

Casitas Municipal Water District  
RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Agenda  
Brennan/Spandrio  
**June 4, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.**  
Casitas Municipal Water District  
1055 Ventura Ave.  
Oak View, CA 93022

1. Roll Call
2. Public comments.
3. Board/Management comments.
4. Review Monthly Recreation Report for March and April.
5. Review of Incidents and Comments.

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. If you require special accommodations for attendance at or participation in this meeting, please notify our office 24 hours in advance (805) 649-2251 ext. 113. (Govt. Code Section 65954.1 and 54954.2(a). Please be advised that members of the Board of Directors of Casitas who are not members of this standing committee may attend the committee meeting referred to above only in the capacity of observers, and may not otherwise take part in the meeting. (Govt. Code Sections 54952.2(c)(6)

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA

DATE: April 23, 2019  
 TO: Recreation Committee  
 FROM: Carol Belser, Park Services Manager  
 SUBJECT: Recreation Area Monthly Report for March 2019

Visitation Numbers

The following is a comparison of visitations\* for March 2019.

|                    | <b>March<br/>2019</b> | <b>March<br/>2018</b> | <b>February<br/>2019</b> | <b>Totals for Fiscal Year<br/>through March 2019</b> |         |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|---------|
| Visitor Days       | 46,012                | 38,900                | 22,636                   | 2018/2019  | 433,363 |
| Camps              | 4,230                 | 3,965                 | 2,678                    | 2017/2018  | 436,344 |
| Cars               | 11,503                | 9,725                 | 6,143                    | %Change  | -0.683  |
| Boats              | 286                   | 214                   | 119                      |  |         |
| Kayaks &<br>Canoes | 1                     | 3                     | 2                        |  |         |

\*The formulas for calculating the above attendance figures derived from the daily cash reports are as follows:

**Visitor Days** = Daily vehicles + 30 minute passes X 3 + café passes + attendance at special events + annual vehicle decals + replacement decals + campsites occupied + extra vehicles X 4

**Camps** = Campsites occupied + extra vehicles

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Operations, Boating, Incidents

The Park Rangers attended the annual California Park Ranger conference located in Ventura. The close proximity to the Lake Casitas Recreation Area made it possible for all Park Rangers to attend. The itinerary on page 2 is an example of the module topics attended.

Staff continued to keep docks, boat house anchoring, and the turbidity curtain systems adjusted with the rising lake level. In March there were 681 recreational vessels tagged for re-entry into Lake Casitas, 2 passed new invasive mussel inspections, and 3 failed first inspection.

In the month of March, there were 57 patrol observations where park staff made customer contact. Park Rangers responded to 37 calls for service and 21 customer service issues. There were 3 medical responses and 2 required transport, 29 disturbances with 2 requiring support from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. There were no unattended fires, 15 traffic violations, 3 parking violations, 4 restricted area violations, 3 boating violations, 2 fishing violations, 4 restricted area violations, 6 leash law violations. There were 47 body contact with water, all were in Santa Ana Creek and a dog rescue that involved County Fire and Animal Service, the canine was stranded on rocks in Santa Ana Creek, and rescued without incident.



