

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District

Board Meeting Held

July 8, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held July 8, 2020. The meeting was held via teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Baggerly at 3:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan and Baggerly are present. Also present are General Manager Flood, Assistant General Manager Dyer, Executive Administrator Vieira and Counsel Mathews, CFO Brown, HRM Impeartrice, Engineering Manager Aranda.

3. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Mr. Mathews suggested the board amend the agenda to omit and continue item 13.a. Director Spandrio requested discussion on 8.e and item 7.a. is discussed and asked that item 8 c. be pulled for discussion.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.a. Approval of the Accounts Payable Reports for the period 6/11/20 – 6/24/20.

5.b. Approve the updated Associate Fisheries Biologist job description and request for reclassification from the General Unit to the Supervisory and Professional Unit.

5.c. Approve the updated Information Systems Technology Administrator job description and request for reclassification from the General Unit to the Supervisory and Professional Unit.

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

AYES: Directors: Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan, Baggerly

NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

6. ACTION ITEMS

6. a. Award the contract for the construction of the Paving Contract Specification No. 19-433 to BSN Construction Inc. in the amount of \$250,000; and authorize the President of the Board to execute the agreement for said work.

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

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

6.b. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the General Manager and the Assistant General Manager to sign and file a Financial Assistance Application for a financing agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the planning, design, and construction of the Ventura-Santa Barbara County Intertie project.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2020-20.

6. c. Resolution approving the authorized signers on the District Bank Accounts.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2020-21.

Director Spandrio welcomed Janyne Brown as the new CFO.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. a. Update and Discussion of the State Water Project Interconnection Project.

Mr. Flood reported that on 8.e. there were questions from the Water Resources Committee and the encumbered number did not match up. It is possible that there may have been a mix up on where costs are allocated between the two projects with similar names. This will be reviewed, corrected and brought back to the board.

Mr. Flood reported that the project is moving into design and heading towards that part of the project where when I met with Calleguas and City of Ventura they expressed their wish to consider the district paying for some portion of the cost of that line to have capacity set aside for us as first priority sense. Essentially it will be a shared line. The City of Ventura went out with rfp and came back with Stantec in the amount of \$3.5 million for the design phase and are planning on two years for that. Julia sat in on selection of consultant. The City pays for 2/3 of project at \$30 million and if the district is so inclined, the commitment would be for 1/3 of what the city is looking to spend. This project was kept in the budget with 500,000 over the year. This is the centerpiece for the comprehensive water resources plan. The 1/3 set aside gives the district certainty to move water. We will need to rely on other state water project contractors. Met water can be subject to a lot of uncertainty. Calleguas, Casitas and the city are working on design, construction and operation contract. It will need to come to committee and the board to discuss prior to finalization.

The Board discussion their concerns with President Baggerly commenting that the water users from the Ventura River watershed are being ungraciously attached from an enemy in their midst and thinks it is foolish to continue down this path as long as the City of Ventura pushes forward with the lawsuit. Director Spandrio concurred and suggested not throwing any more money at it until we see we have a cooperative partner in the effort. This could result in big changes to the comprehensive water resource plan. Director Kaiser questioned if the city officials responded to the request to meet. Mr. Flood replied it would be discussed in closed session updates. Director Kaiser added that he agreed with Directors Baggerly and Spandrio. President Baggerly ended by stating that there is no action to be taken on this at this time.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8. a. Public Relations Committee Minutes.
- 8. b. Finance Committee Minutes
- 8. c. Letter from Ventura Grand Jury.
- 8. d. CFD 2013-01 (Ojai) Project Report.
- 8. e. State Water Project – Interconnect Project Costs.
- 8. f. Investment Report.

Director Spandrio asked for a staff response and recommendations to the Grand Jury letter. Mr. Flood responded that the IT Specialist is working on that and giving me some information and doing some outreach to federal agencies for free help for analysis and checklists.

The Information items were offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Spandrio and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Ms. Dyer reported that the Ojai Valley News had some misinformation in the Thumbs Down section adding that the Mira Monte well is a water source for the Ojai water system as it is blended with water from the Casitas system. It appeared that the reader did not have the most recent version of the report. I have contacted the Ojai Valley News about this and am looking for ways to improve the report next year.

Rincon 2M repairs were completed yesterday. Engineering is working on an rfq for a long term solution for that area. It is a challenging area in the canyon and subject to erosion.

Mr. Dyer then reminded the board of shutdowns on the Ojai water system on July 9 and 10. Door hangers and phone calls are being made to affected customers. The board was also reminded that the Comprehensive Water Resource plan is available for review and postcards will be sent within the district. Finally she reminded the board of the special board meeting this Friday at 11:00 a.m.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

DIRECTOR Kaiser attended the AWA meeting last Thursday and they talked about the state of the association's finances. They are down \$33,000 for the year. The Farm Bureau reduced the rent by 50%. There was discussion on what other districts are doing regarding Covid-10.

Director Brennan was also at that meeting and he attended the Zoom meeting on the Ventura in stream flows.

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

President Baggerly mentioned a report from constituents who visited the Sespe River and were astounded at the amount of catfish in the river.

Director Kaiser suggested it might be timely to get an update from Scott on if there have been any fish transiting the river.

Director Brennan commented on the notice from the county to drain Matilija Dam due to safety and the worry about people being in the canyon for the water. He wants to know if we were able to take any of that water into our system.

President Baggerly asked the GM or AGM to get each board members a copy of the permit and license for Matilija and for Robles from the State Water Resources Control Board Water Rights Division.

President Baggerly moved the meeting to closed session at 3:55 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating the three items to be discussed in closed session. Mr. Mathews reminded the board and public that item 13 has been removed from the agenda.

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.a. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(a) Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, City of San Buenaventura, et al.; and City of San Buenaventura v Duncan Abbott, et al., Cross Complaint; Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19STCP01176.

12. b. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(a) C-Win v. City of San Buenaventura; Superior Court, State of California, County of Ventura, Case No. 56-2019-00532905-CU-WM-VTA.


12. c. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Sec. 54957.6) Agency Designated Representative: Julia Aranda Employee Organization: Management.

President Baggerly moved the back into open session at 5:46 p.m. with Mr. Mathews reporting that no action was taken.

13. POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM Item pulled from the agenda.

13. a. Adopt Resolution approving a two-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Management Group.

14. ADJOURNMENT


Angelo Spandrio, Secretary