, Director

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
July 11, 2012
3:00 P.M. – DISTRICT OFFICE

Right to be heard: Members of the public have a right to address the Board directly on any item of interest to the public which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The request to be heard should be made immediately before the Board's consideration of the item. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of ¶54954.2 of the Government Code and except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

1. Public Comments
2. General Manager comments.
3. Board of Director comments.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes of the June 27, 2012 Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda
5. Bills
6. Committee/Manager Reports
 - a. Recreation Committee Minutes
 - b. Executive Committee Minutes
7. Nomination for CSDA Board of Directors Election 2012.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion approving nomination
8. Information Items:
 - a. News Articles.

- b. Letter from Rotary Club of Ojai West regarding appreciation to APSO Mitch Tull.
 - c. Memo regarding Quagga Mussel Survey.
 - d. Memo regarding O. mykiss rescue from Robles Weir pools due to receding flow.
9. Closed Session
- a. (Govt. Code Sec. 54956.9 (c))
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (One case).
10. Adjournment

If you require special accommodations for attendance at or participation in this meeting, please notify our office 24 hours in advance at (805) 649-2251, ext. 113. (Govt. Code Section 54954.1 and 54954.2(a).

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
June 27, 2012

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held June 27, 2012 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Baggerly, Word, Hicks, Bergen and Kaiser were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were two staff members and 13 members of the public in attendance. President Baggerly led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public Comments

Bob Daddi a local insurance agent and Director of Ojai Flow addressed the board and mentioned an e-mail he received at 2:10 today. The sender had just called Casitas after receiving a large bill. Chelbi told them to contact Ojai Flow. I get these 3 – 5 times a day. How about an update? We have received data from the PUC and we got crushed as consumers. 21.7 percent was asked for. Our rate increase will be 400% higher than the rate increase you are proposing. President Baggerly informed Mr. Daddi that we would call him back when we discuss the rate issue and that we needed to call on Jim Finch as he asked to be heard early.

Jim Finch apologized for going out of order. I commend the board on holding the costs to where they have been. I support you entirely for this increase. You have done a good job in this. I am not wild with the next one as it is predictive. I hope you keep up the cost consciousness of it. Water is the lifeblood of Ag. We have to have reasonable water. Thank you.

2. General Manager comments.

None

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks expressed his appreciation on his visit to the Water Adventure and gave compliments to Aaron and Carol and all the staff. The water is crystal clear. The park was loaded with people and the water was clear. It is well run and the kids were real professional. They are doing a good job.

4. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the June 13, 2012 Board Meeting.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Bergen and passed, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

5. Bills

APPROVED

Director Kaiser questioned the multiple UPS systems that were purchased wanted to make sure there was not a duplication of billing. Mr. Wickstrum explained that we have been replacing quite a few power supplies and it is not duplication.

Director Hicks questioned #00202 for \$8,426 for a leak. Mr. Wickstrum explained this was a leak on the Matilija conduit on Grand Avenue. It is an old abandoned service lateral from 1949 and corrosion occurred. We worked with a contractor on a Saturday to find it. This summer we are replacing some of the valves.

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the bills were approved.

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING
- a. Water Resources Committee Minutes
 - b. Finance Committee Minutes

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Bergen and passed, the Committee/Manager Reports were approved for filing.

7. Public Hearing for the adoption of rate changes per Proposition 218. Written protests must be received by Casitas prior to the close of the public hearing. Adoption of the following resolution cannot occur if there is a majority protest against the rate increases.

The President of the Board may restrict the length of time to three minutes to address the Board.

- a. Public Hearing

President Baggerly stated this is the time and place for a public hearing to consider input regarding the Proposition 218 hearing on revision of water rates. He asked the Clerk of the Board to inform the board of the total number of people who called or submitted communications regarding the hearing. The clerk explained that 84 protest ballots were received.

President Baggerly opened the public hearing at 3:09 p.m.

Dale Wharton resident of Oak View stated he was caught off guard by this as he has been on vacation. What I understand from other information, I believe that we are solvent as it is. I don't see the reason why we need this increase. I don't think the increase is necessary. The water company is doing well. There is not a reason for it at this time.

President Baggerly explained that we have not had an increase since 2008. I think everyone can understand that costs are not what they were in 2008. On top of that we have a new negotiated agreement with our union. There is an outstanding \$3 million dollar bill with the Bureau of Reclamation for seismic dam retrofit that took place ten years ago. We came up with a 3 % increase on commodity and 6% on service charge to pay these bills. The service charges are designed to pay for our fixed costs. Commodity charges help pay for operations and maintenance and other things in the general fund.

Director Bergen added the fixed cost is for infrastructure such as the dam and pipes. Meter charges are to run that part of the system. 6% increase on meter is to pay that \$3 million dollars owed to the Bureau of Reclamation. Water charges are more in terms of inflation and making the water side of things balance. We split it in two years to make it easier on people. The alternative is to have 6% now. The Bureau has just now given up the proper accounting for us to pay the bill.

Mr. Wharton said I think you should have been more aware. I know the board spent a lot of money to go to conventions. I think savings could be made where you are sitting. Particularly the last gentlemen and a going away present for him. I can't give you a name. Director Kaiser added you might be confusing water districts. Mr. Wharton added I want to voice that I don't want to accept an increase like this.

President Baggerly added raising rates is not something we like to do. We do it because we have bills to pay. It has to be paid. We have very competitive water rates in the state of California. Mr. Wharton added I believe you sent some board members to a conference. President Baggerly explained it is the Association of California Water Agencies that has been in existence for over 100 years and almost all water districts are members. They provide a continuing education program on water. We learn things at these conferences that we would not normally learn on our own. What we bring back has produced cost savings.

Director Word added many of these issues are discussed during the Finance Committee and you are welcome to attend. They are workshop sessions. We talked about the bills and the \$8,000 to repair a line on Matilija Conduit. We have to plan out some replacements on an aging infrastructure. We try to plan things out each year. We have been able to hold off rate increases for four years.

Mr. Wharton then asked can't we hold the meetings later in the evening? Director Hicks replied I have been on the board 21 years. We have tried it both ways. It makes zero difference on the attendance.

Tony Kack, resident of Oak View asked do you know the average pumping cost per acre foot. Do you know what the pump efficiencies are? Mr. Wickstrum replied yes we do. I can't tell you what it is as we have nine or ten

pump plants. We have those documented very well. Mr. Kack asked do you have and vfd's? Mr. Wickstrum explained we have one installed at Rincon. It does not make sense in all cases. Mr. Kack added I think Edison gives rebates on that. I am wondering what cost cutting measure you accomplished before you decided this. Mr. Wickstrum explained cost cutting is done regularly. We pump during the late night into the morning to get a better rate for that. We have had a long implementation to keep your water rates low. Mr. Kack asked did you do a rate study. Mr. Wickstrum responded it was done in 2008 and it recommended three to five years of further rate increases each year after that. We did not want to do that and we decided not to do that until this year when we saw a deficit we need to take care of. Mr. Kack asked how much did the consultant cost to get the rate study. Is it possible to do that in house? Director Hicks explained we like to have an impartial third party do that. President Baggerly asked if he has comments on the rate increase. Mr. Kack suggested spend less over here so you can meet expenses over there. President Baggerly said we have done that for four years. That is our point. President Baggerly asked if you put in a protest letter. If not you can give us a piece of paper with your name, signature and APN number on it so it can be counted. Mr. Kack added I understand the recreation area finances are separate and they are operating at a loss. President Baggerly explained the figures that are in the annual audit show there are brackets around the numbers for recreation. The reason it looks like a loss is the administrative overhead causes it to look like a loss. Those are charged to recreation from the water district.

Bob Daddi stated if our increase was 3% I wouldn't be here. Keeping up with inflation is something that does not work. I commend you on going four years without a rate increase. I would rather have 2 – 3 percent forever instead of 21 percent that we have as your neighbors. People are getting huge increases, not people with farms, people with small lots getting \$300 bills every couple of months. You are about a third of what we pay in Ojai. I suggest you switch from the current to the future and get ahead of the curve. President Baggerly added we try to cut it as close as we can so it is not hurtful.

Dwayne Boccalli spoke against raising rates. It makes it hard on farmers that only use Casitas water. It is difficult even with a small rate increase. You sent the forms for people to protest. I realize the way it is worded you count every meter in the district and only the people that sent the protest in. That is not the way elections work. Don't count 10,000 people and those that don't count don't vote. President Baggerly explained this is mandated by state law. Mr. Boccalli added when they did the huge increase before, I have had people tell me they didn't need to do that. Have the nerve to stand up against that law. Government agencies have gone wrong. You are here to take care of us. Casitas was created for the water users. Representatives from Casitas came to me and suggested that I plant trees and use your water. In my senior years all the rules are changed. Don't feel you need to do that and not raise the rates. Don't think it is fair to charge us equal with household user. I have a bunch of meters. I have a place in Ventura and rates are high there and they don't

compare to what the ranch needs. If you want to see green take care of us. We need help.

Joel Anderson from the Ojai View stated I submitted a request for information on June 6th and have not got a response on this. I would like to know the following:

1. Total itemized cost CMWD spent 2010 and 2011 on all Casitas board of director's health, life, dental insurance, expenses, mileage, travel, dues memberships etc.
2. How much money is CMWD paying the state to purchase water from the state?
3. How years has CMWD been paying the State for water?
4. For each year CMWD has paid how much, each annual amount for water from the State of California.
5. What is total money paid to the State for water over the years?
6. Why haven't you received the water you paid for?
7. How much of this water has Casitas not used or resold to others?

