

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
November 13, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held November 13, 2015 at the District office in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Bergen, Kaiser, Baggerly, Word and Hicks were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were five staff members and one member of the public in attendance. President Bergen led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public Comments (items not on the agenda – three minute limit).

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that the Oxygen tank is installed and he took Dick Barnett to the site to view it as Mr. Barnett had originated the aeration system. The oxygen has been turned off and that lake is in turnover. We are getting close to finishing the project and will then expect some reimbursements from the State.

Mr. Wickstrum then discussed the meeting he and Park Services Manager Carol Belser had with Aecom and Broadstone regarding the possibility of the 2024 Olympics rowing and canoeing being held at Lake Casitas as it was in 1984. One of the individuals we met with was Doug Arnot, the managing director of the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and then also served in a leadership position for the London 2012 games. He was impressed with what he saw except for the lack of water. They are looking at having a plan a and plan b in case we are in drought. We talked about locations in 1984 and they still want Casitas to be the proposed venue. It was a very good meeting and they had good questions. I have sent them the information they requested. They asked if we can clean the weeds out and I explained we are in process of doing that now. Director Word questioned the trailer storage location. Mr. Wickstrum explained that he thought it had been relocated and that area was used for a command center in 1984. Mr. Wickstrum added that it would be good to have some permanent restrooms and structures. Director Baggerly added that one concern is security.

Director Hicks asked about the large dollars listed at the end of the venues. Mr. Wickstrum explained that they would be creating large grandstands and huge TV screens and it starts to add up quickly. It is also hopeful to have some permanent structures such as bathrooms closer to the saddle dike. We explained our relationship with the Bureau of Reclamation, and State Water Resources Control Board. Director Word added it would be difficult to quarantine all the vessels that will be used. Mr. Wickstrum added those are things we would have to figure out and accomplish.

Mr. Wickstrum then mentioned that he would be presenting at the AWA meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks mentioned the water issues meeting and tour of the treatment plant in Ventura on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the next day there is a meeting on the desal process at Port Hueneme.

Director Baggerly asked about the status of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife review of the Quagga Mussel Control and Monitoring Plan. Park Services Manager Carol Belser explained that the first draft from RNT was reviewed by Fish & Wildlife and Renatta is incorporating their comments. Ms. Belser explained that we were awarded \$40,000 grant funds from Boating & Waterways and they have additional comments that were not expected including changing the order and some housekeeping issues, which is holding this up. Now it is back in Renatta's hands to incorporate comments which will be sent back to Fish & Wildlife and maybe back to the ad hoc committee or right to the board. Director Baggerly added that he heard from a Fish & Wildlife official that there is no requirement for public review of the document.

Director Kaiser asked if El Nino hits are we in a status of preparedness. Mr. Wickstrum responded that we are in good shape. Work has been done at Robles canal and drains are manicured. Forebay is cleaned out and ready. Staff are working on filling in voids in weir rocks downstream. Robles is ready to go, there is still a little material to clean out on the entrance. Staff held training at the end of October. A challenge for us is that we have had a staff transition since our last storms in 2005. We have gone thru line checks and Rincon main was sounded for any leakage and we found none. We will revisit boil water orders and actions to protect public health so we are prepared. Water buffalos are ready and we know who has larger trucks out there. One thing that was learned in 2005 is don't wait too long to contact others with more buffalos etc. Mr. Wickstrum added that we operate through the Ventura Office of Emergency Services and we are looking at our contractors ensuring that their insurance is updated in case we need their assistance.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Word mentioned his attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development meeting and the presentation by the City of Ventura regarding the allocation process which was presented to the planning commission last night and rejected. It is interesting to see how the city is working in how much water they are taking from us based on the 25% reduction they have had. They have a serious problem getting water to the east side.

Director Baggerly provided his report from the Department of Water Resources Webinar on the implementation of SB 13 and new regulations. He explained that Fox Canyon and OBGMA were the only agencies that have completed the process properly. He added that a letter was sent to agencies and interested parties looking for support of a boundary change for OBGMA and will

ask for a resolution letter of support. A package will be sent to DWR after the new year.

5. Consent Agenda APPROVED

a. Minutes of October 28, 2015 Meeting.

