

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
January 22, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held January 22, 2020 at the Casitas Municipal Water District, 1055 Ventura Ave, Oak View, CA 93022.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Baggerly at 3:00 p.m. There were eight members of staff and six members of the public in attendance.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Kaiser, Word, Spandrio, Brennan, and Baggerly are present. Also present are General Manager Flood, Executive Administrator Vieira and Counsel Mathews.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Baggerly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

No Changes

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

Randy Haney thanked Jim for all the work you have done. Regarding the lawsuit he asked the board to take the lead and suggested that the power of the district and board be put to full use and to represent citizens to the best of ability and in a transparent manner. People are scared; they need information and expect leadership from us and from this board. You have our support. You have the citizens of Ojai and Ventura support and the 33 corridor; use it to best of your ability.

William Weirick reported that he had a call from a rate payer who got served a second time on this lawsuit. This is a person with no well. We need to hear from CMWD. The general feeling among ratepayers is circumstances have changed and they are looking for you to advocate for them. It is time for agencies to get people together without lawyers in room and work out common sense solutions. The only ones that gain are the lawyers.

Jeffrey Starkweather, retired attorney expressed concerns about the lawsuit. He asked that the district explain to the people what you are negotiating about and put it on your website.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.a. Minutes of the January 8, 2020 Board Meeting.

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

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 12/27/19 – 01/08/20.

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

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

7.b. Resolution expressing appreciation to Lisa Kolar upon her retirement and 16 years of service to Casitas.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2020-04.

7.c. Resolution expressing appreciation to James W. Word upon his retirement from the Board of Directors after 23 years of service.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2020-05

- 7.d. Adopt amending Article XI of the Casitas Municipal Water District's bylaws to include an additional standing committee of the Board of Directors identified as the Public Relations committee.

This item was tabled to the meeting on Saturday for further discussion.

- 7.e. Set the date and time for the Board of Directors Public Relations Committee.

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

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

- 7.f. Award a contract for the De La Garrigue Bridge Specification No. 18-398 to Leonida Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$385,000 and a contract for the Rice Bridge Replacement, Specification NO. 18-401 to Granite Construction Company in the amount of \$224,800.

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

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

- 7.g. Approve and Authorize the General Manager to issue a Task Order for professional engineering services to MNS Engineers, Inc. (MNS) for the Lake Casitas Recreation Area Sewer Implementation Plan in an amount not to exceed \$64,273.00.

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

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

- 7.h. Award a Purchase Order Contract to Great Western Recreation in the amount of \$60,014.00 for Lake Casitas Recreation Area Playground Surface Replacement.

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

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

- 7.i. Award contract for Casitas Gravity Main and Oak View Main System Improvements.

On the motion of the Director Brennan, seconded by Director Spandrio to waive a minor irregularity and proceed with the lowest bidder, CD Lyon in the amount of \$261,246.00 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.a. Discussion of an appointment to a vacant Board of Directors position (Division 2).

Director Spandrio suggested concerns over an appointee being an incumbent at the time of election and suggested looking at the possibility of leaving the position vacant until the General Election in November. It was determined that this would be discussed further at the meeting on Saturday.

- 8.b. Discussion of a special meeting of the Board of Directors for a workshop on the District's Draft Comprehensive Water Resources Plan.

ON the motion of Director Brennan, seconded by Director Spandrio, the meeting will be held on February 8th at 9:00 a.m., this was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.a. Hydrologic Status Report for November 2019.
9.b. Personnel Committee Minutes.
9.c. Recreation Committee Minutes.
9.d. Recreation Area Monthly Report for October and November 2019.

- 9.e. Consumption report for November 2019.
- 9.f. Investment Report.

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

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

10. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS.

General Manager Flood informed the board of a shutdown of about 200 connections on the 25th and 26th explaining that we will get notice out to our customers that will be affected. They will be out of water for about a day and water tenders will be provided. There will be shutdowns in Oak View and maybe south in April that will be more difficult. The Bureau is physically getting into the pipe to do inspections on both of the projects.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED.

Director Brennan reported on his attendance at AWA. Mr. Word reported on his attendance at the AWA Waterwise meeting explaining that the report from Eric Bolt is that the outlook is on the dry side adding conservation is a way of life.

Director Baggerly reported that he and Director Kaiser attended, as the ad hoc adjudication committee, the January 17th Consumptive Users meeting.

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

None

President Baggerly moved the meeting to closed session at 4:07 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.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.

13.b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Sec.

54957). Title: General Manager

President Baggerly moved the meeting back into open session at 5:39 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating there were no actions to report.

14. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER'S COMPENSATION.


On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Brennan the Board approved a 5% increase in compensation that was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

At the request of Director Word, comment regarding item 11 was reopened with Director Word advising the board that it is a big mistake to leave the position open and you need all hands on the board. There are big issues at stake and I would resent it if Division II is not important enough to be left vacant.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Baggerly adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.


Angelo Spandrio, Secretary