Director Word explained that we have no choice on state water. That was voted on by the people. We do not have a way to take it. President Baggerly added in 1998 it was \$100 million to take it from Castaic.

It was determined that the District was not aware of Mr. Anderson's request for information. He supplied his request and Mr. Mathews asked for and Mr. Anderson agreed to a ten day time frame for response to the request.

President Baggerly asked if there were any additional written protests? Seeing there were none, he closed the public hearing at 3:45 p.m. and stated there are not enough written protests therefore there is not a majority protest.

- b. Resolution adopting revisions to the Rate and Regulations for Water Service. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 12-24.

- c. Resolution approving the preliminary assessment for the revision to the Rates and Regulations for Water Service and adopting the notice of exemption. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 12-25.

8. Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2012-2013 Budget.

a. Public Hearing

President Baggerly stated this is the time and place for a public hearing to consider input regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget. He asked the Clerk of the Board to provide the names of the public who called or submitted communications regarding the proposed budget. Ms. Vieira stated Larry Yuva provided communication.

President Baggerly then asked for the General Manager's report. Mr. Wickstrum explained that each year we sit down with staff and begin a detailed analysis on what we are spending and what we can cut. We enter into the budget phase at mid-January. There have been several items staff brought forward as cost savers and things that will not defer the maintenance in the project. After 50 years we need to focus on the maintenance of this district and will continue to do so. This is a large project. It takes money to keep this ready and waiting for our customers when they demand our water supply. We are on the verge of signing the agreement on the Safety of Dams with the Bureau. We hope to have that in place by the end of this calendar year. Last week we signed the check on the M & I and interest bearing portion. I am happy to get that concluded so costs do not rise on this district.

President Baggerly added this is a new era with the signing of the recreation contract and potential funding to help with deficit, operations costs and infrastructure. Director Kaiser added this is unprecedented. Mr. Wickstrum added for this district it is. For other areas they have helped fund in other areas but for this district it is a new time of cooperation and we as a community in the Ventura River watershed need to embrace and develop the cooperation.

Mr. Wickstrum added we have the lowest residential water rates in this area. We work hard to get our cost of service in line with our expenditures. We had a work shop on May 7th with Board of Directors. No public was here at that time to participate. It was an open meeting. We are now ready to bring the budget forward for approval.

President Baggerly opened the public hearing at 3:52 p.m. and since there were no comments from the public he closed the public hearing at 3:53 p.m.

Director Bergen added the Finance Committee went over the budget very carefully and the board looked over it carefully and it is a good budget. Director Kaiser commended staff for their deliberative process. The budget before us that is bottom line. We are operating efficiently for the last several years. This is a meager adjustment. We could look at inflationary increases in the future.

- b. Resolution adopting the general fund budget, debt service fund and Mira Monte water assessment district fund budgets for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 12-26.

- 9. Resolution establishing the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 12-27.

- 10. Resolution fixing a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and authorizing the President of the Board to execute a certificate requesting the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to levy such a tax. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 12-28.

- 11. Recommend approval of the request from Ojai Valley Sanitation District to install SCADA radio repeaters at the hoist house on top of Casitas Dam and at the Rincon chlorination station. APPROVED

President Baggerly recused himself from this action and passed the gavel to Director Word.

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Bergen and passed with Directors Baggerly and Kaiser abstaining, the above recommendation was approved.

12. Information Items:

- a. Lake Casitas Recreation Area Report for May, 2012.
- b. News Articles.
- c. Investment Report

President Baggerly moved the meeting to closed session at 3:56 p.m.

13. Closed Session

- a. (Govt. Code Sec. 54956.9 (c))
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (One case).

President Baggerly reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:31 p.m. stating no actions were taken in closed session and there is nothing to report.

14. Adjournment

President Baggerly adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Bill Hicks, Secretary

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Payable Fund Check Authorization
Checks Dated 6/26/12-7/5/12
Presented to the Board of Directors For Approval July 11, 2012

Check	Payee			Description	Amount
000341	Payables Fund Account	#	9759651478	Accounts Payable Batch 062812	\$302,637.99
000342	Payables Fund Account	#	9759651478	Accounts Payable Batch 070512	\$400,996.20
					\$703,634.19
000343	Payroll Fund Account	#	9469730919	Estimated Payroll 7/26/12	\$150,000.00
					\$150,000.00
				Total	\$853,634.19

Publication of check register is in compliance with Section 53065.6 of the Government Code which requires the District to disclose reimbursements to employees and/or directors.

The above numbered checks, 000341-000343 have been duly audited is hereby certified as correct.

 Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board

 Signature

 Signature

 Signature

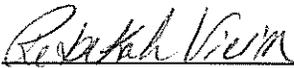
A/P Fund

Publication of check register is in compliance with Section 53065.6 of the Government Code which requires the District to disclose reimbursements to employees and/or directors.

000341	A/P Checks:	012148-012176
	A/P Draft to P.E.R.S.	062823
	A/P Draft to State of CA	062822
	A/P Draft to I.R.S.	062821
	Void:	

000342	A/P Checks:	012177-012264
	A/P Draft to P.E.R.S.	
	A/P Draft to State of CA	
	A/P Draft to I.R.S.	
	Void:	012232

The above numbered checks, have been duly audited are hereby certified as correct.



Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board

Signature

Signature

Signature

CERTIFICATION

Payroll disbursements for the pay period ending 06/23/12
Pay Date of 06/28/12
have been duly audited and are
hereby certified as correct.

Signed: Rebekah Vieira
Rebekah Vieira

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A/P HISTORY CHECK REPORT

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NON CHECKS:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00

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01869	805 WINDOW CLEANING							
I-062912	DO Window Cleaning 6/29/12	R	6/28/2012	900.00		012149		900.00
01985	AFLAC/FLEX ONE							
I-062812	Reimburse Medical 2012	R	6/28/2012	56.00		012150		56.00
01985	AFLAC/FLEX ONE							
I-365153ER	Service Fee Jun 12	R	6/28/2012	125.00		012151		125.00
00182	DEWITT PETROLEUM							
I-0019724IN	Gas for LCRA	R	6/28/2012	3,057.21		012152		
I-0019921IN	Gas and Diesel for Main Yard	R	6/28/2012	4,529.46		012152		7,586.67
09027	DALE GODFREY							
I-062212	Safety Boot Purchase	R	6/28/2012	75.06		012153		75.06
02158	Google, Inc.							
I-2151831	Email Archiving 5/5/12-5/4/13	R	6/28/2012	782.17		012154		782.17
01594	HIGHWAY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.							
I-65104229001	Crosswalk Tape for LCRA	R	6/28/2012	190.91		012155		
I-65105377001	Caution Tape for LCRA	R	6/28/2012	117.44		012155		308.35
00144	BOB MONNIER							
I-062112	D3 Certification	R	6/28/2012	90.00		012156		90.00
02225	Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP							
I-061112	Professional Svcs May 12	R	6/28/2012	4,370.00		012157		4,370.00
01876	NALCO COMPANY							
I-96620113	Polymer for Treatment Plant	R	6/28/2012	625.27		012158		625.27
00160	OILFIELD ELECTRIC CO, INC							
I-062712	UOPP Electrical Upgrades	R	6/28/2012	24,156.26		012159		24,156.26
00884	OJAI TERMITE & PEST CONTROL							
I-92149	Treatment at Ave 1, Rincon PP	R	6/28/2012	163.00		012160		
I-92150	Treatment at Treatment Plant	R	6/28/2012	163.00		012160		326.00
00169	OJAI VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT							
I-062512	Ethics Training 6/25/12	R	6/28/2012	363.41		012161		363.41

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	I-5510 Gas Tank Inspection, Main Yard	R	6/28/2012	235.00		012163		470.00
00215	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON Acct#2157697889	R	6/28/2012	6,550.84		012164		
	I-062112A Acct#2266156405	R	6/28/2012	186.44		012164		
	I-062112B Acct#2312811532	R	6/28/2012	52.29		012164		
	I-062712 Acct#2210507034	R	6/28/2012	9,713.39		012164		16,502.96
00574	STATE OF CALIFORNIA CA EPA ID # Fee	R	6/28/2012	350.00		012165		350.00
02169	Stevens Detailing, Inc, dba Sh Renew Stickers on EQ#23,30 &32	R	6/28/2012	210.00		012166		210.00
02057	Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. Movie for Movie Night 6/23/12	R	6/28/2012	271.00		012167		271.00
00234	UNITED WATER CONSERVATION State Water Plan Payment	R	6/28/2012	46,007.75		012168		46,007.75
00949	CITY OF VENTURA State Water Plan Payment	R	6/28/2012	92,015.50		012169		92,015.50
1	Anne Marie Wolf TS Refund	R	6/28/2012	42.50		012170		42.50
1	Jesse & Amy Zuniga TS Refund	R	6/28/2012	170.00		012171		170.00
00124	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST - 457 457 CATCH UP	R	6/28/2012	569.24		012172		
	I-DCI201206260580 DEFERRED COMP FLAT	R	6/28/2012	2,561.52		012172		
	I-DI%201206260580 DEFERRED COMP PERCENT	R	6/28/2012	171.06		012172		3,301.82
01960	Moringa Community PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS	R	6/28/2012	16.75		012173		16.75
00985	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION 457 CATCH UP	R	6/28/2012	423.06		012174		
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A/P HISTORY CHECK REPORT

