



Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
August 23, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held August 23, 2017 at the Casitas Municipal Water District located at 1055 Ventura Ave. in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Baggerly, Word, Hicks, Bergen and Kaiser were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, Andreas Booher. There were three staff members and six 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).

Ben Van Der Kar addressed the board expressing concern regarding the penalty charges that they incurred on their three ranches. We used 18% less water this growing season than last year. We don't want to be part of the problem draining the lake but we can't really cut down trees and stop watering them. Ben went on to state that his uncle did not read the messages on the bills so this was quite a surprise. We are feeling discouraged and trying to do the right thing. It was a decent rain year and we didn't see the lake fill up as much as we thought it would. If you would like to consider reducing that surcharge we would appreciate it.

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported on his meeting with the general manager at United Water Conservation District discussing obtaining information on their monitoring of quagga and releases from Santa Felicia dam and Piru Creek. I was able to share my thoughts on eradication and control. I also asked him for any consultant reports on the action they claim kills the quagga mussels. Would like to see that information if it is available to help us understand. President Baggerly asked if they have discovered anything downstream. Mr. Wickstrum stated from what I understand they have not discovered anything downstream but I want to see the data. President Baggerly asked if the article 21 water from Castaic has arrived? Mr. Wickstrum affirmed that he thinks it has been released.

Mr. Wickstrum then reported that the district has received many calls and letters on the annual conservation penalty and in accordance with the WEAP Ron Merckling will field those calls and letters and make recommendations. If the

customer wants to appeal, they will come back to the board at that time. We will progress through those very carefully through an administrative review.

Mr. Wickstrum provided an update on the Ojai system. The meter change outs are going well with over 50% changed. There are a handful of meters that are an issue. There were a few where the contractor forgot to open the angle stop and we had to go open it for the customer to get water. We are working with contractor to reduce the amount of air in the line. The assessment of the Ojai system is beginning with leak detection beginning September 6 through September 15. Tank inspections will be September 11 through the 15th.

Mr. Wickstrum asked that we adjourn in honor of Richard Barnett who passed away two weeks ago. He was a very special person to this district.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Word stated it is a pleasure to be here in the new board room even though we are not 100% complete.

Director Hicks suggested naming a room in honor of Dick Barnett as he was a hero for this district.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Baggerly reported on his attendance at the Water Education for Latino Leaders meeting where there were about 15 city council members from around the state. They invited me to answer questions including questions regarding the eminent domain action against GSWC. They listened carefully to the fact that Casitas solidified the funding through the Mello Roos act. We won every case when we were challenged from Golden State and finally reached an agreement on cost and bonds sold and we took them over. Some questions had to deal with growth but we have no land use authority.

5. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes from the August 9, 2017 meeting.
- b. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Air Gas Inc. in the amount of \$23,155.54 for the purchase of a Miller Big Blue Pro Self-Contained Welder.
- c. Recommend approval of the request to reverse the \$915 allocation penalty from Laughing Dog Ranch.
- d. Recommend approval of the request to reverse the \$780 allocation penalty from Pacific Coast Management.

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

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

6. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 8/03/17 - 8/17/17. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Bergen, the Accounts Payable Report was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Resolution awarding a contract to BSN Construction Inc. in the sum of \$40,914 for asphalt work project specification 17-395. 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

George Galgas asked if that cost is based on time and materials. Mr. Wickstrum explained that we have a laundry list of patches that need to be done. The patches are well defines as we have cut the asphalt and are ready for the last phase of patch.

8. Recommendation to award a purchase order contract to Presentation Products Inc. dba Spinitar in the amount of \$51,604.54 for the design-build of the Board Room Audio Visual System. 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

9. Recommendation approving hiring of a part-time Ventura River Watershed Coordinator position to be funded in part by the Ventura River Watershed Council partners. APPROVED

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

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

10. Recommend selecting a slate of candidates for the ACWA Region 8 Board Ballot. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser the board approved item 1 of the nominating committee selection. This was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

11. Information Items:

- a. Executive Committee Minutes.
- b. Finance Committee Minutes.
- c. Personnel Committee Minutes.
- d. Lake Casitas Monthly Status Report for July, 2017.
- e. ACWA Call for Candidate Nominations for the 2018-2019 term.
- f. AWA 22nd Annual Member and Elected Officials Reception to be held September 21st.
- g. 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

12. Adjournment.

President Baggerly adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m. in honor of Richard Barnett.