

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
June 22, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held June 22, 2011 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Baggerly, Word, Hicks, and Bergen were present. Director Kaiser was absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were three staff members and six members of the public in attendance. Director Baggerly led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that the fisheries personnel snorkeled around the docks of Lake Casitas and the shorelines looking for quagga mussels and did not find any. There is a question of the park store and acquisition of a liquor license. The issue pertains to gross revenues and the interpretation from the ABC. It may result in a minor change to the letter agreement.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that over the last six months, he had been working with Director Word, Director Baggerly, and Carol Belser on the recreation agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. It appears that we may have an agreement that is reasonable and fair and in the best interest of Casitas and the United States. Hopefully, it will be brought to the board in July for consideration.

Due to travel to Washington D.C. in July the board decided to reschedule the meeting to July 14th at 3:00 p.m.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks reported that he attended that wine festival and it appeared to be a success. He didn't see any problems. Mr. Wickstrum added that Dave Wooly with the Bureau of Reclamation was at the park on Monday and he expected to see trash and destruction but everything was already cleaned up.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the June 8, 2011 Board Meeting.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Bergen, and passed, the Consent agenda was adopted.

5. Bills

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports

- a. Recreation Committee Minutes
- b. Finance Committee Minutes

Director Word commented on an editorial in the paper and noted that page 23 of the agenda section on Recreation Committee Minutes, item 7 refers to recent photos of deer at the fence.

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

7. Urban Water Management Plan

- a. Conduct Public Hearing

Director Baggerly stated this is the time and date set for a public hearing to consider input regarding the proposed Urban Water Management Plan. He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the names of the public who called or submitted communications regarding the proposed Urban Water Management Plan. Rebekah Vieira stated communications were received from the City of Ventura, Ojai Valley Sanitary District, Ventura River County Water District, and Ojai Valley Green Resource Center. Ron Merckling provided his report on the Urban Water Management Plan and discussed the new requirements.

Director Baggerly opened the public hearing at 3:33 p.m. and asked for comments from the public.

Bert Rap from Ventura River County Water District commented that this is an excellent Urban Water Management Plan and he appreciates the water conservation efforts. He thanked the board for consistent investment with staff and budget to sustain the water conservation measures.

Bill O'Brien, residing at 1287 Avila Drive in Ojai and representing the Green Coalition Watershed Council thanked the district for putting this together. It created a good historical reference to understand water supply. He offered support in distribution of literature for water conservation and education efforts.

Deborah residing at 309 Riverside Rd Oak View elaborated on what Bill said and added that grey water recycling should be part of a water conservation plan. She applauded the district in hiring a coordinator and hope they will be out there in the community with us. We are here to help and want to be integrated with you. You are a major partner. It is a great plan.

Director Baggerly closed the public hearing at 3:40 p.m.

b. Resolution Adopting the Urban Water Management Plan

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

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

Resolution is numbered 11-12.

8. Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2011-2012 Budget.

a. Public Hearing

Director Baggerly stated this is the time and date set for a public hearing to consider input on the adoption of the 2011-2012 Budget and asked the clerk of the board to read the names of the public who called or submitted communications regarding the proposed budget. Rebekah Vieira stated there were none.

Mr. Wickstrum provided his report and stated that we looked at the budget in a conservative manner and are using the least amount of reserves. Director Word added that we will review the budget midyear but we don't revise the budget in those meetings but will review performance. There is a 5% reduction in revenue. Some departments plan an 8% reduction in expenses. He added that he is uneasy if the district begins to use reserves on a regular basis to balance the budget. He also added that this budget is being presented with no increase in water rates this year. He commended staff for looking at capital projects and not deferring maintenance but looking at when they should be done. Denise Collin added there is one minor change and that is the sun downing of the Oak View Water Availability Charge that was adopted at the last board meeting in the amount of \$7,000.

Director Baggerly opened the public hearing at 3:46 p.m. and since there were no public comments he closed the public hearing at 3:47 p.m.

b. Resolution adopting the general fund budget, debt service fund and Mira Monte water assessment district fund budgets for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 11-13.

9. Resolution establishing the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 11-14.

10. Resolution fixing a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and authorizing the President of the Board to execute a certificate requesting the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to levy such a tax. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 11-15.

11. Information Items:

- a. News Articles.
- b. Investment Report

12. Adjournment

Vice President Baggerly adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Secretary