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00230 I-UWY201206260580	UNITED WAY PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS	R	6/28/2012	45.00		012176		45.00
01985 I-063012	AFLAC/FLEX ONE Reimburse Medical 2012	R	7/02/2012	56.00		012177		56.00
09081 I-Jun 12	LARRY CHAVEZ Reimburse Expenses 6/12	R	7/02/2012	204.40		012178		204.40
00489 I-Jun 12	STEVE WICKSTRUM Reimburse Expenses 6/12	R	7/03/2012	183.69		012179		183.69
00004 I-Jul 12	ACWA/JPIA Jul 12 Health Insurance	R	7/05/2012	107,659.25		012180		107,659.25
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00836 I-10089584	AMERICAN RED CROSS First Aid, CPR, AED, LG Certs	R	7/05/2012	1,993.00		012182		1,993.00
00029 I-1283725	AMERICAN TOWER CORP Tower Rent, Red Mtn, Rincon Pk	R	7/05/2012	1,551.56		012183		1,551.56
00014 I-334302 I-339087	AQUA-FLO SUPPLY Parts for Camp F Leak PVC Parts for Pump Plants	R R	7/05/2012 7/05/2012	101.30 38.12		012184 012184		139.42
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00020 I-46781 I-46993	AVENUE HARDWARE, INC Critical Spare Fuses, TP/Dam Shovel, Handle, Rust Destroyer	R R	7/05/2012 7/05/2012	551.75 59.42		012186 012186		611.17
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00030	B&R TOOL AND SUPPLY CO							
I-1247515000101	Striking Wrench for TP	R	7/05/2012	47.98		012187		
I-1247516000101	Impact Socket for TP	R	7/05/2012	39.71		012187		87.69
02343	BelMar Industries LLC							
C-1336A	Accrue Use Tax	R	7/05/2012	124.33CR		012188		
D-1336A	Accrue Use Tax	R	7/05/2012	124.33		012188		
I-1336	Rotary Blower Silencer for TP	R	7/05/2012	1,862.85		012188		1,862.85
00032	BIOVIR LABORATORIES, INC							
I-120714	Giardia/Crypto May 24, 2012	R	7/05/2012	396.48		012189		396.48
02390	Boys & Girls Club of Ventura							
I-062912	Waterpark Refund	R	7/05/2012	3.75		012190		3.75
01616	FRED BRENEMAN							
I-070212	6/24/12-7/7/12	R	7/05/2012	391.00		012191		391.00
02388	Quanita Cain							
I-062312	Camping Fee Refund	R	7/05/2012	40.00		012192		40.00
00044	CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY							
I-062712	Single Rec Plate, Pump Plant	R	7/05/2012	13.19		012193		13.19
02391	Jennifer Campbell-Jacquet							
I-062212	Camping Fee Refund	R	7/05/2012	94.00		012194		94.00
02060	CAPCO Analytical Services, Inc							
I-121726	Backwash Solids Testing, TP	R	7/05/2012	813.75		012195		813.75
01165	CARL WARREN & COMPANY							
I-1395284	Client 0529, Prof Srvcs May 12	R	7/05/2012	530.80		012196		530.80
09907	CARUS PHOSPHATES, INC.							
I-SLS10019245	Orthopolyphosphate for TP	R	7/05/2012	18,802.37		012197		18,802.37
00475	CASA DE LAGO							
I-460021	Meal for Overtime Leak Work	R	7/05/2012	13.94		012198		13.94
00057	CLEAN SOURCE							
I-268013900	Janitorial Supplies Dist Ofc	R	7/05/2012	627.97		012199		
I-268272000	Janitorial Supplies LCRA	R	7/05/2012	1,661.28		012199		2,289.25

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01843	COASTAL COPY							
	I-413338 Copier Usage at LCRA	R	7/05/2012	131.23		012200		
	I-413339 District Office Copier Usage	R	7/05/2012	80.28		012200		211.51
00061	COMPUWAVE							
	I-SS02070800 Maintenance, District Equipment	R	7/05/2012	1,954.00		012201		1,954.00
00062	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL							
	C-9009348054 Lamps Returned 9009656449	R	7/05/2012	120.03CR		012202		
	I-9009659303 Light Switches for Dam Tunnel	R	7/05/2012	41.68		012202		
	I-9009659616 LED Bulbs for TP	R	7/05/2012	35.67		012202		
	I-9009659858 Spare Cards for Telemetry	R	7/05/2012	903.50		012202		
	I-9009659912 Power Supplys for Telemetry	R	7/05/2012	667.68		012202		
	I-9009660032 UPS Receptacles & Plugs	R	7/05/2012	229.58		012202		
	I-9009660488 Start Up & Travel, UO PP Elec	R	7/05/2012	5,500.00		012202		
	I-9009660498 Butt Splice Conn for O&M CS	R	7/05/2012	58.77		012202		
	I-9909659970 Cable Ties for Telemetry	R	7/05/2012	113.00		012202		7,429.85
02115	Consumers Pipe Supply Co.							
	C-S1194829001A Accrue Use Tax	R	7/05/2012	3.77CR		012203		
	D-S1194829001A Accrue Use Tax	R	7/05/2012	3.77		012203		
	I-S1194829001 Valve for Fortress PP	R	7/05/2012	1,947.27		012203		
	I-S1198643001 Repair Kit for Actuator, PP	R	7/05/2012	93.31		012203		2,040.58
00064	CROWDER BACKFLOW SERVICES, INC							
	I-18490 Backflow Testing, TP	R	7/05/2012	180.00		012204		180.00
02041	Custom Mailing Solutions, Inc							
	I-4020 Newsletter Mailing	R	7/05/2012	614.95		012205		614.95
01001	CUSTOM PRINTING							
	I-118545 Water Qual Report & Newsletter	R	7/05/2012	3,539.25		012206		3,539.25
02370	D2 Trailer Sales							
	I-24454 Install Flatbeds on Eq#28, 29	R	7/05/2012	5,782.09		012207		5,782.09
00076	DEKREEK TECHNICAL SERVICES							
	I-62063 Rincon PP Firmware Upgrade	R	7/05/2012	1,100.00		012208		1,100.00
10106	DeZURIK/Apco							
	I-RPI58007594 Butterfly Valves for TP	R	7/05/2012	4,049.77		012209		4,049.77
10210	DIRECT TV							
	I-17960565663 Subscription for 7/12-6/13	R	7/05/2012	2,775.24		012210		2,775.24

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00086	E.J. Harrison & Sons Inc							
I-4981	Acct#1C-00053370	R	7/05/2012	114.55		012211		
I-5004	Acct#1C-00054230	R	7/05/2012	2,179.00		012211		2,293.55
00095	FAMCON PIPE & SUPPLY							
I-142612	Parts for Valve Replacement	R	7/05/2012	2,912.91		012212		
I-142915	Restock Valves, Adapters, WH	R	7/05/2012	1,121.84		012212		4,034.75
00136	FEDEX OFFICE							
I-500300015519	Laminate Dam Construction Pics	R	7/05/2012	112.61		012213		112.61
00013	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC #1083							
I-0408315	Ball Valves for WH Stock	R	7/05/2012	349.12		012214		
I-8377740	Parts for RR at Marina Cafe	R	7/05/2012	52.42		012214		401.54
00099	FGL ENVIRONMENTAL							
I-205575A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	7/05/2012	43.00		012215		
I-205576A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	7/05/2012	36.00		012215		79.00
00104	FRED'S TIRE MAN							
I-58803	3 Tires for EQ#37, Maint Truck	R	7/05/2012	595.56		012216		
I-59084	Oil Change Eq#27	R	7/05/2012	39.61		012216		635.17
00106	FRONTIER PAINT							
I-F165975	Stain for New Flatbeds	R	7/05/2012	54.00		012217		54.00
01280	FRY'S ELECTRONICS, INC.							
I-4545625	Video Card Replacement, IT	R	7/05/2012	75.41		012218		
I-4548032	Laptop for Board Member	R	7/05/2012	481.02		012218		
I-4548037	Speakers for LCRA	R	7/05/2012	51.70		012218		
	Screw Driver for IT							
I-4558321	UPS for Gate, WP	R	7/05/2012	420.19		012218		
I-4558326	Case for Laptop, Fuse for Fish	R	7/05/2012	36.61		012218		1,064.93
00216	THE GAS COMPANY							
I-062712	Acct#00801443003	R	7/05/2012	641.84		012219		
I-062712A	Acct#18231433006	R	7/05/2012	46.06		012219		687.90
00115	GRAINGER, INC							
I-9850253486	Ballasts for Dist Maint	R	7/05/2012	23.02		012220		
I-9853713999	Safety Equip for WP, Maint,E&M	R	7/05/2012	1,019.90		012220		
I-9854512994	Socket Set for Telemetry	R	7/05/2012	76.18		012220		
I-9855790805	Bin Dividers for Telemetry	R	7/05/2012	52.66		012220		
I-9858342760	Wire Shelving for Telemetry	R	7/05/2012	638.59		012220		1,810.35

