

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting held  
March 27, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Hajas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Director Cole, Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser and Hajas are present. Also present are GM Flood, AGM Dyer, EA Vieira, and Counsel McNulty.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hajas led the pledge.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

The agenda is confirmed as submitted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Presentation on District-related items that are not on the agenda - three minute limit.

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.a. Accounts Payable Report.  
[Accounts Payable Report.pdf](#)  
[Accounts Payable Report  
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6.b. Minutes of the February 28, 2024 Board Meeting.  
[2 28 2024 Min.pdf](#)

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

AYES:	Directors:	Cole, Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser, Hajas
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Approve an amendment to the Casitas MWD-County of Ventura lease agreement (originally executed on March 22, 1978) changing the term from the current

month-to-month arrangement to a period of fifty (50) years.  
[Board Memo Lease Agreement Amendment 032724.pdf](#)  
[Casitas MWD - County of Ventura Lease RM 3-8-78 Signed Copy ATT1 032724.pdf](#)

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

AYES:	Directors:	Cole, Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser, Hajas
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

## 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

- 8.a. Current Water Supply/Condition of Lake Casitas.  
[Board Info Memo on Water Supply - Lake Condition 032724.pdf](#)

GM Flood provided a presentation on the Lake Casitas Water Supply conditions including information on the automatic operation of the spillway when the lake reaches 567 ft above mean sea level. The spillway's primary purpose is protection of the dam from overtopping. 50,000 acre-feet of water has been added to the lake this year and the wells in Ojai are artesian. We have had the lowest demands since 1966. The rain has been good for water supply but not for cash flow.

The spillway has operated eight times in the dam's history with the last time being in 1998. We are required to do a public notification to County OES and papers when the lake is within two feet of the spillway. We are five feet away from that now. It is important to fill the lake up and follow the operations manual and operate it the way it is designed to operate and let the spillway do its work and make sure the dam is safe.

Public speakers included Burt Handy, Kyle Luker and Nikki Katz. Burt Handy suggested selling water outside the district. Kyle Luker and Nikki Katz expressed concern regarding notification and possible flooding downstream of the spillway.

## 9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.a. Finance Committee Minutes.  
[Finance Committee Minutes 031524.pdf](#)
- 9.b. Hydrology Report for February 2024.  
[Hydrology Feb 2024.pdf](#)
- 9.c. State Water Project Intertie Report.  
[SWP Intertie Project Cost 2-29-24.pdf](#)
- 9.d. CFD 2013 Report.  
[CFD 2013-1 Project Cost 2-29-2024.pdf](#)
- 9.e. Investment Report.

Investment Report FY2024 February.pdf

- 9.f. Adjudication Charges Report.  
Adjudication Charges YTD 2.29.24.pdf
- 9.g. Consumption Report.  
Consumption 2023-2024.pdf
- 9.h. Financial Statements December 2023 and Non-Budgeted Items.  
Financial Statements 12-31-2023 Summary.pdf

The information items were received.

10. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

None

11. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Brennan reported on his attendance at the Ventura Water Commission.

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

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Hajas adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

  
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Mary Bergen, Secretary