

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting held
February 28, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Cole, Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser and Hajas are present. Also present are GM Flood, AGM Dyer, EA Vieira, and Counsel McNulty.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hajas led the pledge.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

The agenda is confirmed as presented.

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 February 14, 2024 Board Meeting.
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The consent agenda was offered by Director Brennan, seconded by Director Kaiser, and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Authorize General Manager to issue a Task Order to Rincon Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$35,866.05 for environmental consulting services for the Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie.
[Board Memo_20240228.pdf](#)

Rincon Proposal for VTA-SB Intertie NEPA EA.pdf

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Brennan, the above recommendation was approved by the roll call vote:

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

- 7.b. Approve a 5-year agreement with Ojai Rotary West for the Ojai Wine Festival to be held at the Lake Casitas Recreation Area.
[Board Memo Wine Festival 2024-2028 022824.pdf](#)
[2024_2028 Ojai Rotary West Wine Festival Agmnt 022824 ATT1.pdf](#)

GM Flood reported there were some minor corrections that we caught and modified and then the event is moving from Sunday to Saturday.

On the motion of Director Brennan, seconded by Director Kaiser, the above agreement was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

- 7.c. Declare surplus and direct staff to dispose of four empty chemical storage tanks.
[Board Memo Surplus Chemical Tanks 022324.pdf](#)

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

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

- 7.d. Appoint a representative and alternate representative to the Board of Directors of the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWAVC).

On the motion of Director Cole, seconded by Director Bergen, Directors Kaiser and Brennan will continue to serve as representatives to AWA with Director Brennan as primary and Director Kaiser as alternate this year. The was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.a. Hydrology Report January 2024.

The information items were received.

9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood reported that we are at 87 %, two wells have gone artesian. We would need about another 31,000 AF to fill/spill. I provided a memo last year on the actions that we take as things get closer with notifications and when we shut off Robles. In 2005 we shut it off before we were at that point. Director Cole added we shut off Robles at two feet below spill.

State water project went from 10% - 15%. If there is a substantial snowpack increase this weekend, we should easily be at 50-60%.

We are working on the budget right now and plan to have a draft to committee in the next few months. It looks like extremely low consumption at maybe 8,500 acre feet. We will work on a number appropriate to project revenue for next year. There will only be a small amount of capital we will be able to do with such low water sales.

Covid reimbursement looks like \$65,000. We will protest that amount and will keep you updated. We have been working with FEMA regarding the storm damage from last year. We hope to see that finalized soon.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Brennan attended the Ventura Water Commission meeting. It is interesting and disconcerting to see how there is mistrust of staff and the numbers etc. Director Brennan also attended the Ventura Chamber legislation meeting where they discussed SB 1483 regarding groundwater.

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

None

President Hajas moved the meeting to closed session at 5:15 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(a) 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 Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19STCP01176.

President Hajas moved the meeting back into open session at 5:49 p.m. with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session no reportable action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Hajas adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.



Mary Bergen, Secretary