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00356	Ken Grinnell							
I-062912	Advanced Water Treatment Class	R	7/05/2012	130.00		012221		130.00
00894	HOSE-MAN, INC.							
I-5181916000105	Fire Hose for Reclaim Tank	R	7/05/2012	452.55		012222		452.55
01177	ICON SAFETY COMPANY INC.							
I-107003389	Multigas Detectors for TP	R	7/05/2012	1,312.00		012223		
I-107003390	Calibration Gas for TP	R	7/05/2012	198.88		012223		1,510.88
00127	INDUSTRIAL BOLT & SUPPLY							
I-00128274	Wedge Anchors for Telemetry	R	7/05/2012	265.98		012224		265.98
02182	Industrial Coating and Restora							
I-#1	Repair Coating Dam Intake	R	7/05/2012	140,343.50		012225		140,343.50
00131	JCI JONES CHEMICALS, INC							
I-550297	Hypochlorite for TP, CM#550336	R	7/05/2012	899.94		012226		
I-550298	Chlorine for TP, CM#550337	R	7/05/2012	1,770.00		012226		
I-551153	Chlorine for TP, CM#551223	R	7/05/2012	1,770.00		012226		4,439.94
01022	KELLY CLEANING & SUPPLIES, INC							
I-52632636	Janitorial Services, LCRA	R	7/05/2012	280.00		012227		280.00
00759	LAFCO							
I-062112	Apportionment of Net Costs	R	7/05/2012	11,524.00		012228		11,524.00
00145	MAGNUM FENCE & SECURITY, INC.							
I-8927	Hinges for Distribution	R	7/05/2012	36.53		012229		36.53
09881	Marzulla Law, LLC							
I-1809	File # 4139.0003 Jun Srvcs	R	7/05/2012	203.11		012230		203.11
00151	MEINERS OAKS ACE HARDWARE							
C-500615	Valve Returned, Inv#500201	R	7/05/2012	25.08CR		012231		
I-062712	Wedge, Bolts & Screws for WP	R	7/05/2012	16.87		012231		
	Inv#500998							
I-496705	Batteries, Supplies for O&M CS	R	7/05/2012	48.38		012231		
I-497997	Supplies for Waterpark	R	7/05/2012	69.44		012231		
I-497998	Padlock, PVC Cap for Waterpark	R	7/05/2012	21.12		012231		
I-499489	Lopper for O&M CS	R	7/05/2012	33.67		012231		
I-499908	Supplies for Telemetry	R	7/05/2012	74.89		012231		
I-499980	PVC Parts for O&M Cust Svc	R	7/05/2012	10.60		012231		
I-500201	Valve for Dist Maint	R	7/05/2012	25.08		012231		
I-500203	Lube, Gloves for Dist Maint	R	7/05/2012	15.19		012231		
I-500217	Keys Made for Dist Maint	R	7/05/2012	9.59		012231		
I-500468	Masking Tape, Keys Made, LCRA	R	7/05/2012	28.96		012231		
I-500670	Phone Case, Masking Tape, E&M	R	7/05/2012	21.51		012231		

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I-500706	Sprinkler Keys, Lube, Dst Mnt	R	7/05/2012	14.15		012231		
I-500707	Hinges for Vault #2, Waterpark	R	7/05/2012	20.29		012231		
I-500712	Safety Flares for LCRA	R	7/05/2012	14.74		012231		
I-500999	Batteries for Gate Clickers,DM	R	7/05/2012	16.70		012231		
I-501211	Hex Head Screw, Rods for DM	R	7/05/2012	49.02		012231		465.12
02387	Mitchell Instrument Company In							
I-062212T03	Insulation Tester for PP	R	7/05/2012	658.00		012233		658.00
01658	DAVID NEWTON							
I-Jun 12	Reimburse Expenses 6/12	R	7/05/2012	123.08		012234		123.08
02185	Oasis Technology Inc.							
I-0620121	SCADA Upgrade for E & M	R	7/05/2012	7,156.67		012235		7,156.67
00607	OJAI ELECTRIC							
I-071340	Transformer, Adapter for WP	R	7/05/2012	276.00		012236		276.00
00168	OJAI VALLEY NEWS							
I-02714059	Public Notice, Water Rates	R	7/05/2012	20.00		012237		
I-02714061	Public Notice, 12-13 Budget	R	7/05/2012	16.00		012237		36.00
00383	ON DUTY UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT							
I-107218	Uniforms for PSO	R	7/05/2012	418.25		012238		418.25
01342	ONSET COMPUTER CORPORATION							
C-90500A	Accrue Use Tax	R	7/05/2012	72.50CR		012239		
D-90500A	Accrue Use Tax	R	7/05/2012	72.50		012239		
I-90500	Temp Logger V2 Replacement	R	7/05/2012	1,000.00		012239		1,000.00
01627	OSCAR'S TREE SERVICE							
I-9966	Tree Service at LCRA	R	7/05/2012	630.00		012240		630.00
02389	PCWorld							
I-061912	24 Issues	R	7/05/2012	29.97		012241		29.97
00188	PETTY CASH							
I-070312	Replenish Petty Cash	R	7/05/2012	268.33		012242		268.33
02187	Pitney Bowes Inc							
I-852947	Postage Meter Rental	R	7/05/2012	112.61		012243		112.61
00627	PORT SUPPLY							
I-8477	Supplies for Rogue Patrol Boat	R	7/05/2012	357.36		012244		357.36

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01439	PRECISION POWER EQUIPMENT I-1771 Line for Maint Weedeaters	R	7/05/2012	111.00		012245		111.00
01848	PROCESS INSTRUMENTS & CONTROLS I-867939401 RF Capacitance Level Probe TP	R	7/05/2012	1,090.76		012246		1,090.76
02392	Rosemarie Robles I-062912 Camping Fee Refund	R	7/05/2012	34.00		012247		34.00
00313	ROCK LONG'S AUTOMOTIVE I-5608 Lube & Oil Change, Eq#9	R	7/05/2012	62.13		012248		
	I-5641 Repairs to EQ#37, Maint Truck	R	7/05/2012	1,045.43		012248		
	Replace Water Pump, Radiator Hose, Renew Driver Door Hinge Pi							
	I-5643 Seat Belt Retractor, EQ#26	R	7/05/2012	232.31		012248		
	I-5648 Lube & Oil Change, EQ#38	R	7/05/2012	375.99		012248		
	O/2 Sensor							
	I-5673 Seat Belt Retractor, EQ#27	R	7/05/2012	654.32		012248		
	Replace Steering Wheel							
	I-5691 Lube & Oil Change, Eq#4	R	7/05/2012	67.06		012248		
	I-5717 Lube & Oil Change, EQ#15	R	7/05/2012	436.15		012248		2,873.39
	Replace Battery, Install Accessory Plug							
02393	Keila Salcido I-062612 Waterpark Refund	R	7/05/2012	60.00		012249		60.00
00215	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON I-062812 Acct#2210503702	R	7/05/2012	6,559.92		012250		6,559.92
02202	Stanley Pest Control I-364136 Service for Yellow Jackets, WP	R	7/05/2012	85.00		012251		85.00
00047	STATE WATER CONTRACTORS I-043012 FY 2012-2013 Member Dues	R	7/05/2012	27,895.00		012252		27,895.00
02355	Sterling Communications I-27045 Replace Radios for LCRA	R	7/05/2012	4,955.22		012253		4,955.22
00498	BRIAN TAYLOR I-Jun 12 Meals & Water, Villanova Break	R	7/05/2012	108.02		012254		108.02
02394	Michael Tuchon I-070112 Camping Fee Refund	R	7/05/2012	82.00		012255		82.00

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01662	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. UB Online Monthly Fees	R	7/05/2012	153.00		012256		153.00
00185	Univar USA Inc Sodium Hypochlorite for WP	R	7/05/2012	1,393.69		012257		
	I-LA781309 Sodium Hypochlorite, Waterpark	R	7/05/2012	1,487.87		012257		2,881.56
00254	VENTURA LOCKSMITHS Keys Made for LCRA	R	7/05/2012	21.45		012258		21.45
09955	VENTURA WHOLESALE ELECTRIC Duplex Receptacle, Telemetry	R	7/05/2012	79.37		012259		79.37
00271	WEST COAST AIR CONDITIONING Reset Breaker, Dist Ofc	R	7/05/2012	147.50		012260		147.50
00530	WESTERN OUTDOOR PUBLICATIONS LCRA Advertising	R	7/05/2012	1,273.00		012261		1,273.00
00330	WHITE CAP CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY Wheelbarrow, Traffic Cone, O&M	R	7/05/2012	290.23		012262		290.23
02395	Amy Wiggins Waterpark Refund	R	7/05/2012	48.00		012263		48.00
1	David O Willhite TS Refund	R	7/05/2012	42.50		012264		42.50
00128	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE Federal Withholding	D	6/28/2012	22,748.16		062821		
	I-T3 201206260580 FICA Withholding	D	6/28/2012	21,141.78		062821		
	I-T3 201206260581 FICA Withholding	D	6/28/2012	8.12		062821		
	I-T4 201206260580 Medicare Withholding	D	6/28/2012	5,895.40		062821		
	I-T4 201206260581 Medicare Withholding	D	6/28/2012	2.26		062821		49,795.72
00049	STATE OF CALIFORNIA State Withholding	D	6/28/2012	7,031.76		062822		7,031.76
00187	CALPERS PERS EMPLOYEE PORTION	D	6/28/2012	10,141.11		062823		
	I-PER201206260580 PERS EMPLOYER PORTION	D	6/28/2012	12,105.29		062823		22,246.40

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**Casitas Municipal Water District
Reimbursement Disclosure Report (1)
Fiscal Year 2011/12
July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012**

