

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
October 28, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held October 28, 2009 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Hicks, Handley, Kaiser, Word and Baggerly were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were three staff members and no members of the public in attendance. Director Hicks led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board of a boat that was found earlier in the week that had been submerged for some time. It had a 2002 tag on it. We have asked Gary to find out who owned the boat since it was stored at one of his docks. We had heard a few years ago regarding a boat having been stolen and this may be that boat. The boat is Quagga free; it only had algae growing on it. It was sitting straight up and down with the motor in the silt. It was loaded with crawdads and other things.

Mr. Wickstrum then discussed state water and that he would be working on an agreement with the city of Ventura and United to be able to sell water if there is a buyer other than selling to table A or B. The State determined the City could not sell their water and blocked the city's sale just because we went table A. United and the City are working out a deal where some of the cities water is being delivered to United for this year. In 2010 we are looking for an agreement for a letter of non objection to be signed to allow the city and ourselves to sell it to someone else. When we collect funds for this it goes back to reducing the overall debt we charge for our constituents for state water.

Additionally we have a meeting in two weeks with Vicky Musgrove to discuss the water certifications and water supply to the city.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that he had spent the last six hours with the Bureau of Reclamation who were conducting a visit to look at the Recreation Area, the aspects in which we operate, our concessions, buildings, ADA, hazardous materials and also the watershed. We visited the Selby house. I asked questions of Mr. Epperson regarding the Voyce house and the RMP. The Bureau inspects our facilities every ten years. We shared with them our operations, concession agreements, where we are at with concession agreements and completed a tour of all areas. It is hard to tell what kind of report they will put together. We did ask about the RMP. The response was that it would go to their solicitor then to DC and then they lose track of it. I asked and so

did the Recreation Specialist to see a final draft before it goes to the solicitor. We have a keen interest in what goes on in the RMP and their changes since we saw the original draft.

Mr. Wickstrum explained there was a Natural Resources Specialist, Engineer, Environmental Specialist, Realty Specialist, a person dealing with encroachments, and the Regional Recreation Coordinator who was in charge of this visit. He reports to the regional director in Sacramento. Bob Epperson and Jack Collins were also in attendance and there was an ADA specialist. Regarding the agreement that they have been talking about, their solicitor believes they can't do much for us without an agreement. Mr. Epperson and I will meet on November 20th to lay out what we would like to see in an agreement. Director Baggerly commented that there is no recognition of the pre-existing contract. Mr. Wickstrum responded that they hold to 1965 Recreation Reclamation Act and don't relate back to 1954 Ventura River contract. They felt we did not have authority to run it in 1954 did not have authority until 1974 when the water code changed.

The last part of the day was spent in the watershed area. They understand our reasoning to pull the water line service from the Teague area. They have not approached the method to get the residents out of the Voyce property. Mrs. Voyce passed away a few months ago. This is the same problem we had in 80's and 90's. They did not have the ability to get people out. They want to take the caretaker from the Selby house to the Voyce house and there will be two residences to be maintained. They have spent about \$250,000 on roadway and bridge work to get to the Selby house. Other designs may come about when we see the RMP.

The real emphasis is they do want to help us. They have had funding come about but their solicitor says until they have an agreement with us they can't help us. Let's see what we can do. We will have to move forward. Director Word asked that a copy of their report be provided.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Baggerly mentioned the major legislation for water package and that it will probably increase the state water contractors share and cost.

4. Consent Agenda APPROVED

- a. Minutes of the October 14, 2009 Board Meeting.
- b. Recommend approval of a title change from Lead Fisheries Technician to Associate Fisheries Biologist.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the Consent Agenda was approved.

5. Bills APPROVED

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the bills were approved.

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING
- a. Recreation Committee Minutes
 - b. Water Resources Committee Minutes
 - c. Personnel Committee Minutes

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

7. Resolution authorizing the sale of the Proposition 1A Receivable from the State.

ADOPTED

Mr. Wickstrum reported that last week we received notification there is an effort to allow agencies to get their Prop 1a funding in a full manner by participating in a statewide JPA. The company will sell bonds and get money back to agencies that are lending the money back to the state. We have to file the paperwork before Nov. 6th. Both John and I have looked through it and it is a standard bond agreement. This hinges on the bond sale and we will not get the 2% interest if we had lent it to them for three years.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 09-30

8. Information Items:
- a. Lake Casitas Storage Volume Comparison and Water Inventory Summary.
 - b. News Articles
 - c. Investment Report

9. Adjournment

President Hicks adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Secretary