

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
July 28, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held July 28, 2010 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Kaiser, Baggerly, Word and Hicks were present. Director Handley was absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, Bob Krimmer. There was one staff member and no members of the public in attendance. Director Kaiser led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that he and Director Word attended a Ventura City Council meeting and workshop on July 26th. Ron Calkins provided a presentation of the City's water and sewer departments. Key issues are redevelopment of water resources, maximizing water supplies and retain state water entitlement as an ace in the hole. There is an issue of groundwater rights being sold out from underneath them as irrigation lands convert to residential. The City wants to retain the rights. They also discussed having a pass through of costs to customers with increased pumping costs. Water conservation is also a key issue for them. They have had 20% reduction from 1970 use to current use. Other issues are storm water permit activities and they are exploring waste to energy projects at the sanitation plant. It was informative for us to be there.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the Board that he would be out from August 12 through the end of the month and questioned the need for the second board meeting in August. The board also discussed various committee meetings and at this point they will be postponed unless there is an emergency.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks congratulated Jim on the AWA BBW. Director Word thanked Carol and the Recreation/Maintenance staff as they did an excellent job preparing for the BBQ. Director Kaiser asked if the Ojai Chamber had scheduled a meeting to be held at the Lake. Park Services Manager Carol Belser replied that it was scheduled for October 27, 2011. Director Kaiser asked if our fixtures at the district are 1.28 or less. Mr. Wickstrum explained that we have a variety of low flow fixtures and have recently installed a new stealth one in the ladies restroom.

4. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the July 14, 2010 Board Meeting.

- b. Recommend approval of board attendance at the ACWA Continuing Legal Education for Water Professionals conference.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the Consent Agenda was approved.

5. Bills

APPROVED

Director Kaiser mentioned #5615 for training videos and suggested use of the OSHA resource library. He also questioned Tyler Technologies. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is for the Incode system.

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

7. Recommend approval of Change Order with Water Resource Engineering Associates for design and contract management services for the Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company Automation Upgrades Project.

APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Word and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

8. Discussion regarding repayment of the 2000 Casitas Dam Seismic Modernization Project.

Mr. Wickstrum explained that, after a long delay, the District received a request from the Bureau to resume discussions on the repayment of safety of dam work that was performed at Casitas Dam. There is a long history on this project. It started in 1998 with a series of approaches from the Bureau requesting Casitas to sign a blank contract and technical sessions afterwards to determine costs and our obligations to take care of those costs. The Bureau last addressed this with the District in 2008 when we received a letter outlining the total costs of the project but a month later got a phone call stating the costs that were presented were incorrect. Now, a few years later a new staff member is coming up to speed with the repayment issues. I discussed this on Monday with the new staff member and reminded her of the ability to pay study which the Bureau had agreed to conduct. For the last ten years the District has provided our crop report information to the Bureau to assist in their analysis on the ability of irrigation customer's to pay for their portion of the SOD modifications. The

District has paid the M&I portion and paid interest accrued during construction. The District wishes to work with the Bureau to finish this project and I have requested a meeting with them to do so.

9. Information Items:

- a. Lake Casitas Storage Volume Comparison and Water Inventory Summary
- b. Lake Casitas Recreation Area Report.
- c. Letter regarding Mosler Rock Quarry.
- d. News Articles
- e. Investment Report

10. Adjournment

Director Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Secretary