

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
October 26, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held October 26, 2011 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Kaiser, Baggerly, Word, Hicks and Bergen were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There was one staff member and four members of the public in attendance. President Kaiser led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

Richard Hajas thanked the board members for coming to the meeting on Monday night. I hope it gave a taste of what our community is dealing with and frustrations of water service and value for the money. I urge you to consider that you are more than a business and we are members of your district and we pay taxes to you. Together we can make Casitas a stronger organization.

Joe Conner with Baker Donaldson, representing Golden State, thanked the board members that were there on Monday night. If you need any additional info we are more than happy to provide it. We are more than willing to answer any questions you may have as this pursues.

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum provided a brief update on projects informing the board that the last filter project is in process and we are out to bid for the Rincon 2M replacement. The Upper Ojai pump plant is beginning with coordination with Edison and we hope to get that job done this fiscal year. Neil is going through the review of the reservoir tank cleaning and will assess the priority of the tanks.

There has been discussion with Jeff Pratt, Susan Mullins, Mike Solomon and Shawna Epstein regarding a short term lease on state water entitlement and if there are any avenues to get that water into this county. The team is looking at ways to get the water into the county first. The City of Ventura is interested in finding a lease rather than the turn back pool. We will participate in the turn back pool this year. The Ojai Chamber of Commerce mixer is being held tomorrow from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Lake Casitas Recreation Area Picnic Area #1.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Word reported that he attended the City of Ventura's rate setting workshop. The City of Ventura is faced with more complicated issues than we were with waste water rates and reclaimed water issues. There will be additional rates and they are concerned and this is the first time they have held public workshops. Director Word then requested moving the November Personnel Committee meeting to Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and moving the second board meeting to Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

4. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the October 12, 2011 Board Meeting.
- b. Recommend declaring as surplus the items listed on the Surplus List and authorizing sale and or disposal of such items.

The Consent Agenda was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed.

5. Bills APROVED

Director Hicks questioned the repairs by Power Machinery to the Thinks. Mr. Wickstrum explained that one needed a consol panel and there were none available from the old Thinks. This is the last Think in service, the rest are listed on the surplus list.

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports APROVED FOR FILING

- a. Water Resources Committee Minutes
- b. Personnel Committee Minutes
- c. Finance Committee Minutes

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

7. Information Items:

- a. Lake Casitas Recreation Area Report for September.
- b. AWA Third Annual Ventura County Water Tour.
- c. Lake Casitas Storage Volume Comparison.
- d. Casitas Reservoir Water Inventory Summary.
- e. Letter from the Bureau of Reclamation returning an executed Management Agreement.
- f. News Articles.
- g. Investment Report.

On the motion of Director Bergen, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the Information items were approved for filing.

8. Closed Session

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 3:20 p.m. under Government Code 54957.6 Labor Nelations with Mr. Mathews stating the public should be aware there may be action taken coming out of closed session.

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

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into regular session at 4:34  
p.m.

- 9. Possible adoption of resolutions authorizing adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding with the General, Recreation and Supervisory and Professional Units may be considered following the closed session.

ADOPTED

Mr. Mathews reported that each board member has a copy of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding and has discussed them in closed session.

The resolution adopting the Memorandum of Understanding with the General Unit was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Bergen and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 11-25.

The resolution adopting the Memorandum of Understanding with the Recreation Unit was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Bergen and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 11-26.

The resolution adopting the Memorandum of Understanding with the Supervisory and Professional Unit was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Bergen and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 11-27.

10. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

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James W. Word, Secretary