



Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
September 26, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held September 26, 2018 at the Casitas Municipal Water District located at 1055 Ventura Ave. in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. President Word led the group in the flag salute.

1. Roll Call

Directors Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, and Hicks were present. President Word was absent. Also present were Mike Flood, Interim General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney Robert Kwong. There were two staff members and nine members of the public in attendance.

2. Public comments (Items not on the agenda – three minute limit).

None

3. General Manager comments.

Mr. Flood reported on the Water Security Tour that was well received today. He also requested moving item number 14, the update from Rincon Strategies up to follow item number seven on the agenda. Mr. Flood reported that the newsletter has been mailed and headlining it is the water security web page. There is a good article on the Operations and Maintenance department including an interview with Michael Shields, our O & M Manager. There is a drought boot camp article and we are already preparing to put together the next newsletter.

4. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks informed the board of the nice plaque dedication for Pat Weinberger on Sunday. The event was well attended.

5. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Bergen reported on the attendance of the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting where they are working on monitoring protocols and studies for the groundwater sustainability plan to fill in

data gaps to understand the whole working and interface between surface and groundwater. The work will be scientifically valid with data quality controls. There is a grant from Department of Water Resources for funding and they change courses quickly as we have been provided some conflicting information on what the grant will cover. We are trying to work on a long term budget but the grant controls how the budget works. We should have better answers after the October 11th meeting.

Director Kaiser reported that he attended the public tour of facilities today visiting the Treatment Plant, Fish Ladder/Diversion Facility and the pumping facility off Grand. It was a comprehensive tour. He felt that it was a good, comprehensive tour and the public gained more information on what is going on in the field. He also thanked staff.

Director Baggerly reported on his attendance at the September 19th Carpinteria Valley Water District meeting about their basin boundary modification change. Their basin was miss-prioritized by Department of Water Resources as very low and the district itself corrected this and the staff now will have to do a full basin boundary modification and establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Mike couldn't attend so I went to have a Casitas presence since part of the basin is south and east of Rincon Creek which puts it in our district. Map is moving the existing boundary out of any part of the bedrock and being defined by the alluvial nature of the basin which is exactly what is asked for. Casitas was there and monitored everything. I would like to get a letter of support for the modification for the board to review on October 10th.

Director Hicks attended the AWA Reagan Library event and it was very informative. One of the speakers, a Berkeley Professor stated that it looks like the future of water in California will be desal.

6. Consent Agenda. ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the September 11, 2018 Special Board Meeting.
- b. Minutes of the September 12, 2018 Board Meeting.
- c. Minutes of the September 13, 2018 Special Board Meeting.
- d. Recommend approval of the Special Liability Insurance Program renewal in the amount of \$66,125.16.
- e. Resolution amending the District's Conflict of Interest Code and filing of the 2018 Local Agency Biennial Notice.
- f. Recommend approval of the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of San Buenaventura and the City of Santa Paula related to the Proposition 84 Water Wise Turf Removal program in the amount of \$23,000.

The Consent Agenda was offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 18-22

Item number 14 was heard at this time.

14. Update by Rincon Strategies on the Public Relations Action Plan.

Chris Collier provided an update on public relations efforts informing the board that the first tour was today with additional tours being scheduled. The newsletter went out and social media continues. We are looking to create a storyboard for how the diversion works and the obstacles that we face. We also had an opportunity to get some great photos from the top of the dam which provides a different view of the lake.

On social media, the Facebook reach is 20,558. There have been 853 engagements and 41 likes to the page which is double where we were a month ago. Director Kaiser suggested that we get meetings going with the legislators.

7. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 9/06/18 - 9/19/18. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly, the accounts payable report was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Recommendation to Set Reserves. APPROVED

Mr. Flood reported that this recommendation to set reserves was reviews by the Finance committee.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser the recommendation to set reserves was approved.

9. Resolution adopting direction to Ventura County Watershed Protection District to concur with the Agreement in Principle (AIP) as per Section III, paragraph 1 of the AIP on behalf of the Casitas Municipal Water District
ADOPTED

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

AYES: Directors: Baggerly, Kaiser, Bergen, Hicks

NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: Word

Resolution is numbered 18-23

10. Resolution adopting the Notice of Exemption and awarding a contract to Evans Excavating in the amount of \$101,550 to construct the Timber Cut-Off Wall Repairs. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 18-24

11. Recommend authorization for the General Manager to sign the task order for Professional Engineering Services with HDR, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$24,700 for Solimar Beach Corrosion investigation. APPROVED

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

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

12. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Legend Pump & Well Service Inc. in the amount of \$29,759.77 to furnish and install new pumping equipment at San Antonio Well #3. APPROVED

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

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

13. Recommend approving the Request for Qualifications for Pipeline Contractors. APPROVED

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

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

15. Information Items:

- a. Executive Committee Minutes.
- b. Finance Committee Minutes.
- c. Letter from the City of Ojai urging announcing a Stage 4 Drought Emergency.
- d. Investment Report.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly the information items were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Director Hicks moved the meeting to closed session at 4:00 p.m.

16. Closed Session

- a. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Gov. Code §54957(b)(1))

Title: General Manager

Director Hicks moved the meeting out of closed session at 4:10 p.m. and reported that no action was taken.

17. Adjournment.

Vice President Hicks adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Mary Bergen, Secretary