

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
December 11, 2024 Board Meeting

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

President Hajas stated the following items will be pulled from the agenda, item 6b as the link was not in the packet. Item 7b will be postponed to January 8 or 22.

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

Andy Gilman, Mayor of Ojai expressed that he is excited about the opportunities to work together.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

6.b Minutes of November 13, 2024 Board Meeting. Removed from agenda.

The consent agenda minus item 6b was offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Cole, 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 Deny a water billing appeal request from Agricultural-Domestic Customer Camp Ramah in the amount of \$19,000.
[Camp Ramah - Board Memo 121124.pdf](#)

Marie Brewer, Director of Operations of the Camp, appealed to the board regarding the bill that was the result of a leak that was difficult to locate.

On the motion of Director Cole to deny the above request, seconded by Director Brennan and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

- 7.b Recommend scheduling a public hearing on January 22, 2025 to consider adoption of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the annual Routine Repair and Maintenance Program for the existing Robles Diversion and Fish Passage Facility.

[Robles_RM_Program_BoardMemo_12.11.2024.pdf](#)

[ATT1. CMWD_Robles RM-Program_IS-MND_2024-12-11_Final.pdf](#)

[ATT2. Responses to Comments on the Draft MND.pdf](#)

Item 7b was pulled from the agenda.

- 7.c Authorize the General Manager to issue a Task Order to Rincon Consultants, Inc. for the Casitas and Ojai Water System Consolidation project in an amount not to exceed \$91,455.00.

[BoardMemo_CEQA_20241211.pdf](#)

[Rincon Proposal_Casitas Ojai Consolidation CEQA 12-5-24.pdf](#)

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

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

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.a Hydrology Report.

[Hydrology Report October 2024.pdf](#)

- 8.b Community Facilities District No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Special Tax and Bond Accountability Report.

[Casitas MWD CFD No. 2013-1 \(Ojai\) SB 165 Report \(2024\).pdf](#)

- 8.c State Water Project Intertie Report.

[SWP Intertie Project Cost 11-30-24.pdf](#)

- 8.d Investment Report.

[Investment Report FY2025 November.pdf](#)

- 8.e Consumption Report November.

[Consumption Report.pdf](#)

- 8.f [Adjudication Charges Report.](#)
[Adjudication Charges YTD 11.30.24.pdf](#)

The information items were received.

9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood reported that the state water allocation is at 5% but will likely increase. Metropolitan has decided to fund the DCP. We will have a role in that as we entered a four year agreement in 2020 to fund an effort and now, we will be looking at another board action as they are looking for another \$300 million. This could be significant for our three partners.

The board meeting on 25th is cancelled and our next meeting is on the 8th of January. The office is closed December 24th, 25th and January 1st.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Brennan attended the AWA board meeting on Monday where the discussion was on budgeting.

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

President Hajas moved the meeting to closed session at 5:21 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION

- 12.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 Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19STCP01176.

President Hajas reconvened the regular meeting at 5:44 p.m. with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session and no reportable action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Hajas adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.


Secretary