<u>Date paid</u>	<u>Board of Director/ Employee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
7/7/11	Luke Soholt	T2 Exam and Certification	\$ 125.00
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	Airfare to CMWD 6/20-6/28	\$ 264.50
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	Personal Vehicle Miles to Newport (Round Trip)	\$ 198.90
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	Lodging in Newport, OR 6/6-6/9	\$ 281.76
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	DNA Lab Supplies	\$ 650.67
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	Lodging at CMWD 6/20-6/28	\$ 381.20
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	Car Rental at CMWD 6/20-6/28	\$ 482.62
7/21/11	Pete Kaiser	Lodging in D.C. 7/11-7/13	\$ 801.50
8/24/11	Curtis Orozco	Safety Boot Purchase	\$ 115.00
8/31/11	Ron Yost	Possessory Tax (Dam Tender House)	\$ 521.68
9/8/11	Mike Shields	Safety Boot Purchase	\$ 113.53
9/8/11	Ron Yost	Safety Boot Purchase	\$ 115.00
9/15/11	Scott Lewis	Airfare to CMWD 8/20-8/26	\$ 401.80
9/15/11	Scott Lewis	Lodging at CMWD 8/20-8/26	\$ 529.57
9/15/11	Scott Lewis	Car Rental at CMWD 8/20-8/26	\$ 262.60
9/15/11	Tracy Medeiros	D2, D3 Review Class	\$ 257.25
9/23/11	Tracy Medeiros	Water Distribution System Class	\$ 113.04
9/23/11	Jim Weber	Safety Boot Purchase	\$ 115.00
10/6/11	Lisa Barbee	Advance for Calpers Forum	\$ 680.16
10/12/11	Scott Lewis	Airfare to CMWD 9/26-9/30	\$ 344.50
10/12/11	Scott Lewis	Lodging at CMWD 9/26-9/30	\$ 356.76
10/12/11	Scott Lewis	Car Rental 9/26-9/30	\$ 211.80
10/12/11	Scott MacDonald	Advance for AWWA Fall Conf	\$ 394.00
10/12/11	Luke Soholt	Advance for AWWA Fall Conf	\$ 394.00
10/14/11	Lisa Kolar	Pesticide Exam Fees	\$ 140.00
10/14/11	Lisa Kolar	Advance for Travel to Pesticide Exam	\$ 120.80
10/20/11	Mark Passamani	Lodging at Safety Seminar 9/6-9/7	\$ 148.00
10/20/11	Suzi Taylor	Chapstick for Giveaway at Ojai Day	\$ 240.00
10/28/11	Mary Bergen	Airfare to Sacramento 9/19-9/20	\$ 289.40
10/28/11	Mary Bergen	Car Rental in Sacramento 9/19-9/20	\$ 113.15
11/2/11	Eric Behrendt	Lodging for Vibration Class 10/24-10/28	\$ 598.88
11/2/11	Eric Behrendt	Personal Vehicle Miles to Class (Round Trip)	\$ 210.90
11/2/11	Scott MacDonald	D3 Certification	\$ 100.00
11/9/11	Neil Cole	Underground Training Class for Todd Evans	\$ 125.00
11/9/11	Scott Lewis	Airfare to CMWD 10/25-10/28	\$ 280.80
11/9/11	Scott Lewis	Lodging at CMWD 10/25-10/28	\$ 240.81
11/9/11	Scott Lewis	Car Rental at CMWD 10/25-10/28	\$ 228.55
11/9/11	Cinnamon McIntosh	Advance for Backflow Class	\$ 872.79
11/9/11	Suzi Taylor	Foor for Chamber Mixer at LCRA	\$ 482.63
11/17/11	Luke Soholt	Fees for D3 Certification	\$ 100.00
11/17/11	Robert Vasquez	Safety Boot Purchase	\$ 170.00
12/1/11	Gerardo Herrera	D3 Certification & Exam Fee	\$ 140.00
12/1/11	Bob Monnier	Stormwater Course	\$ 171.39
12/1/11	Bob Monnier	Small Water System Course	\$ 111.55
12/8/11	Dale Godfrey	Tile, Blades for Showerstall, LCRA	\$ 100.48
12/15/11	Bill Hicks	Lodging & Parking ACWA 11/29-12/2	\$ 631.62
12/15/11	Scott Lewis	Airfare to CMWD 11/29-12/2	\$ 260.80
12/15/11	Scott Lewis	Lodging at CMWD 11/29-12/2	\$ 240.81
12/15/11	Scott Lewis	Car Rental at CMWD 11/29-12/2	\$ 282.77
12/15/11	Cinnamon McIntosh	Reimburse Expenses from Backflow Class	\$ 415.57
12/15/11	Ronald Merckling	Lodging & Parking ACWA 11/29-12/2	\$ 631.62
12/15/11	James Word	Lodging & Parking ACWA 11/29-12/2	\$ 631.62
12/15/11	John Parlee	Safety Boot Purchase	\$ 170.00
12/20/11	Russ Baggerly	Lodging & Parking ACWA 11/29-12/2	\$ 631.62
12/20/11	Carol Belsler	Lodging & Parking DFG 12/14-12/15	\$ 142.83
12/20/11	Luke Soholt	Safety Boot Purchase	\$ 170.00
12/20/11	Mike Werber	District End-of-Year Luncheon 12/16/11	\$ 468.95
12/28/11	Troy Garst	Safety Boot Purchase	\$ 138.35
12/28/11	Gerardo Herrera	Safety Boot Purchase	\$ 166.24

**Casitas Municipal Water District
 Reimbursement Disclosure Report (1)
 Fiscal Year 2011/12
 July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012**

1/9/12	Scott Lewis	Tuition Fall Term 2011	\$	1,614.47
1/9/12	Scott Lewis	Airfare to CMWD 1/5/12-1/13/12	\$	290.80
1/9/12	Bob Monnier	T5 Certification	\$	155.00
1/9/12	Mike Shields	D4 Renewal	\$	105.00
1/9/12	Luke Soholt	Water & Wastewater Hydraulics, Class & Manual	\$	229.50
1/27/12	Willis Hand	Safety Boot Purchase	\$	132.75
2/8/12	Joel Cox	Safety Boot Purchase	\$	159.80
2/15/12	Scott Lewis	Lodging CMWD 1/5/12-1/13/12	\$	662.22
2/15/12	Scott Lewis	Car Rental 1/5/12-1/13/12	\$	228.14
2/16/12	Willis Hand	Renew D4 Certificate	\$	105.00
2/16/12	Scott MacDonald	Safety Boot Purchase	\$	138.35
2/29/12	Larry Chavez	Safety Boot Purchase	\$	144.78
3/9/12	Scott Lewis	Airfare to CMWD 2/13/12-2/28/12	\$	241.20
3/9/12	Scott Lewis	Telemetry Solar Panels & Hardware	\$	149.20
3/9/12	Scott Lewis	Lodging CMWD 2/13/12-2/18/12	\$	411.38
3/9/12	Scott Lewis	Car Rental CMWD 2/13/12-2/18/12	\$	345.24
3/9/12	Scott Lewis	Airfare to CMWD 3/6/12-3/13/12	\$	241.20
3/28/12	Carol Belser	Lodging PRS Annual Conf. 3/20-3/22	\$	572.96
3/28/12	Tracy Medeiros	Water Treatment Seminar 2/9/12	\$	150.00
3/28/12	John Parlee	Water Treatment Seminar 2/9/12	\$	150.00
3/28/12	Brian Taylor	Safety Boot Purchase	\$	170.00
4/4/12	Neil Cole	Damage Investigation Webinar 3/28/12	\$	125.00
4/4/12	Neil Cole	Professional License Renewal	\$	125.00
4/4/12	Eric Grabowski	Safety Boot Purchase	\$	170.00
4/11/12	Scott Lewis	Lodging CMWD 3/6/12-3/13/12	\$	602.03
4/11/12	Scott Lewis	Car Rental 3/6/12-3/13/12	\$	343.16
4/11/12	Scott Lewis	Solar Panels for Fisheries Use	\$	138.50
4/11/12	Scott Lewis	Winter Term Tuition	\$	1,385.53
4/18/12	Mike Shields	Lodging AWWA Conf 4/3/12-4/5/12	\$	306.70
4/18/12	Mike Shields	Personal Vehicle Mileage to AWWA Conf	\$	352.98
4/25/12	Mark Passamani	OSHA Compliance Seminar 4/17/12	\$	199.00
5/9/12	Neil Cole	Autocad Subscription	\$	142.51
5/21/12	Russ Baggerly	ACWA Conference Lodging 5/9/12-5/11/12	\$	419.98
5/21/12	Russ Baggerly	ACWA Conference Mileage 5/9/12-5/11/12	\$	308.58
5/21/12	Scott Lewis	Airfare to CMWD June (Postponed from May)	\$	261.20
5/21/12	James Word	ACWA Conference Lodging 5/8/12-5/11/12	\$	629.97
5/21/12	James Word	ACWA Conference Mileage 5/8/12-5/11/12	\$	294.15
5/21/12	Luke Soholt	Advanced Water Treatment and Motor & Pump	\$	341.50
5/21/12	Luke Soholt	Maintenance Class & Manuals	\$	341.50
5/24/12	Scott MacDonald	Advanced Water Treatment Class & Manual	\$	228.50
5/24/12	Bill Hicks	ACWA Conference Lodging 5/8/12-5/11/12	\$	629.97
5/24/12	Bill Hicks	ACWA Conference Mileage 5/8/12-5/11/12	\$	283.05
5/30/12	Eric Behrendt	Windows Desktop OS Class	\$	131.00
6/6/12	Brian Taylor	D-4 Classes	\$	159.90
6/6/12	Brian Taylor	D-4 Distribution Renewal	\$	105.00
6/21/12	Scott Lewis	Printer	\$	129.72
6/21/12	Scott Lewis	Computer Monitor	\$	190.25
6/26/12	David Newton (host)	Advance for Galt Trip 6/27-6/28	\$	174.40

Note:

1) Reimbursement Disclosure Report prepared pursuant to California Government Code 53065.5

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE: July 2, 2012
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: General Manager, Steve Wickstrum
Re: Recreation Committee Meeting of July 2, 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:

1. **Roll Call.** Directors Kaiser and Word (alternate), PSM Carol Belser, and GM Steve Wickstrum
Public: Gary Wolfe and Luis Barbari
2. **Public comments.** None.
3. **Board/Management comments.**
Director Word noted the article in today's Ventura Star regarding the zip-line ride as an attraction to a Santa Paula park.

