



Board of Directors

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CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT Meeting to be held at the

The Board will be attending this meeting via teleconference. If you would like to attend via teleconference please call

(888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 US Toll-free and enter Meeting ID: 348 035 043#

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA April 10, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

Right to be heard: Members of the public have a right to address the Board directly on any item of interest to the public which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The request to be heard should be made immediately before the Board's consideration of the item. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of §54954.2 of the Government Code and except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Presentations on District related items that are not on the agenda - three minute limit.
4. ACTION ITEMS
 - 4.a. Recommend extension of the Emergency Declaration to May 1, 2020.
[Board Memo on District Emergency Declaration Extension 041020.pdf](#)
[Extension Amendment to Casitas MWD Emergency Declaration and Orders - COVID-19 Outbreak 041020.pdf](#)
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.a. Discussion of the schedule for the Comprehensive Water Resource Plan and related bond measure.

[Board Memo regarding Bond Measure Schedule 040820.pdf](#)

[Tentative Bond Measure PR Schedule - 040820.pdf](#)

6. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS AND UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19.

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

8. CLOSED SESSION

8.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code §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.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
From: Michael L. Flood, General Manager
RE: **Extension Amendment to the Casitas Municipal Water District Emergency Declaration and Order Related to the 2020 COVID-19 Outbreak**
Date: April 8, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors adopt an extension to the Emergency Declaration and Order until May 1, 2020 @ 11:59PM.

BACKGROUND:

On March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order # N-33-20 placing a 'stay-at-home' order for all people in California.

Executive Order # N-33-20 was to remain in place until further notice and is currently in force.

On March 21, 2020, during a Special Board Meeting, the Board of Directors adopted an Emergency Declaration and Order related to the 2020 COVID-19 Outbreak with the provision that it remain in place for thirty days or until the Board acted to either extend or terminate the declaration.

The Casitas MWD Emergency Declaration and Order is currently set to expire on April, 21, 2020.

On March 29, 2020, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) extended its COVID-19 health guidelines through April 30, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

In light of the State of California current 'stay-at-home' order being expected to remain in place for the foreseeable future combined with the CDC guidelines being extended

through at least April 30, 2020, it is recommended that the Board of Directors extend the Casitas MWD Emergency Declaration and Order until May 1,2020 @ 11:59PM.

**EXTENSION AMENDMENT TO AN EMERGENCY
DECLARATION AND ORDERS OF THE CASITAS MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS RELATED TO THE
2020 COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

The Board of Directors of the Casitas Municipal Water District hereby declares that the Emergency Declaration and Orders related to the 2020 COVID-19 outbreak adopted on March 21, 2020 for a period of thirty calendar days is hereby extended through 11:59 PM on May 1, 2020.

All provisions of said declaration will remain in place until that time.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
From: Michael L. Flood, General Manager
RE: Discussion of the schedule for the Comprehensive Water Resource Plan and related bond measure
Date: April 10, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors review the schedule for the Comprehensive Water Resources Plan and related bond measure and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Directors received results of a survey by True North Research in October 2019 indicating approximately 60% support level within the District's boundaries for a \$165M bond issuance.

In February 2020, the Board of Directors retained Fiona Hutton & Associates to provide public outreach services ahead of the Board's decision to place a bond ballot measure on the November 2020 ballot.

Subsequently, the coronavirus (COVID-19) has become a global pandemic, causing federal, state, county, and local governments to declare a state of emergency.

DISCUSSION:

A tentative schedule leading up to a potential November 2020 bond measure is attached, which outlines key activities related to the bond measure and public outreach activities. The tentative schedule involves public release of the draft Comprehensive Water Resources Plan in May 2020, followed by a Board decision in June 2020 regarding whether to proceed with a bond measure on the November 2020 ballot.

Because the current COVID-19 emergency prohibits large group gatherings, it is likely that holding the originally planned public outreach workshops in person will not be possible, and alternative outreach methods may be required (e.g. webinars, written communication, etc.).

Additionally, the extent of financial impacts related to the COVID-19 situation are currently unknown. The October 2019 survey results do not account for the current financial status of

District customers and whether COVID-19 has affected the level of support for a bond measure.

The bond measure is a key driver in planning upcoming public outreach efforts. Therefore, staff are requesting the Board review the tentative schedule and provide direction as appropriate.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Bond Measure/Public Relations Tentative Schedule

Casitas Municipal Water District
Bond Measure/Public Relations Tentative Schedule
April 8, 2020

April

- Bond Counsel Retained
- Drought Stage Level Recommendation to Board
- COVID-19 Restrictions End? – TBD
- Newsletter

May

- Draft Comprehensive Water Resources Plan (CWRP) released to public
- Public Meeting Regarding Adjudication – TBD
- Public Workshop on CWRP - TBD
- Draft CWRP public comment period ends
- AWA Water Issues Meeting (May 19th) – present Casitas' CWRP

June

- Bond Measure Hearing/Public Workshop

July

- Board Vote on Bond Measure Resolution – July 8
- Notice of Potential Rate Increases
- State of the District – TBD
- Newsletter

August

- Bond Measure Filing Deadline – August 6
- Bond Measure Website goes live
- Bond Measure Stakeholder Engagement Workshop

September

- Bond Measure Stakeholder Engagement Workshop

October

- Absentee ballots mailed out – October 5
- Newsletter

November

- General Election – November 3