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

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

6. Bills APPROVED

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Kaiser, the bills were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Resolution amending the Memorandum of Understanding between Castaic Lake Water Agency and Casitas Municipal Water District, The City of San Buenaventura and United Water Conservation District for use of the Flexible Storage Account in Castaic Lake. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 15-45

8. Recommend approval of a change order with Milner-Villa Consulting in the amount of \$14,800 to provide for the preparation of an Agricultural Water Management Plan to be incorporated in the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. APPROVED

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

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

9. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Fishbio in the amount of \$17,142 for the Vaki Riverwatcher Software and Hardware Upgrades.  
APPROVED

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

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

10. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Jess Ranch Fish Hatchery in the not to exceed amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of rainbow trout.  
APPROVED

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

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

11. Status report on information requested by the Board regarding Park Services Officer's authority.

Mr. Wickstrum explained that there were two memorandums in the board packet, one from Park Services Manager Carol Belser and one from myself to inform you as to where we are at in developing some information. We are also trying to determine liability and work comp insurance impacts if any. Another question is if there is a CalPERS requirement to move to a safety status with limited peace officers. We are hoping to have a determination within a week or two. A lot of work and effort has been put in to develop policies and procedures and developing the scope and training requirements. We would want specialized legal counsel too review that it complies and provides for the limited peace officer status we are talking about and that it sets the boundaries. We included a table of contents so you can see that it is a very thorough document. Parts of it came from other agencies that do what we do. I could see the order of this changed but the content is good and promising in how our staff operate and call in law enforcement for things outside the scope of what they are to do.

We also looked at training cost, summarizing other costs. There has been very promising dialog between staff and county sheriff and their support and training that could be offered to us. Several staff members have pursued PC 832 training. We have one staff member who has not. Right now we are open for any dialog you would like to have and try to work through this. Hopefully we are headed in the direction that this board would like to see us go. Director Baggerly added that there is not a lot for us to do right now. He asked that a binder be put together of all information the board has heard to date to have to review.

Director Word added that the information needs to be reviewed and that has not happened yet. President Bergen asked if you know who is going to review it or will that come to the board? Mr. Wickstrum responded that Mr. Martinelli has done a lot of work for us and for a lot for other agencies. We have sought out who other agencies have gone to other than Mr. Martinelli. The question is who can give us a good review. Director Word responded that his report lost a lot of credibility by the virtue of how it was done.

Director Kaiser added that originally we were looing at staffing because of the overtime issue and it morphed into the Martinelli study. If we engage special counsel it is important we look at so this board makes correct decision and look at issues related to liability. There needs to be a legal SWOT analysis if we proceed down this path. It was originally orchestrated for reduction of OT. We need to be aware of the annual training requirements. No analysis has been provided as to how this will reduce OT with all this training. Training is to comply with POST standards. Individuals may have gone thru academy and 832 but they have to have been a peace officer or they lose that status. I encourage special legal counsel look at that and post standards of training. Concern we make the right decision as a board for the benefit of the Park Services Officers, the ratepayers and this district. One lawsuit could break this district. Use of tasers, and mace, all these come into play for liability issues that have not been researched or discussed. Things are changing across the nation and people are suing for simple detainments and overuse of authority. I encourage having our counsel locate an independent counsel to respond to this board.

Director Word added we may have to go back again after we look at everything. In terms of training, there is a section there and it would incorporate initial training, follow-up and recurring training. President Bergen added the limitations will be detailed, clear, and we will review and not come to a decision until we are comfortable. Director Word added there is no action at this time. President Bergen suggested keep going. Mr. Wickstrum responded that we will keep going and get this accomplished to bring forward answers to make the right decision.

12. Information Items:

- a. Recreation Committee Minutes.
- b. Lake Casitas Recreation Report for August, 2015.
- c. Lake Casitas Storage Volume Comparison.
- d. Casitas Reservoir Water Inventory Summary 2-14-2015 Water Year.
- e. Water Consumption Report.
- f. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- g. Investment Report.


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

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

ABSENT: Directors: None

13. Adjournment

President Bergen adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

  
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Russ Baggerly, Secretary