



February 14, 2020

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Ventura
501 Poli Street
Ventura, Ca 93001

Mr. Mayor and City Council,

The Board of Directors of the Casitas Municipal Water District is in receipt of the letter from your City Manager dated February 4, 2020.

This Board, as a distinct political body, would like to recognize the City Council's consideration of the District's Ad-Hoc Committee's request for dismissal of the cross-complaint in the Santa Barbara Channelkeeper case.

As a result of the Council's closed-session consideration of the request, the Council has suggested that a six-month extension be given to those who have received the City's notices in the case. The Casitas Board of Directors concurs with this action and asks that this relief be brought to the affected property owners at the earliest opportunity.

The City also suggested that a 'policy-maker committee' be formed to supervise and oversee the settlement process. The Casitas Board of Directors sees this as unnecessary. Notably, this responsibility belongs to each individual party taking part in these discussions including the elected bodies of the public agencies involved.

In the spirit of maintaining open dialog with the City on this matter, the Casitas Municipal Water District's Board of Directors offers a meeting between the District's Ad-Hoc Adjudication Committee, the appropriate City Council Members of the City of Ventura, and staff members.

Casitas General Manager, Michael Flood has been given authority to coordinate this important meeting on behalf of the District's Board so feel free to reach out to him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Russ Baggerly".

Russ Baggerly; President for

The Board of Directors of the Casitas Municipal Water District

Cc: Alex D. McIntyre; City Manager, City of Ventura