

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
April 8, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held April 8, 2009 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Hicks, Handley, Kaiser, Baggerly and Word were present. Also present were Neil Cole sitting in for the General Manager and Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were two staff members and no members of the public in attendance. President Hicks led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. Board of Director comments.

Director Handley requested that the Personnel Committee review the dental plan again.

Director Baggerly asked if we were ready for the big weekend at the park. Brent Doan stated we are prepared every day and have increased staff for the busy weekends.

Director Baggerly gave a brief synopsis of the Tri County Fish Team meeting he attended. The presentation was on the Carpinteria Creek restoration project. The work is ongoing and steelhead are going up the creek. Cal Trans does not see fish passage issues as harming wildlife. There was discussion about the possibility of hosting the Salmonid Restoration Federation conference in San Luis Obispo but the Department of Fish & Game has had to cut back funding. They usually give about \$30,000 per year to put on the conference. Prices are going up. In 2010 the meeting will be in Redding. 2011 is open for bid.

Director Kaiser asked if there would be any affect to us from the decertification of the levees. Mr. Cole responded that it does not affect our operations directly in any way.

3. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the March 25, 2009 Board Meeting.
- b. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Carrus Phosphates in the not to exceed amount of \$60,000 for the purchase of ortho-polyphosphate.
- c. Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Oxnard for a countywide Water Wise web site link.

The consent agenda was offered by Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Handley and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 09-06.

5. Bills APPROVED

Director Word questioned #1813 for the locksmith. This was for the lock on the back door.

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

a. General Manager's Update on Various Issues

Mr. Cole mentioned the memo from the General Manager that was in the agenda packet and then reported that fish are in the smolting process but there is not enough water downstream. We are working with NOAA and DFG to get direction on how they want to handle the fish. Director Baggerly reported that fish are in the conservancy pools.

Director Word expressed his concerns regarding the County's inability to come to an agreement on the Matilija Conduit. Those making the decisions are not making it happen.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the General Manager's update was approved for filing.

7. Resolution approving a contract for Water Surveys with WaterWise Consulting, Inc for a not to exceed amount of \$50,000.

ADOPTED

Ron Merckling explained this program would accomplish two objectives, water savings and compliance with best management practices.

The resolution was offered by Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Handley and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 09-07.

8. Information Items:

- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- b. Letter from Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company shareholder, Fritz Sloman.
- c. Time Schedule for the adoption of the Oak View Water Availability Charge.
- d. Department of Water Resources letter and report on California Drought.
- e. Investment Report

President Hicks questioned the Investment Report and the small return from the T-bills. He asked the Finance Committee to review the investment report.

9. Adjournment

President Hicks adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Secretary