

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Agenda

Baggerly/Brennan
June 12, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

The meeting will be held via teleconference.
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1. Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Board Comments
4. General Manager Comments
5. Letter of Support for AB 2182 (Rubio) Emergency Backup Generators: Water and Wastewater Facilities: Exemption
6. Letter of Support for H.R. 7073, Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act.

Right to be heard: Members of the public have a right to address the Board directly on any item of interest to the public which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The request to be heard should be made immediately before the Board's consideration of the item. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of §54954.2 of the Government Code. If you require special accommodations for attendance at or participation in this meeting, please notify our office in advance (805) 649-2251 ext. 113. (Govt. Code Section 65954.1 and 54954.2(a)). Please be advised that members of the Board of Directors of Casitas who are not members of this standing committee may attend the committee meeting referred to above only in the capacity of observers, and may not otherwise take part in the meeting. (Govt. Code Sections 54952.2(c)(6))



June 12, 2020

The Honorable Monique Limon
Assembly Member
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0037

The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for AB 2182 (Rubio) Emergency Backup Generators: Water and Wastewater Facilities: Exemption

Dear Assembly Member Limon and Senator Jackson,

The Casitas Municipal Water District writes in support of AB 2182, which is sponsored by the Association of California Water Agencies. The bill would allow for critical water service providers to use and maintain emergency power generators for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events. Without flexibility in use of power generators for public water supply service during PSPS events, we risk reliable water service to our community.

AB 2182 would support essential water service by (1) confirming backup power generation during PSPS events is considered an emergency use of generators; (2) ensuring generator use for PSPS events is not limited by time constraints; and, (3) providing more rigorous testing and maintenance requirements for backup generators due to the strenuous nature of their use during PSPS events. For these reasons Casitas supports AB 2182. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. If Casitas can provide any assistance to you or your staff in any way, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Flood, General Manager, at mflood@casitaswater.com or (805)649-2251 ext. 111.

Sincerely,

Russ Baggerly
Board President
Casitas Municipal Water District



June 12, 2020

The Honorable Julia Brownley
Congresswoman
2262 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kamala Harris
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: Support for H.R. 7073, Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act

Dear Congresswoman Brownley, Senator Feinstein and Senator Harris,

The Casitas Municipal Water District writes in support of H.R. 7073, Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act, which is sponsored by the California Special Districts Association. The bill would allow access to much-needed federal relief resources to help our District with unbudgeted expenses and revenue loss resulting from COVID-19.

Casitas Municipal Water District maintains and operates Lake Casitas, which provides essential water service to over 60,000 people and hundreds of farms in Western Ventura County. Our District also operates the Lake Casitas Recreation Area, a destination typically visited by over 750,000 visitors annually. During COVID-19, our dedicated staff has been continued to provide essential water service, but the recreation area has been closed temporarily in order to protect public health and safety.

Our District is experiencing significant revenue losses from the closure of recreation services as well as customer non-payment for water service, coupled with increased expenses for COVID-19 response efforts. H.R. 7073 would provide much-needed financial support by allowing special districts access to the Coronavirus Relief Fund. As Congress continues to negotiate next steps for COVID-19 relief for state and local governments, Casitas asks for your support.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. If Casitas can provide any assistance to you or your staff in any way, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Flood, General Manager, at mflood@casitaswater.com or (805) 649-2251 ext. 111.

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