



Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
April 24, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held April 24, 2019 at the Casitas Municipal Water District located at 1055 Ventura Ave. in Oak View, California.

1. Call to Order

President Kaiser called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Directors Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly and Kaiser were present. Also present were Mike Flood, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board and Attorney Robert Kwong. There were three staff members and 12 members of the public in attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

President Kaiser led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Agenda Confirmation - Consider and approve, by majority vote, minor revisions to Board items and/or attachments and any item added to, or removed/continued from, the Agenda.

Director Spandrio requested item 12 b 1 to be discussed separately.

5. Public comments – presentations on District related items that are not appearing on the agenda – three minute limit).

None

6. General Manager comments. Brief announcements and report on GM and District workforce activities.

General Manager Mike Flood mentioned a three hour conference call on Matilija Dam removal Sediment Transport Study. The project has a lot more work to do. Director Baggerly asked if the high flow bypass still in discussion. Mr. Flood answered yes. Mr. Flood added that talks on the CA Water Fix are

ongoing. A new pump on Mutual Well #6 has been installed; we are disinfecting and trying to go online in the next few days.

7. Board of Director comments.

Director Word reported that he sat in on interviews for the HR Manager and thanked staff for what they have done to work forward with this. I did develop a better appreciation for why it has taken so long to fill the position. There are a couple of qualified candidates to put forward.

Director Brennan reported that he went to the base of Matilija today and watched the clean water go over the top. He asked about attention on other end of the watershed with regards to the sediments so they can be carried down to the ocean.

8. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Mr. Word reported hearing the Clean Power Proposal at a previous meeting and reported that he attended most of the AWA Symposium.

Director Spandrio attended the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency board meeting and we passed the long range budget and at the next meeting we will be addressing the extraction charges for the Upper Ventura users. I attended the AWA Symposium and was impressed with the panel discussion.

Director Brennan attended the water symposium and attended the City of Ventura Water Commission meeting. They are doing an amazing job on water conservation and what they are using out of the lake has been diminished.

9. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting.

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

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

10. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 4/04/19 - 4/17/19. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Brennan, the Accounts Payable Report was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly,
Kaiser
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

11. Discussion of Clean Power Alliance power alternatives for Casitas.

- a. Presentation by Karen Schmidt of Clean Power Alliance (CPA).
- b. Staff Recommendations to General Manager

Director Brennan thanked the board and staff for agendaizing this item.

Karen Schmidt of Clean Power Alliance presented an overview of Clean Power Alliance and options to be considered. The board had lengthy discussions regarding the Alliance and the options available. Mr. Flood discussed the information that was provided by the Operations & Maintenance Manager and suggested moving some of our small and medium accounts, a total of 53, to CPA and leaving 19 of the larger accounts with Edison with the intent to review this in the future.

The following individuals provided comments:

Matt LaVere, Mayor of the City of Ventura spoke in favor of the CPA and going green.

Michelle Ellison, resident of the City of Ojai urged the board to stay at 100% green power.

Kimberly Rivers. Resident of the City of Ojai also supported 100% green and added that clean energy is a part of providing clean water.

Kitty Johnston, citizen of Ojai felt that the 50% option is a no brainer and added that she would not mind paying more if it would help to improve the climate.

James Oodling commented that they put solar panels on their house when we moved here. His experience with JPA's in Los Angeles was problematic. JPA's are appointed, not elected.

Bob Daddi, founder of Ojai FLOW, suggested that the board get more information and that the Board doesn't have enough info to make a decision. He suggested building infrastructure for the next 50-100 years such as wind power and added the District has an obligation to get the best rate.

Director Brennan made a motion to move all accounts to 50%. Director Word seconded adding that there be a review of the results after six months.

Mr. Flood reminded the board of the recommendation from staff and recommended taking a more measured approach. Make a partial move and review in six months.

