

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
October 13, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held October 13, 2010 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Handley, Kaiser, Word, and Baggerly were present. Director Hicks was absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, Bob Krimmer. There were two staff members and two members of the public in attendance. President Handley led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that he was contacted by Kelly of AWA and they have requested holding another water district tour as they did last year. The tour will be on November 23rd and they will be at the Treatment Plant and Dam from 2:30 – 3:30. They had 30 people on a waiting list from last year.

On Monday night I gave a talk to the Oak View Cert meeting. I have spoken to our supervisory and management staff here and encourage our staff to be involved in cert and to be prepared at home to be ready and able to come to work. On October 18th there is a meeting at the Oxnard Marriott from 2 – 5 p.m. regarding the Freeman Diversion Fish Passage. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with Mary Lou Cotton and Susan Rundgren to discuss Palmdale purchase. This may not come around for us. Saturday I am leaving to go to DC for the trial and not be back in town until Nov. 1st.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Word mentioned cancelling the Water Resources Committee. Mr. Wickstrum added that Water Resources and the Personnel Committee will be cancelled. Directors Word and Kaiser will provide dates for the Finance Committee meeting. Director Word then informed the board that the City of Ventura approved the annexing of 800 acres of Canada Largo. There is an issue of water availability. He added that the City is our largest customer taking a third of our water.

Director Kaiser provided his report from his attendance at the ACWA conference. The Casitas case was one of the issues that were discussed. He also learned that Water Districts are exempt from state wage and hour laws. AB 1924 on invasive species is to eradicate and avoid the transport of invasive species. Yorba Linda Water District experienced a loss of many home and there are homeowner lawsuits stating there was not adequate water available to fight the fire. If the case is successful it may have implications for other water districts. They are seeking support for an amicus brief.

Director Baggerly provided his report from the ACWA conference and information on what was discussed regarding the takings case. It will be very interesting what happens.

4. Consent Agenda ADOPTED
- a. Minutes of the September 22, 2010 Board Meeting.
 - b. Recommend approval of a purchase order to S & J Supply in the amount of \$78,621.98 for the purchase of iron flex couplings for the Oak View Reservoir No. 2 project seismic retrofit.
 - c. Recommend approval of an expenditure of \$6,500 for the replacement of sewage pump grinders for the Coyote Ramp restrooms.
 - d. Resolution approving, as a responsible agency under CEQA, the Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company Pipeline Project.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 10-31.

5. Bills APPROVED

Director Word questioned #6134 a repair to the utility truck and asked about the age of the vehicle and when it is scheduled for replacement. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is our large pipeline maintenance truck which had a major problem with oil seals that blew out. It is not on a schedule to be replaced.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed the Bills were approved.

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Water Resources Committee Minutes
- b. Recreation Committee Minutes

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Word and passed, the Committee/Manager Reports were approved for filing.

7. Resolution awarding a contract to Lightning Fence Co Inc. in the amount of \$106,904 for the Fence Upgrade. ADOPTED

President Handley mentioned a call from Sue Williamson and that she would like to know if the design includes passage for wildlife. Mr. Wickstrum explained that a drawing was posted showing sections that would be left as four strand fence as it is now. There will be about 1,200 feet of fencing that will be left as four strand in ten different locations. These locations are not readily accessible to the public of vehicles towing boats. Most of the deer I have noticed over the past few months are to the north of the event area and I see them going up the tree line back up that canyon. The four strand sections will allow the wildlife to get through. A lot of the fencing has been shredded by the public gaining access. We had one entry that showed tracks so a truck and or a boat got in. This is a concern of water quality and the fence is 50 years old. Mr. Wickstrum suggested Sue visit with Park Services Manager Carol Belser at the lake to view the map and the fence area. Director Word asked what was decided regarding the color of the fence. Mr. Wickstrum explained it would be a brown coating. Director Word then commented that it was less than budgeted.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 10-32.

8. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Chaulk Mound Trout Ranch in the amount of \$58,140 for the purchase of rainbow trout, pending water quality report results. APPROVED

Director Kaiser brought up the issue that he has seen individuals using several poles at a time in violation of Department of Fish & Game. He suggested that we request some enforcement action by DFG so everybody would abide by the regulations.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Word and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

9. Recommend approval of the adjustment to the Watershed Coordinator funding. APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum explained that this had to be brought back to the board because we lost three participants from the cost sharing so our portion went from \$1,778 to \$2,667. This will be reevaluated at the end of three years.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

10. Recommend approval to change banking institutions from Bank of America to Rabobank, N.A. for General Fund, Accounts Payable Fund, Payroll Fund, Visa Fund and Money Market Investing.

APPROVED

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

11. Recommendation to approve the submitted Reserve Statement continuing to build additional Un-Restricted and Un-Designated reserves.

APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

12. Ordinance prescribing a system of business administration.

ADOPTED

The Ordinance was offered by Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed by the following roll call vote.

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

Ordinance is numbered 10-02.

13. Recommend approval for the execution of an agreement to transfer the District's email service to Google Apps.

APPROVED

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Word and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

- 14 Information Items:

- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- b. Letter of appreciation from AWA.
- c. News Articles
- d. Investment Report

Mr. Wickstrum suggested discussing the meeting schedule for November and December at the next meeting and suggested holding one meeting in December on the 15th.

15. Adjournment

President Handley adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

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