GM Wickstrum shared with the Committee a letter from the Rotary Club of Ojai West expressing gratitude for the assistance provided by Assistant Park Service Officer Mitch Tull. APSO Tull provided a nature tour of Lake Casitas to a 4th grade class from Topa Topa Elementary School when a docent was not available for the Rotary Club boat tour.

Director Word asked that a staff person be available for the AWA event as a tour boat docent. PSM Belser will make the arrangements for staff.

PSM Belser reported that PSO Doan is conducting a survey on boating insurance with current boating customers.

4. **Discussion regarding alterations to the Boat Rental building.**
Mr. Wolfe presented his initial plot and floor plans for the replacement of the Boat Rental building. The new building will be adjacent to the Café building, one-story with a similar size to the existing building, a slight change in building orientation on the same location, and providing a better work area for Mr. Wolfe's staff. Mr. Wolfe was advised to work with PSM Belser to coordinate Bureau of Reclamation interactions. Mr. Wolfe expressed that he would like to have construction complete by end of Winter 2013.
5. **Report on concessions progress.**
PSM Belser stated that the three new concessions are in full effect. The park store services have greatly improved and have a good selection of products. The

Committee reviewed café menus and suggested developing an anchor meal, much like the Jalama burger at Jalama Beach. The dinner menu was very good and several meals that could possibly be the anchor meal. Mr. Wolfe expressed that prices are comparable with many local eating establishments in Oak View and Mira Monte. The Committee expressed appreciation for the effort and service by all concessionaires.

Lewis Berbari asked the Committee to permit the placement of a trailer at the park store. The trailer would house his father who is working at the park store. While the request was heard, no action could be taken by the Committee. PSM Belser has told Mr. Berbari twice that special live-in will not be permitted.

The Committee discussed further the zip line idea that was featured in the Ventura Star. This recreational activity may be considered at Lake Casitas. Staff will investigate further. Mr. Berbari expressed interest in the activity.

6. **Review of Incidents and Comments.**

PSM Belser reported on various incidents that occurred in the LCRA. There were no major issues.

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE: July 2, 2012
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: General Manager, Steve Wickstrum
Re: Executive Committee Meeting of July 2, 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this report.

MEETING:

1. Roll Call. Directors Baggerly and Word, General Manager Steve Wickstrum
2. Public Comments. None.
3. Board/Manager comments.
Director Baggerly updated the Committee on the status of the San Antonio Creek Spreading Grounds project. It appears that the project has resolved water rights and environmental permitting and is ready for bidding. There is some concern that the engineer's estimate is greater than the grant funding, and that there is hope that the actual bid is less than the engineer's estimate. The project sponsors may have to look for additional funding or cut parts of the project. The General Manager is to review the terms of the contract.

The Committee discussed protocol for requests by others to endorse their cause. The General Manager will address the request and use judgment on forwarding an endorsement to the Board.

The General Manager reported on the following topics:

- a. CSDA report that the Governor had signed the budget and protected pass through funding (\$250M).
 - b. Fisheries staff completed the quagga mussel survey on June 27, 2012, in the area of the Santa Ana launch ramp. No quagga or zebra mussels were found during the survey. The Directors stated that they wanted to express appreciation and recognition in some manner to those staff members that have been vigilant in protecting Lake Casitas over the past four years.
 - c. The Department of Fish and Game performed an O. mykiss rescue from the Robles weir pools on June 28, 2012. Jordan Switzer, Fisheries Technician, observed the rescue efforts on behalf of the District. Nine O. mykiss were relocated from the weir pools.
4. Update on Villanova Main Hit.
The General Manager provided the Committee with a status update on the incident on the Villanova Main and current efforts under way to determine and

recoup costs incurred by the District. A letter has been sent to the property owner, subcontractors, City of Ojai, and the Bureau of Reclamation stating the District's position on this incident. The Bureau of Reclamation will be visiting the site on July 10th during their comprehensive facility review. The Committee also discussed the professional response by staff during the incident, noting that at least twenty-three staff members were involved with the response and recovery actions.

5. Review of Leak Relief Policy.

Staff are in the process of determining what actions are taken by other agencies and a discussion will occur at a later meeting.

6. Review of California Special Districts Association 2012 board elections ballot information.

The Committee was noticed that a CSDA ballot has been received and will be moved to the Board for discussion and decision on the vote for the Region 5 Director position.



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CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

2012 BOARD ELECTIONS

MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION

Dear Member:

A mail ballot has been enclosed for your district's use in voting to elect a representative to the CSDA Board of Directors in your Region for Seat A. Each of CSDA's six (6) regional divisions has three seats on the Board. Each of the candidates is either a board member or management-level employee of a member district located in your geographic region. Each Regular Member (district) in good standing shall be entitled to vote for one (1) director to represent its region.

We have enclosed the candidate statements for each candidate who submitted one. Please vote for **only one** candidate to represent your region in Seat A and be sure to sign, date and fill in your member district information (*in some regions, there may only be one candidate*). If any part of the ballot is not complete, the ballot will not be valid and will not be counted.

Please utilize the enclosed return envelope to return the completed ballot. Ballots must be received at the CSDA office at 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814 by **5:00pm on Friday, August 3, 2012**.

If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please mail in your ballot to:

California Special Districts Association
Attn: 2012 Board Elections
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please contact Charlotte Lowe toll-free at 877.924.CSDA or charlottel@csga.net with any questions.

R.J. Kelly
Castaic Lake Water Agency

Candidate Statement
Region 5

I have served on the Board of Castaic Lake Water Agency for nine years. During that time I served as Vice President for four years and President for two years and currently Chair the Finance Committee.

I have been involved in CSDA through my attendance at the annual conferences and seminars for approximately five years. It was during my Presidency that I was awarded the CSDA President of the Year Award. I also completed the Special District Institute programs with both CSDA and SDI.

Through CLWA's membership in ACWA I was on Region 8 and the Finance Committee held in Sacramento.

My background is finance, accounting and tax planning. I am a hard worker and think outside the box. I know that I can commit the time, energy and knowledge to assist the CSDA Board representing Region 5.

I look for your VOTE and support.

Thank you

RJ Kelly

My name is Hugh Rafferty, and I am asking your support in electing me to the Board of Directors of the California Special Districts Association representing Region 5, Seat A.

I serve on the Board of the Santa Maria Public Airport District in Santa Maria, CA. I am the Chairman of the Educational Committee of the Santa Barbara Chapter of CSDA, and serve on both the Educational Committee and the Elections and Bylaws Committee at the State level.

In addition to the above, I currently serve or have served on other boards and committees as follows:

Immediate Past President of the Santa Maria Public Airport District.
Chairman of the Santa Barbara County Taxpayers' Association
Chairman of the Committee to Improve North (Santa Barbara) County
Chairman of Coast Hills Federal Credit Union
Chairman of Leadership Santa Maria Valley, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce
Chairman of the Allan Hancock Community College District Measure I Bond Oversight Committee
Past Chairman of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Measure C Bond Oversight Committee
Member of the Santa Maria Public Airport District Finance Committee
Judge Advocate of Coastal Valleys Detachment 1340, Marine Corps League

I am the recipient of the Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation Lay Citizen Award for my work while serving as Chairman of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Bond Oversight Committee.

My purpose in running for the CSDA Board is to: first, serve the members of Region 5 by representing their concerns at the State level, and second, work develop programs to bring an increased level of education to members of the Association.

As a retiree, I can devote the time it takes to work with CSDA and other organizations on your behalf.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hugh J. Rafferty
Director, Santa Maria Public Airport District

Candidate Statement of Manuel Aranda, Jr.
San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (SBVWCD)

The SBVWCD has been a member of California Special Districts Association (CSDA) for over a decade. I have over the years attended CSDA monthly meetings. I have served on ACWA's various committees, including:

- ✚ Legal Committee
- ✚ Legislative Committee
- ✚ Federal Committee
- ✚ Groundwater Committee
- ✚ Communications Committee (Presently)

I have also served as California's representative for The Western Coalition of Arid States (WESTCAS) for several years. In addition I have over the years on a regular basis presented water issues to local service clubs, churches and schools. I feel that my experience in water permits me to serve on the CSDA Board that would continue to address the concerns of water districts in California.



Dear CSDA Members:

The California Special Districts Association does an incredible job of watching out for all special districts in the State. Their on-going efforts include the offering of educational classes and conferences and the active monitoring of legislative and policy proposals that greatly affect District operations. It is my belief that special districts are the best provider of local services and that is why it would be an honor to serve on the Board of Directors and to assist in promoting the value of special districts and to help continue the great work of the organization. My qualifications include both public and private experience including serving as a Board member on the Rancho Simi Recreation Park District since 2003.

I currently serve as Vice President of the Ventura County Special District's Association ("VCSDA"), as one of the Special District Board Members on the LAFCO Commission, as a member of the California Special District's ("CSDA") Legislative Committee, and as a member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee. I am also owner of Urban Strategies, a land use and government policy consulting firm, which was recognized as business of the year by the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce in 2004. I am very proud to have been selected as the 38th Assembly District Woman of the Year for 2002 by State Assemblyman Keith Richman, M.D. and was awarded the Strathearn Lifetime Achievement Award by the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to serve as a Region 5 Representative on the CSDA Board of Directors and respectfully ask for your vote.