Director Brennan withdrew his motion and moved the original staff recommendation with a review at six months. He also added working with CPA with the pilot program. This was seconded by Director Word and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Word, Spandrio, Brennan,
NOES: Directors: Baggerly, Kaiser
ABSENT: Directors: None

12. Consideration of Proposed Four Job Classification Adjustments, Two New Positions in One Department and Related Six New Job Descriptions:

APPROVED

- a. Job Classification Adjustments
 - a1. Distribution Foreman to Distribution Supervisor
 - a2. Utility Foreman to Utility Supervisor
 - a3. District Maintenance Foreman to District Maintenance Supervisor.
 - a4. Lake Casitas Recreation Area (LCRA) Maintenance Foreman to LCRA Maintenance Supervisor.

- b. Two Additional Positions in the Administration Department:
 - b1. Chief Financial Officer
 - b2. Customer Service and Accounting Supervisor

Director Spandrio had requested that the Chief Financial Officer be discussed separately.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Brennan items contained in a, and item b2, were approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly,
Kaiser
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

On item b1, Director Spandrio moved that the position be advertised externally with slight adjustments to the job description. This was seconded by Director Brennan and failed to achieve a majority vote.

AYES: Directors: Spandrio, Brennan
NOES: Directors: Word, Baggerly, Kaiser
ABSENT: Directors: None

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly, the board voted to move forward with the staff recommendation for the CFO position. This was affirmed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

13. Conservation Penalty Appeals.

- a. Consideration of modification of Sections 5.6 and 5.7 of the CMWD Water Allocation and Efficiency Program (WEAP) as related to Conservation Penalty Appeals. APPROVED

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

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

- b. Appointment of individuals to the appeals panel

Mr. Kwong suggested language be modified to state as amended and revised to appoint board members to the appeal panel

President Kaiser recommended retaining the two Finance Committee members and appointment of an at large board member.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Brennan, the Two Finance Committee members and Director Brennan will serve on the Water Conservation Appeals Panel. This was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

14. Review of the 2019 Casitas MWD Water Supply Assessment and approval of the General Manager recommendations contained therein. ADOPTED

- a. Consideration of a Resolution continuing with a Stage 3 Water Condition and other drought related actions for FY 2020.

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

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

President Kaiser decided to move to item 21, Closed Session at 5:40 p.m. with Mr. Kwong providing the closed session item and informing the public that we would return to open session to continue the meeting.

21. Closed Session

- 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*, San Francisco County Superior Court, Case No. CPF-14-513875.

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 6:21 pm stating no action was taken.

15. Resolution to Adopt the CEQA Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Ojai Water System Improvements Project. ADOPTED

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

AYES:	Directors:	Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

Mr. Kwong added an amendment on the initial study and mitigated ND, Paragraph 1 with mitigation measures included in the MND and Mitigation Monitoring Program.

16. Resolution awarding a contract to Oilfield Electric & Motor in the amount of \$1,105,800 for the Rincon Pump Plant Electrical Upgrade, Specification No. 17-397 and adopting the CEQA Notice of Exemption. APPROVED

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

AYES: Directors: Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly,
Kaiser
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

17. Recommend authorization of the General Manager to issue a Task Order to MKN & Associates in the not to exceed amount of \$158,506 for the Robles Diversion Fish Screen Implementation Prototype Test Plan.

APPROVED

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

AYES: Directors: Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly,
Kaiser
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

18. Recommend authorization of the General Manager to enter into a professional consulting services agreement with Pueblo Water Resources, Inc. for the not to exceed amount of \$25,712 for the Matilija Formation Groundwater Supply Project Technical Advisory Committee.

APPROVED

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

AYES: Directors: Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly,
Kaiser
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

19. Information Items:

- a. Executive Committee Minutes.
- b. Personnel Committee Minutes
- c. Water Resources Committee Minutes.
- d. Response letter from Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue.
- e. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- f. Investment Report.

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

AYES: Directors: Word, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly,
Kaiser
NOES: Directors: None

ABSENT: Directors: None

20. Future Agenda Item Requests.

Director Spandrio asked for an update on the HR Manager recruitment. Director Brennan asked for an information item on the Robles Diversion Fish Screen and Mr. Flood mentioned that the presentation can be scheduled.

22. Adjournment.

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 6:30.

Brian Brennan, Secretary