

Minutes of the
Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
November 12, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kaiser called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Hajas, Cole, Bergen, and Kaiser are present. Director Brennan is attending remotely for Just Cause of being out of town for another government entity business. Also present are GM Flood, AGM Dyer, EA Vieira, and Counsel McNulty.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Cole led the pledge.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Presentation on District related items that are not on the agenda - three-minute limit.

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.a Accounts Payable Report.
[Accounts Payable Report.pdf](#)

6.b Minutes of the October 22, 2025 Board Meeting.
[10 22 2025 Min.pdf](#)

The Consent Agenda was offered by Director Cole, seconded by Director Bergen, and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Hajas, Cole, Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.a Approve an amendment to the Multi-Year transfer agreement with United Water

Conservation District regarding the purchase of Casitas MWD's State Water Project 'Return Water' Supplies.

[Board Memo for Amendment to Multi Yr Transfer Agrmnt 111225.pdf](#)

[Casitas MWD - UWCD Return Water Amendment 111225.pdf](#)

[Agreement for Multi-Year Water Transfer between United WCD and Casitas MWD 2023.pdf](#)

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

AYES:	Directors:	Hajas, Cole, Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

8. PUBLIC HEARING REAGRDNIG PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2026 through 2030.

Written protests must be received by Casitas prior to the close of the public hearing. The President of the Board may restrict the length of time for each public comment to three minutes to address the board.

8.a Conduct the Public Hearing regarding proposed water rates.

1. Open Public Hearing.

President Kaiser opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m.

2. Receive staff report with recommendations.

Michael DeGroot of Bartle Wells Associates provided a presentation on the water rates study and proposed water rates.

GM Flood added that capital expenses are the issue and there is work that needs to be done. Customers do not demand as much water as they did ten years ago. In 2014 the demand was 19,000 AF and there was a loa last year of 6,900 AF. Additionally, the Ag community expressed that they want to know what is coming and the five-year period is recommended.

3. Report of written communications.

EA Vieira reported that a few calls were received with questions mostly regarding the rate calculator. We have received comments from one resale customer and two written protests.

4. Public Comment.

Public comments were received from Steve Weis, Tony Thatcher, Peter Shore, Jim Finch, Michael Sullivan, Ben VanderKar on behalf of Robert Abbott, Emily Ayala, Dr. Robert Feiss, and Dwayne Bocalli.

5. Close the Public Hearing.

President Kaiser closed the public hearing at 6:02 pm and asked if we have enough response to consider a priority protest. EA Vieira replied no.

6. Discussion by Board of Directors.

The board discussed the comments received by the public and the proposed rate structure.

[Board Memo Water Rate Hearing 11.13.2025 v2.pdf](#)
[ATT1_Ordinance_25-XXX_11-12-2025.pdf](#)
[ATT2_2025 Water Rates Hearing Notice Final.pdf](#)
[ATT3_Casitas Water Rate Study 8.14.2025 Draft.pdf](#)

- 8.b [Adopt Ordinance amending the Rates and Regulations for Water Service reflecting water rate increases for calendar years 2026-2030.](#)
[ATT1_Ordinance_25-XXX_11-12-2025.pdf](#)

The ordinance was offered by Director Hajas, seconded by Director Brennan, and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Hajas, Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	Cole
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

Ordinance is numbered 2025-02.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.a State Water Project Intertie Report.
[SWP Intertie Project Cost 10-31-25.pdf](#)
- 9.b Investment Report.
[Investment Report FY2026 October.pdf](#)
- 9.c Consumption Report.
[Consumption 2025-2026.pdf](#)

The information items were received.

10. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood reported that we received two bids on the SB Intertie, we have a short timeline for our ASADRA funding as it must be completed by the end of next year. We should have something to the board at the dec 10th meeting.

The Finance committee on the 21st will present this year's audit draft. We would like to move that meeting to 3:30 pm as we will be in LA for the hearing in the morning.

The last board meeting of the year will be on December 10th.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

12. BOARD OF DIRECTOR COMMENTS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(a).

Director Hajas thanked the public for coming, adding it helps to be face to face with people.

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 6:25 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.a CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, City of San Buenaventura, et al, and City of San Buenaventura v. Duncan Abbott, et al, Cross Complaint Superior County of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19ATCP01176.

13.b CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1): one potential case.

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 7:17 p.m. with Mr. McNulty reporting that the board met in closed session and no action was taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.



Brian Brennan, Secretary