## California Parks Training & Conference – Tuesday, March 5, 2019

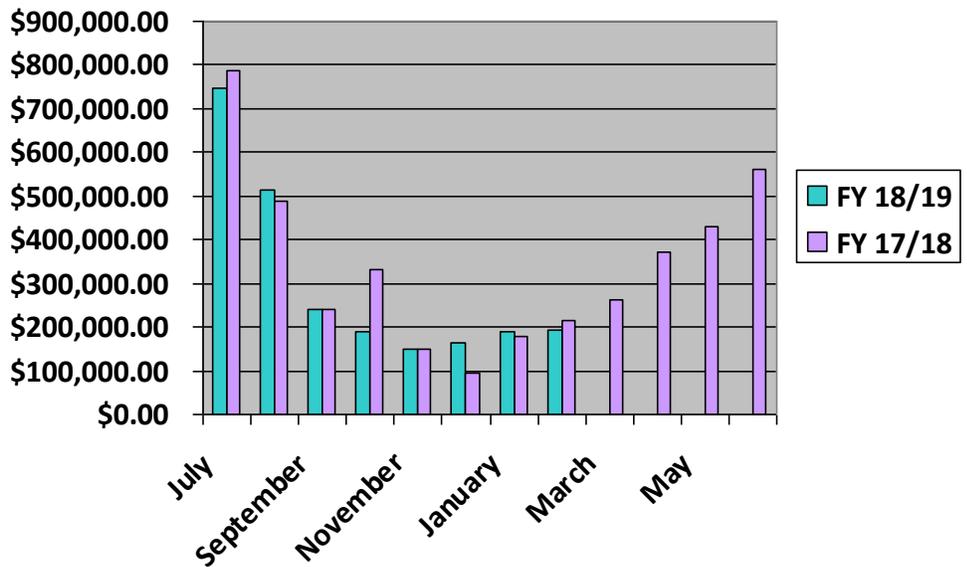
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|               | Track 1 – Resource Management   | Track 2 – Public Safety  | Track 3 – Interpretation   | Track 4- PLEA   |
|---------------|---|--|--|---|
| 8:00-10:00am  | Welcome and Opening Ceremony  |  |  |   |
| 10:15-11:15am | Surviving the Storm Season<br>Sue Stoffel<br>Kelly Bruggman<br>OC Parks                     | Homeless liaison- Legal update in park environments<br>Juan Cordova-VCSO<br>Senior Dept. Head<br>Homeless Unit | Bats<br>Dawn Soles<br>LARPD  | Kerry Plemmons<br>Public Safety<br>Leadership<br>Training<br><br><b>All Day Session</b> |
| 11:30-12:30pm | Encampment Impacts<br>Robert Williams, RivCo<br>Sue Stoffel<br>OC Parks                     | Drug Recognition- West Coast trends<br>Capt. Robert Thomas- VCSO<br>Narcotics Manager                          | Arachnids<br>Dawn Soles<br>LARPD   |   |
| 12:30-2pm     | Lunch – Provided with Full Registration   |  |  |   |
| 2:15-3:15pm   | Tips & Techniques to Building Sustainable Trails<br>James Wooten<br>Sue Stoffel<br>OC Parks | Hazmat Awareness<br>Chief John Spykerman-VCFD  | Critter Craniums and Crafts<br>Kelley Bruggman<br>OC Parks                       |   |
| 3:30-4:30pm   | Mountain Lions of the Santa Monica Mountains<br>Seth Riley, PHD & Jeff Sikich, NPS          | Ventura Fire overview/lesson learned<br>Kevin McGowan-VCSO<br>Emergency Services Manager                       | Learning Styles for Roving Rangers<br>Kelley Bruggman<br>Sue Stoffel<br>OC Parks |   |
| 4:45-5:45pm   | Wildlife Crossing 101<br>Beth Pratt, CA NWF Director  |  | Drawing plants and animals<br>Sama Wareh   |   |
| 6:00-8:00pm   | Dinner on your own  |  |  |   |

### Revenue Reporting

The 2018/2019 unaudited monthly revenue figures will be reported when made available in the respective months (operations, concessions, Water Adventure, etc.) per the District's Financial Summary generated by the Finance Manager.



**CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA**

DATE: May 13, 2019  
 TO: Recreation Committee  
 FROM: Carol Belser, Park Services Manager  
 SUBJECT: Recreation Area Monthly Report for April 2019

Visitation Numbers

The following is a comparison of visitations\* for April 2019.

|                    | <b>April<br/>2019</b> | <b>April<br/>2018</b> | <b>March<br/>2019</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Visitor Days       | 78,820                | 69,876                | 46,012                |
| Camps              | 5,727                 | 3,885                 | 4,230                 |
| Cars               | 19,705                | 17,469                | 11,503                |
| Boats              | 302                   | 274                   | 286                   |
| Kayaks &<br>Canoes | 5                     | 6                     | 1                     |

| <b>Totals for Fiscal Year<br/>through April 2019</b> |         |
|--|---------|
| 2019/2020  | 512,183 |
| 2018/2019  | 506,220 |
| %Change  | +1.178  |

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Operations, Boating, Incidents



The return of Kids Fishing Day on April 6, 2019, after five years was well received by attendees and staff. The event ran smoothly and successfully both in attendance and in logistics. Every child caught fish! We will look to improve the event next time by decreasing the long line the children and their parent/guardian had to wait to catch the fish. We appreciated the volunteers including members of the community group Save the Lake Casitas, who spent their Saturday helping out and getting youth hooked on fishing. The event attracted over 500 young anglers. To successfully present an event such as Kids Fishing Day, it takes a combination of finessing and luck in logistics to purchase the triploid rainbow trout, have the trout delivered near the date of the event, corral the fish, and then hope that the fish will bite and be caught.

Easter Sunday was a busy day and kicked off the 2019 high season. Revenue statistics show 2019's Easter had more in attendance than the past two year. Lake

Casitas received a plant of triploid rainbow trout from California Department of Fish and Wildlife on April 25, 2019. Due to hatchery renovations the last plant was received back in March 2018. Waterpark staff are busy finishing repairs in the Casitas Water Adventure, and visiting local high schools and colleges for their summer recruitment. We anticipate to hire 80 lifeguards.

There were 680 recreational vessels tagged for re-entry into Lake Casitas, 17 passed new invasive mussel inspections, and 6 failed first inspection. In the month of April, there were 193 patrol observations where park staff made customer contact in March. Park Rangers responded to 49 calls for service and 48 customer service issues. There were 2 medical responses and one required transport, 153 disturbances with 4 requiring support from the Ventura County Sheriff’s Office. There were 6 unattended fires, 26 traffic violations, 5 parking violations, 9 restricted area violations, 10 boating violations, 6 fishing violations, 9 restricted area violations, 3 leash law violations. There were 48 body contact with water. A customer’s canine was bitten by a rattle snake in Bass Campground, and received anti-venom from a veterinarian.

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