

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
March 10, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 10, 2010 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Handley, Kaiser, Word, Baggerly and Hicks were present. 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. President Handley led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported the delivery of fish is progressing. The water was sampled with the only finding being snails which were determined to be land moving snails, not New Zealand Mud Snails. Fish deliveries are scheduled for March 16th and 24th. We received a letter from the Bureau of Reclamation regarding Quagga test results in San Luis Reservoir. The test results may be a positive result near the intake structure. The letter stated that this detection is not cause for alarm, only caution. The sampling was done in August – December.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Word asked if we had heard from the Bureau regarding the recreation area. Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that he will try to set up some appointments. The most recent agreement was similar to what they provided four years ago. Director Baggerly questioned the completion of repayment to the Bureau and mentioned that Casitas owns the water.

Director Kaiser asked counsel who takes enforcement action for violations to our ordinances. Mr. Krimmer replied he would look into that but generally the district Attorney would handle it.

4. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the February 24, 2010 Board Meeting.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the Consent agenda was adopted.

5. Bills

APPROVED

Director Kaiser asked about the work being provided by Entrix. Mr. Wickstrum explained that Entrix is working as an expert witness.

Director Hicks questioned #92002. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is for a mobile mapper or GPS unit for our fisheries team to record their locations in the field and map them digitally when they are back in the office.

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING
- a. Recreation Committee Minutes
 - b. Finance Committee Minutes
 - c. Water Resources Committee Minutes

Director Kaiser mentioned the Recreation Committee discussing the possibility of the PSO's to site underage drinkers. He is under the belief we call the sheriff department for misdemeanor type of violations. Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that we will be bringing this to the board on March 24th for consideration.

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

7. Resolution authorizing approval of a contract with Carl Warren & Company to provide Third Party Claims Administration services. ADOPTED

Mr. Wickstrum reported this is a renewal of a current contract. Director Baggerly requested oversight from our legal counsel and that when we are in litigation we need to know what they are doing.

The resolution was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 10-04.

8. Resolution setting the public hearing on March 24, 2010 to receive comments and file a Notice of Determination for the fence replacement at Lake Casitas Recreation Area. TABLED

Mr. Wickstrum reported this is a project that Neil Cole has been working on after watching the public beat down our 50+ year old barbed wire fence. This is a security issues. The solution is to replace the barbed wire fence with chain link fence with barbed wire at the top and allow gaps for deer at certain locations. The Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared; we have noticed the availability of that and set the date for public hearing. A question arose regarding appropriate notice. Section 15072 requires that we provide notice by one of the following procedures, publication at one time for general circulation, post notice on and off site which we have done, notice to owners which we have also done. It was sent to four property owners and to the Bureau. Director Baggerly suggested that notice should be sent to the state clearing house, the notice has to be published in the paper and he suggested the Star. The Negative Declaration should be brought to the board to look at and set the public review period. He suggested we start the process over. The board then discussed issues of security, people going over the existing fence, the height of the fence, color and use of barbed wire. The item was tabled.

9. Local Agency Formation Commission call for nominations Special District Alternate & Regular Members. DIRECTION PROVIDED TO STAFF

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed the board will consider a resolution nominating Jack Curtis to LAFCO at the next board meeting.

10. Information Items:

- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- b. California Water Law & Policy Conference April 22-23 in San Francisco.
- c. Letter from Ralph Steele regarding Matilija Dam (handout).
- d. Letter to Darrell Buxton, Army Corp of Engineers from Fish and Wildlife Service regarding Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project.
- e. News Articles
- f. Investment Report

11. Adjournment

President Handley adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Secretary