Elaine Freeman
Board Member, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

Dear CSDA Colleges,

I serve on the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District. I am very proud to state that the Fire District is the first fire district to receive the District of Distinction accreditation from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation (SDLF). We became a District of Distinction in 2008. I serve on the CSDA Education Committee and the Membership Committee.

I am a retired Fire Chief with 33 years of Fire Service experience. I have been involved in city, county, JPAs and special districts in various capacities. My commitment to public service and local government is demonstrated by my extensive experience in the public sector. I served as Fire Chief for the Cities of San Marino and Westminster and as a Chief Fire Officer with the Orange County Fire Authority before retiring. I also worked for the cities of California City, Placentia, and Hawthorne. My education has been devoted to the public sector as well. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Management and I am a graduate of the National Fire Academy as an Executive Fire Officer.

I am committed to legislative advocacy for special districts. I recognize the importance of working together to represent the common interest of all California special districts and the residents that we serve. Special districts provide one of the most effective, efficient, and accountable forms of local service. It is vital that we continue to work together to influence and monitor policy decisions affecting California special districts.

I am committed to work as hard as I can to keep special districts intact. If you would like to speak with me, I can be reached at (909) 816-8396 or by email at johndemonaco@verizon.net

I look forward to your support! Thank you for your consideration.

John DeMonaco

Al Morrissette
Candidate Statement

The CSDA is viable in representing a variety of California Special Districts under one umbrella and weaving the fabric of our current and future needs into a ripstop government fiber.

I have a 40 year entrepreneurial background in the fields of horticulture, restoration, environment, business consulting and journalism. My community based background began in 1996 as an appointed member of the Pinon Hills Municipal Advisory Council, 2003 to the San Bernardino County Zone-L Water Board and in 2008 elected to the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Service District. I have help write legislation, community programs, and seek capital through the public and private sectors as a Grant Writer and Community Liaison. I serve my District as the Chairman of the Government Affairs, Park and Recreation and a variety of Adhoc Committees.

Currently I represent your interest in CSDA on the Membership Committee, Education Committee and the Adhoc LAFCO Committee.

I seek a seat on the Board of Directors to help maintain the balance of the Board, bring fresh ideas and represent our districts. I feel it is vital to maintain regular communication with your district and give our region a strong voice.

Dear Mr. Merckling,

My name is Al Morrissette; I am one of seven candidates offering to represent your district in the California Special Districts Association Region 5. There are six regions, each with three board representatives. In Region 5, we have one seat to be filled through this upcoming election process. Our Region cuts across Southern California encompassing Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. We consist of 102 Special Districts with a wide profile of community services including air quality, various conservation services, cemetery, library, airport, sanitation, fire, harbor, health, numerous water related and 16 multipurpose CSD's.

A broad profile yet with a single purpose; to serve our constituents. I have been serving my communities for 16 years covering a full spectrum of services through various boards. Currently I serve on the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Service District Board of Directors. Our district has water, park and recreation, street lights, and solid waste powers. I am currently the Chairman of the districts Building, Parks and Recreation, and Government Affairs Committees. I have also served on my districts Finance Committee and various ADHOC committees.

I bring to my community a background of horticulture and environmental conservation along with logistics, plus nearly 20 years of journalism research and grant writing. I am a fiscal conservative with compassion to think out of the box in finding ways to serve my constituents better and finding the resources to fund the objectives. I already participate on the CSDA Education and the Membership Committees. I have also served on the Legislative LAFCO Subcommittee.

As your representative, I would reach out to know your district and build a fellowship. For some districts this may be the first time that a board member performs that task, but I am a good manager of time and being semi-retired I will make the time.

Enabling me to represent your district on the CSDA Board of Directors will give us the opportunity to bring forth your concerns, needs and objective that can work through the services provided by the CSDA.

I ask for your vote and support so we can go forward.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Morrissette', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Al Morrissette



CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2012

All Fields Must Be Completed for ballot to be counted.
(Please vote for only one.)

REGION FIVE

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Seat A - term
ends 2015

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<i>Phelan Pinon Hills
Community Services District</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hugh Rafferty
<i>Santa Maria Public Airport District</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Manuel Aranda
<i>San Bernardino Valley Water
Conservation District</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moira Barron
<i>Meiners Oaks County Water District</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> John DeMonaco
<i>Chino Valley Independent
Fire District</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> R. J. Kelly
<i>Castaic Lake Water Agency</i> | |

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Member District: _____

Must be received by 5pm, August 3, 2012. CSDA, 11121 Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814



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Larry Yuva: Water-rate increase a done deal

By Larry Yuva

Saturday, June 23, 2012

Wednesday, the Casitas Municipal Water District will "discuss" its proposal to jack up our water rates again. It won't be much of a discussion.

The board of directors has already decided. It is going to raise our water-usage rates by 3 percent this year and again next year. It is raising our "service charges" by a flat 6 percent.

The service charge is what ratepayers pay each month regardless of how much water is used. According to Director Mary Bergen, the increases are justified because we are using less water! Darn those conservationists.

I say the directors have already decided on this issue because in the decade that I have watching the board, I have never known a public hearing to result in the public getting their voiced opinions considered. No matter how many people attend.

This time, three of the directors will probably be too busy thinking about their next junket vacation rather than listening. The three just returned from a water conference in Monterey. We picked up their \$200 per night hotel room, paid them 55 cents a mile to drive up there and gave them a nice food allowance, too.

Of course, we did not pay for their guests/wives' meals. Still, it is nice to have your getaways paid for by the public.

According to our independent auditor's report, the district is financially sound. In 2011, district's net assets increased by 4 percent, more than \$3 million. True, the income was down due in part to the successful water conservation measures we paid the district to implement. But also because the recreation area is such a money loser.

Last year, it lost \$444,000 and the year before it was \$186,000. Yet, the directors swear that the recreation area is totally separate from the utility. The losses do not justify any water-rate increases.

At the rate hearing this week, the directors will say that the increases are necessary due to inflation and uncontrollable overhead costs. That is because neither the managers nor the board ever try to cut costs.

At a time when our schools are losing teachers, class hours and activities, the district will not consider cuts to its staff or their wages. In fact, the directors just gave the general manager a bump to his generous compensation.

The other employees get automatic wage increases. That could change if anyone there really wanted to preserve public trust.

We could save \$100,000 a year just by hiring a local fisheries biologist. For seven years now, we have been flying a man down from Oregon seven or eight times a year to study the fish in the Ventura River. Yet, he is paid more than \$120,000 per year.

That's not all. We are paying for him to pursue his doctoral degree — online. We pay his tuition, his books, his computer, his Internet connection, his travel expenses, his hotels, his food and his car. As of a few months ago, the district had no idea when he would earn his doctorate.

The board of directors could save us about \$70,000 per year by eliminating its own health insurance. The board receives full-time health insurance for its very part-time work. Their junkets to the above-mentioned conference cost us about \$1,000 each and they attend two or three of these apiece each year.

They won't give the ratepayers a discount on the entrance to Lake Casitas, but they get unrestricted passes themselves.

Last year's budget demonstrates that the managerial staff at the district does not value the public's money. That budget underestimated the district's revenues by \$1.398 million. It overestimated expenditures by three times that amount. Try as it might, the district could only spend \$11 million of the \$15 million budgeted.

In conclusion, there is really not much we can do about the mess at our special district. It won't listen. The board isn't going to change its happy lifestyle. It's just going to charge us more.

This is an election year. Three of the directors are up for election. Time to vote them out. If for no other reason than to give other people a shot at the good life at Casitas Municipal Water District.

Larry Yuva lives in Ojai.



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Opinion

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Discussion illusion

Larry Yuva
Guest editorial

It is that time again. Time to open up our wallets to the needy over at our Casitas Municipal Water District. On June 27, the district will "discuss" their proposal to jack up our water rates again. It won't be much of a discussion though. Our board of directors have already made up their minds. They are going to raise our rates by 3 percent this year and again next year. That is for the water we use. Then they are raising our "service charges" by a flat 6 percent. The service charge is what we pay each month regardless of how much water we use. The reason for this rate increase according to Director Bergen is due to inflation and because we don't use as much water these days. Those darn conservationists are always costing us money.

I say the directors have already made up their minds because in the decade or so that I have been following the "Special District" I have never known a public hearing to result in the public getting their voiced opinions considered. No matter how many people show up. And this time, three of the directors will probably be too busy thinking about their next ratepayer-financed vacation to be listening to that nagging public. Mr. Hicks, Mr. Word, and Mr. Baggerly have recently returned from a water conference up in Monterey. We

ratepayers picked up their \$200-per-night hotel room, paid them 55 cents a mile to drive up there, and gave them a nice food allowance too. Of course, we did not pay for the meals of the other people in their rooms, presumably their wives. But still, it must have been a nice cheap vacation. I doubt they would have spent their own money for the trip. Mr. Baggerly's report complained that the speakers were boring. But then he got a two-fer deal. Rather than suffering through the entire conference, he and his guest just went up for one day. We paid for two nights at the plush resort.

Concerning the water rate increases, I have spent some time pouring over the financial statements prepared by the auditor that we ratepayers hired. According to his report, our water district doesn't really need any more money. He says that in 2011, our net assets increased by 4 percent. That is more than \$3,000,000. True, the income was down due in part to the water conservation education that we have been paying the district to implement. But also because the Recreation Area is such a money loser — always has been and always will be. And despite what the directors will preach to you, that campground and water park is financed by us ratepayers. Last year the recreation department lost \$444K and the year before it was \$186K. Throw in the depreciation of their "assets" and

the fact that they do not pay their full share of the operational overhead of the district and we are talking big-time loser.

