



Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
July 26, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held July 26, 2017 at the Oak View Resource Center located at 555 Mahoney Ave. in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. 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 four staff members and four members of the public in attendance. President Baggerly led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments (Items not on the agenda – three minute limit).

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum thanked Mike Flood for his work with staff during this busy time. We have been busy with the Ojai system and a lot of construction going on in the office. Staff made a discovery of quagga mussels on Saturday. A boat came in to be inspected and when the motor was dropped, water came out and it failed instantly. Upon further inspection, they found dead quagga mussels near the swim board underneath at the rear of the boat. We are heading towards ten years of our program and this is the first time we have seen it on our front porch. This reinforces that they are out there and only 40 miles away. The boat had been at Piru but had been out of the water for long enough for them to die off. Our employees are dedicated to protecting Lake Casitas and deserve credit for finding this and taking appropriate actions and protocols, we have set forth. They do this diligently each and every time. We have appreciation for the work of RJ Faddis and Mitch Tull for their efforts. Director Baggerly added we understand our employees are just doing their job but it is so important, more important than camping or enjoying a pleasant afternoon at the lake. We need them to be dedicated and thank them for doing their job well.

Mr. Wickstrum then informed the board that yesterday Director Kaiser called me regarding trespassing at Matilija Dam over the weekend. It is a usual summer occurrence. An email was sent to Jeff Pratt and Glenn Sheperd with the County Watershed Protection District and my suggestion was to get in contact with sheriff get more no parking signs and enforce the parking along those

roadways. That is what we did in the 80's. With YouTube it is a sensation to jump off the backside of the dam.

Regarding the Ojai system, staff is very busy with customer applications from the Ojai residents. There has been a lot of work in administration office during the middle of construction. Last night we had the leak of the week. It was good size leak north of the San Antonio yard. Meter replacements will begin on Monday July 31 and it sounds like there is a systematic plan to move forward on it. We know we will find some interesting connections. Some of the leaks are where it appears someone reduced the copper pipe to reduce flow.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Kaiser added that with the leak of the week occurring often it is important to make sure to get the word out to the public to immediately contact us.

Director Word mentioned that he just returned from the northwest and then came through Montana and saw an article just addressing the quagga mussel issue.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Bergen reported having conference calls regarding the grant application for the Upper Ventura River GSA. The grant is allowing matching funds for anything including legal fees.

Director Hicks and Word attended the Water Issues meeting. Tony Morgan from United spoke on quagga mussels and they are still releasing polluted water in the river. Only 900 AF got in the Freeman Diversion. Director Baggerly attended the Watershed Coalition of Ventura County steering committee where they provided Prop 84 updates and the funding work plan.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from the July 12, 2017 meeting.

ADOPTED

The consent agenda was offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Bergen and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

6. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 7/06/17 - 7/19/17.

APPROVED

Director Kaiser asked about #27152 and the Clerk of the Board explained that was for a Workers' Compensation Claim. Director Word asked about the scada expenses and Mr. Wickstrum explained that is for the Ojai System. Director Hicks asked about the payments to United and the City of Ventura. Ms. Collin explained it is part of the State Water project reconciliation from previous years. Director Bergen asked about #27048 to Verizon and Ms. Collin explained that is for the district phone and the cell phones.

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

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

7. Recommend approval of an agreement with Water System Consulting in the not to exceed amount of \$220,968 for the Ojai System Water Master Plan and Condition Assessment. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser the above recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Verbal Update on the District Office Remodel.

Neil Cole provided an update on the District Office remodel explaining that completion is expected by the end of August and there is one small change order to add an additional storage area. Director Kaiser suggested meeting with Joe Evans regarding building security.

9. Information Items:

- a. Recreation Committee Minutes.
- b. Recreation Area Report for May 2017.
- c. Recreation Area Report for June 2017.
- d. Investment Report.

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

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

10. Adjournment.

President Baggerly adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

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Bill Hicks, Secretary