

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
September 11, 2024 Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Hajas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser and Hajas are present. Director Cole is absent at the beginning of the meeting. Also present are GM Flood, AGM Dyer, EA Vieira, and Counsel McNulty.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hajas led the pledge.

Director Kaiser asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the anniversary of 9/11.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Confirmed as submitted.

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

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.a Accounts Payable Report.
[Accounts Payable Report.pdf](#)

6.b Minutes of the August 14, 2024 Board Meeting.
[8 14 2024 Min.pdf](#)

6.c Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code which does not require an amendment at this time.
[Board Memo Biennial Conflict of Interest Review.pdf](#)
[2022 COI.pdf](#)

The Consent agenda was offered by Director Brennan, seconded by Director Kaiser, and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser, Hajas
NOES:	Directors:	None

ABSENT: Directors: Cole

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.a Approve the purchase of the 2025 4,000 gallon vacuum truck and approve the disposal of the current 2005 vacuum truck.
[Board Memo 4000 Gallon Vacuum Truck.pdf](#)

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

AYES: Directors: Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser, Hajas
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: Cole

- 7.b Approval of a Statement of Work for Ernst & Young regarding the Ongoing Review/Audit of the State Water Project Contract in conjunction with other State Water Contractors in the amount of \$9,385.
[Board Memo for Ernst & Young SWP Statement of Work 091124.pdf](#)
[Ernst & Young Statement of Work 091124 ATT1.pdf](#)

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

AYES: Directors: Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser, Hajas
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: Cole

- 7.c Call for Nominations for Ventura LAFCo Special District Regular Member and possible adoption of a nominating resolution should the board decide to nominate a board member to LAFCo.
[Casitas Municipal Water District 2024 Call for Nominations Cover Letter.pdf](#)
[~ Resolution Sample - 2024.pdf](#)
[~ Ind. Special District List 2024.pdf](#)

As there was no interest from the board, no action was taken.

8. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.a Presentation/Discussion of the Matilija Groundwater Supply Project.
[Matilija GW Project Board Memo 091124.pdf](#)
[TAC Outline and Memo for Matilija Fm Water Supply Project 110319 ATT1.pdf](#)
[WREA MGWS Basis of Design Scope and Fee Estimate20200107 ATT2.pdf](#)
[MGWS Project Schedule_20240911 ATT3.pdf](#)

EM Aranda and Jordan Kear provided information on the project, funding and the proposed schedule for the pilot bore in the Matilija formation on Casitas property southwest of Robles. It is estimated to have 8,000 af/y based on studies of the Tecolote

tunnel.

Director Cole arrives at 5:09 p.m.

This project is for long term supply to mitigate drought risk and diversify the water supply. We have received \$3.6 million in grant funding with \$1.2 million matching for Casitas. We applied for \$900,000 advanced payment with a grant funding deadline to be completed by the end of 2026. Proposed phase 1 would include CEQA and well drilling. Phase 2 would be well equipping.

The board asked questions of Jordan Kear and learned that in 2016 the board looked at 36 differed projects to find more water and this one seemed promising and sustainable. Questions regarding quantity and quality of the water will not be answered until the pilot bore is completed. A future agenda item will include bids for the project for the board to consider.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.a Hydrology Report July 2024.
[Hydrology Report July 2024.pdf](#)
- 9.b State Water Project Intertie Report.
[SWP Intertie Project Cost 8-31-24.pdf](#)
- 9.c Investment Report.
[Investment Report FY2025 August.pdf](#)
- 9.d Adjudication Charges Report.
[Adjudication Charges YTD 8.31.24.pdf](#)
- 9.e Consumption Report July 2024.
[Consumption 2024-2025.pdf](#)

The information items were received.

10. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood informed the board of the treatment plant shutdown next week to install the mag meter. 290 customers were notified to refrain from outside watering during the shutdown.

There has been no more movement on FEMA reimbursements, and we have reached out to Congressman Carbajal's office. We have been approved for \$50,000 out of over \$2 million and have only received \$35,000.

The rowing club is getting questions from teams coming to the Olympics as to if the lake would be available. The rowing team is considering how to work this out considering the quagga restrictions.

Regarding the lead line survey, we have looked at 755 randomly chosen service lines and have not found any lead yet. The October 16th deadline may not be met. We do not expect to find lead but did find people using aluminum conduit to bring water into their house.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

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

None

President Hajas moved the meeting to closed session at 5:41 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.a CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 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 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 9) Case 2024SC021367

Name of Case: Feiss MD vs Casitas Municipal Water District.

President Hajas moved the meeting back into open session at 6:32 p.m. with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session and no actions were taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Hajas adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.



Mary Bergen, Secretary