But no one at the district really loses. I mean, none of the employees and the board of directors. No matter how much they tell us that their costs are uncontrollable, we never hear about them actually trying to control their costs. The directors will tell us that it is the overhead of wages and benefits that justify a rate increase. Well, it is not written into law that we cannot cut back on the number of employees or renegotiate their "automatic" cost of living increases. After all, our schools are losing teachers and classes and activities. The staff at CMWD, to my knowledge, has never been reduced or had any of its perks taken away. And they get plenty of perks. We even buy boots for the employees. Damn good ones too, since they are not spending their money for them. They buy two pairs a year at up to \$170 a pair.

And how about that fisheries biologist we are subsidizing? We have been paying him a salary of \$120,000 a year, paying for his education so he can get his doctorate and then flying him down here from Oregon seven or eight times a year so he can actually work for us. Why? We have been paying his education for seven years and he still doesn't have a doctorate. And, he is taking his courses online, so we buy him computers, internet

connection, printers, telephones, you name it. The end is not in sight nor is the benefit to us. It's an endless money pit.

Then there's our board of directors. Three of them are up for election and I say it is time for them to get a real job and buy their own health insurance. They have been dingling us ratepayers some \$70k per year for their health insurance — full-time health insurance for very part-time work. We give them health insurance, free passes to Lake Casitas, free trips to "conferences" in places like Monterey, Palm Springs, Lake Tahoe. They can spend our money, but they seem unable to save it.

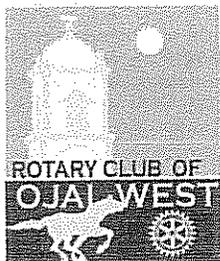
A closing word about the CMWD budget which will be adopted at the meeting

on June 27. The budget that they passed last year demonstrates that the managers at CMWD have no idea about the value of other people's money. Their final budget last year showed that while they underestimated their revenues by \$1,398,031, they overestimated their expenditures by three times that amount. They budgeted themselves \$15 million and, try as hard as they could to spend it all, they could only spend \$11 million. It is so obvious that rate increase is needed — if you can train yourself to think like a Casitas person.

In conclusion, there is really not much we can do about the mess at our special district. They won't listen. They won't give up their easy life. Think about

it. Going to work at Lake Casitas every day in your new free boots. Looking in the catalogs to see which class or seminar or conference in what swell place you can get paid to attend. The security of knowing no matter what happens, life will get only get better because you are guaranteed a wage increase each and every year. Nobody is going to change that sweet deal. You, we, can only vote it out. Vote out those three directors. They have shown that they have no interest in changing anything, so we have to give them a change.

Larry Yuva has lived in Ojai for about 20 years and is a concerned citizen who has been attending CMWD meetings for 10 years.



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June 26, 2012

Re: APSO Mitch Tull,

Dear Officer Taylor,

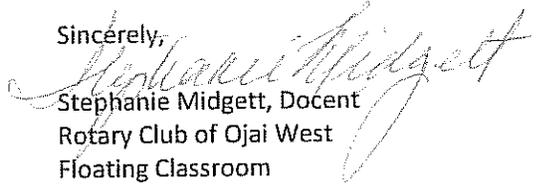
It is with gratitude that I write of the service of Asst. Park Services Officer, Mitch Tull, for the Rotary Club of Ojai West Floating Classroom Program.

On June 5th, Barbara Brown and her 4th grade class from Topa Topa School were scheduled for a Floating classroom with a land side class that began around noon. I was scheduled to teach the class and found I would need to be at a meeting out of town that day. Other docents were not available and it was then that Ranger Mitch stepped in and gave the students and teacher a wonderful landside nature tour. Mrs. Brown spoke of his great information and the fun he had with the group. Her appreciation was sincere and I join her with mine for his service to our wonderful Lake Casitas, the young students in our community and the effort of the "Floating classroom."

It is my hope that you will extend my appreciation to Ranger Tull and provide a copy for him and his file. Such wonderful service should always be recognized !

It is a pleasure to work with you and your office on our shared interest in educating our community.

Sincerely,


Stephanie Midgett, Docent
Rotary Club of Ojai West
Floating Classroom

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SUSAN MCMAHON, WATER QUALITY SUPERVISOR
FROM: MICHAEL GIBSON, ASSOCIATE FISHERIES BIOLOGIST
SUBJECT: QUAGGA MUSSEL SURVEY
DATE: JULY 2, 2012
CC: STEVE WICKSTRUM, GENERAL MANAGER; SCOTT LEWIS, FISHERIES PROGRAM MANAGER; CAROL BELSER, PARK SERVICES MANAGER

On June 27, 2012, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, a snorkel survey was conducted at Lake Casitas for zebra/quagga mussels. The methodology used for the survey followed DWR's Zebra/Quagga Surface Survey Protocol. The survey was conducted by two snorkelers, using visual and tactile methods, and one safety observer. Approximately 15 percent of Santa Ana Ramp/Marina was surveyed which included: 200 ft of dock, 100 ft of shoreline, 100 ft of boat ramp bottom, 100 ft of dock cable, 50 ft. of mooring line, 113 ft of woody debris, 5 ft of concrete structure, and 60 ft of marina barrier buoys. No quagga or zebra mussels were observed during the survey, although dozens of *Corbicula sp.* and snails were observed.

Casitas Municipal Water District
Interdepartmental Memorandum

To: Scott Lewis, Fisheries Program Manager

From: Jordan Switzer, Fisheries Technician

Subject: *O. mykiss* rescue from Robles weir pools due to receding flow

Date: 29 June 2012

Synopsis

California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) personnel rescued nine *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (*O. mykiss*) from two weir pools immediately downstream of the Robles Fish Passage Facility (Robles) measurement weir. CDFG transported and released the *O. mykiss* to a pool approximately 400 m upstream of the Ojai Valley Sanitation District (OVSD) Waste Water Treatment Plant effluent pipe. Of the nine released *O. mykiss*, eight were in good health and one appeared to be in a state of recuperation.

Background

Each year, receding surface flow often causes *O. mykiss* to become stranded in holding areas which may dry up. Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) fisheries personnel monitor subsurface flow in the upper Robles Reach and notifies NMFS and CDFG when holding areas containing endangered *O. mykiss* may become dry.

Beginning in mid-May 2012, when surface flows were observed to be actively receding in the upper Robles Reach, CMWD fisheries personnel began monitoring the down welling location on a weekly basis. On 25 June 2012, the down welling location was 130 meters downstream of the Robles measurement weir. Flow over the weir measured 0.22 cfs. *O. mykiss* were observed in weir pools #2 and #3 downstream of the measurement weir.

On 28 June 2012 at 08:00, Mike Gibson (CMWD) escorted Chris Lima (CDFG) to Robles. Very low flow was observed passing over the measurement weir. The upper three pools held little water and the fourth was dry. The presence of *O. mykiss* was confirmed in weir pool #2 and #3 and NMFS determined an electrofishing fish rescue was necessary and would be conducted by CDFG.

Chris Lima stayed on location and was later met by Jordan Switzer (CMWD), Dana McCanne (CDFG), Jillian Taylor (CCC), and Dylan Brook (CCC). At 11:15, weir pool #2 had a dissolved oxygen and temperature of 9.6 mg/L and 24.6 °C, respectively. A

recovery cooler was filled with water from upstream of the facility at a temperature of 22.7 °C.

From 11:30 to 12:00, nine *O. mykiss* ranging from 16 to 29 cm were captured from weir pool #2 and #3. Dana McCanne operated the electrofisher with Jillian Taylor and Chris Lima netting the fish (see Photo #1). One pass was made through weir pool #2 yielding one *O. mykiss*. Several passes were made in weir pool #3 yielding eight *O. mykiss*. The last remained on its side in the recovery cooler for several minutes (see Photo #2). It eventually regained equilibrium, although did not appear to fully recover.

A scour pool measuring 33 m long, 14 m wide, and approximate 2.3 m deep was selected as a release site. The pool is located at river kilometer 8.5, approximately 400 m upstream of the OVSD treatment plant. It was chosen for its location in a reach with perennial flows, relative inaccessibility by the public, and a depth that provides safety from predators, and cooler temperatures for over-summering.

The crew arrived at 12:40 with the nine *O. mykiss* to be released. Dissolved oxygen and temperature in the pool were 10.6 mg/L and 21.2 °C, respectively. The water in the cooler was 23.0 °C. The last *O. mykiss* captured was released first. It appeared sluggish and was having difficulty maintaining equilibrium. The fish measured and was held by hand in the water for a couple minutes before it swam away to take shelter under a nearby algae patch (see Photo #3). It remained in the area for several minutes, exhibiting sluggish behavior, before eventually moving to the depths of the pool.

The remaining eight *O. mykiss* were also measured before release, and moved into the pool within several seconds. The crew stayed for several minutes to take pool measurements, and insure released *O. mykiss* were not exhibiting abnormal behavior. Nothing was observed and the crew left at approximately 13:00.

Robles was visually surveyed on 29 June 2012 at 09:15 by Jordan Switzer. No water was flowing over the weir and all four pools contained water. Each pool was observed for several minutes. No *O. mykiss* were observed, however, several out of view sheltering areas were present. Water was not flowing out of the entrance pool immediately downstream of the facility, indicating another rescue will be likely in the near future.



Photo 1.



Photo 2.



Photo 3.