

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
June 10, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held June 10, 2009 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Hicks, Handley, Kaiser, Baggerly and Word present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, Stuart Nielson. There were one 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 Kaiser mentioned his experience of seeing foam over the newly asphalted road at recreation. Mr. Wickstrum explained that this was emulsifier in the asphalt and it was not reaching the lake. Director Kaiser thanked Brent and Steve for checking on it so quickly.

Director Word mentioned the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday for the signing of the agreement on Matilija Conduit. Since there is the possibility of a quorum in attendance a quorum notice will be posted. The meeting is at 10:30.

Director Handley asked about the violation of the Quagga cable situation. Mr. Wickstrum reported that we received a report of potential tampering of the cable so it was decided that the cable would have to go through the boat hull and tie the boat to the trailer. Staff talked about this at great length. We are one year into the program. When we hear something we need to react appropriately to make sure we are maintaining a secure lake. Director Handley asked if we saw the violation. Mr. Wickstrum explained that it was an anonymous report. There may be one person out of a 1,000 that is trying to circumvent the program and we have to adapt. We feel comfortable that if the cable connects the boat hull to trailer and can not be moved then it is secure. President Hicks asked what would happen if someone was caught cheating. The answer was that they would be banned from the lake for a year.

3. General Manager comments.

A table top exercise was held today with the Bureau of Reclamation and County OES. This is generated out of the Bureau and should occur every three years but has not occurred since 1999. We have exercised our emergency action plan numerous times. This was a good opportunity to get some of the local agencies together and to walk through a couple of scenarios. The

scenarios involved Casitas Dam getting ready to spill and then Casitas Dam failing. President Hicks asked about the warning system. Mr. Wickstrum explained that the County has been trying to get rid of the sirens and Ed Salazar of the Bureau has done research and no one transferred the alert system to the County so it is back on the shoulders of the Bureau. There is no desire to maintain the system at this time. Now we have reverse 911 and code red and the sirens have been vandalized.

Senior Canyon has significantly reduced their debt. They have submitted a letter that I will be considering regarding holding off on changing their rate to 100% resale for a year until the completion of the Prop 50 funding. Director Word suggested doing that after they have retired their delinquent bill.

4. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the May 27, 2009 Board Meeting.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the Consent Agenda was approved.

5. Bills APPROVED

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

6. Resolution setting the Public Hearing for the Oak View Water Availability charge. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 09-14.

7. Resolution setting the Public Hearing for the adoption of the proposed 2009-2010 Budget. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 09-15.

8. Discussion regarding holding only one Board meeting per month for the months of July, August and September. APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum explained this is something we have talked about the last two or three years and one summer we were unable to get a quorum. With summer vacation schedules and not holding a rate hearing it is suggested that we go to one meeting a month during the summer. Director Handley expressed concern if the meetings became a lot longer he could have a conflict if they went past 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wickstrum replied that it would be a matter of content. Director Word suggested we try it out for two months and hold the meetings on the second Wednesday. If there was a need to hold an additional meeting it could be scheduled. The meetings are scheduled for July 8 and August 12.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, it was decided for the month of July and August only one board meeting would be held on the second Wednesday of those months.

9. Information Items:

- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- b. News Articles
- c. Investment Report

10. Adjournment

President Hicks adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Secretary