

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
August 12, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held August 12, 2009 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Hicks, Handley, and Word were present. Directors Kaiser and Baggerly were absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were two staff members and one member of the public in attendance. President Hicks led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. Board of Director comments.

Director Word asked that we track that bill that is up to allow power to be sold back to power companies. The Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance said there was a bill pending. Mr. Merckling reported that he contacted ACWA, and there were a couple of different bills. He will provide the information. Director Word added that it might make it economically viable for us to pursue solar on the dam.

Director Word mentioned the nominations for standing committees for next year and suggested having Rebekah serve on the Insurance and Personnel committee. There are four meetings a year. We could gain some knowledge and help direct some things. Mr. Wickstrum said he would take a look at it and bring back a recommendation to the board. Director Word added that we have no participation at this point. He continued by stating that we need to continue to look at insurance real closely. If we can provide additional benefits without adversely affecting the district rate payers we need to do that. I would suggest we look at it closely.

Director Hicks mentioned the Quagga Mussel group and suggested that Director Baggerly should be involved in that. Mr. Wickstrum added that he sent a letter in response to their report. Their document related more to the boating industry and promoting boating rather than water quality.

3. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that we had a visit on July 2nd by the State agency that inspects amusement rides. They termed our lazy river as an amusement ride. John had mulled this around in 2005 and had come to no conclusion. We are better off to have the inspection which they will complete after Labor Day.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that the patrol boat that was delivered. It is a first class boat and staff is very pleased.

Director Word asked about the open positions. Mr. Wickstrum reported that the safety position is still open and we will be conducting second interviews in September. The only other open position is the part time water conservation position. The new Park Services Manager will begin on August 26th.

4. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the July 8, 2009 Board Meeting.
- b. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Ernst and Young for audit services for the State Water Project.

The consent agenda was offered by Director Handley, seconded by Director Word and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 09-21

5. Bills

APPROVED

Director Word asked about #2733 to CMH and wondered if this was for drug testing. We will look this up and respond.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Handley and passed, the bills were approved.

6. Committee/Manager Reports

APPROVED FOR FILING

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

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

7. Recommend approval of the contract with RJEM for Scouting Services.

APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum reported that we revised some of the language so it was more specific, isolating events that have happened for many years, making sure we got full and direct benefit from things like the wine festival. Director Word asked what their take for the wine festival would be. Mr. Wickstrum answered

none. Director Word then asked if they bring in a new festival, we pay their commission, repeated for the next ten years, they get the same percentage? Mr. Wickstrum replied that they would have to do the work for them to get that compensation.

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

8. Recommend approval of the submitted Recommendation to set Reserves, approving the Reserve Statement and Reserve Fund Policy, continuing to build additional Un-Restricted and Un-Designated reserves.

APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum reported that we have about three million in unrestricted, undesignated reserves and we need to move that into other areas and set up a capital improvement fund. We have major projects coming down the avenue and we want to save for these over time. At a later date we want to look at a capital improvement fund for lots of things we need to look at in the recreation area. Look at funding replacement infrastructure areas at recreation before our customers turn away from us. We have to sort out how it is paid back through depreciation and get some of these projects done.

Director Word asked if we have a handle on what will happen with the property tax money. Mr. Wickstrum reported that we are looking at 8% of the funding to be lost or borrowed which totals \$144,000 lost. This can only be borrowed twice in ten years.

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

9. Recommend approval of the change order for the Lamella Filter Interior Coating in the amount of \$9,830.

APPROVED

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

10. Recommend approval of Water Survey Contract Extension in the amount of \$24,285 to WaterWise Consulting, Inc.

APPROVED

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

11. Recommend approval of the emergency authorization of funds for a telephone system replacement at the District Office.

APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum reported that in the last two weeks we had a complete failure of the phone voice mail system. All calls have to go through administration. This has been put on the budget for the last five or six years and it has been pulled off. The system is about 16 years old and it is unable to be repaired. We are asking for a \$20,000 allowance to get the best system we can find and get it installed quickly.

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

12. Recommend approval of the purchase of fish protection signs in the amount of \$520.95. APPROVED

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

13. Information Items:

- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- b. Lake Casitas Storage Volume Comparison and Water Inventory Summary.
- c. Memo from Scott Lewis regarding timeline and communication of events related to the end of season loss of water at Robles.
- d. Letter from AWA thanking the district for ongoing support and program sponsorships.
- e. Recreation Area Monthly Report
- f. News Articles
- g. Investment Report

14. Adjournment

President Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Secretary