

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
May 25, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held May 25, 2016 at the Casitas Municipal Water District located at 1055 Ventura Ave. in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Kaiser, Baggerly, Word, Hicks and Bergen were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were seven staff members and five members of the public in attendance. President Kaiser led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public Comments (items not on the agenda – three minute limit).

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that the City of Ventura's Urban water Management Plan is available for review and a hearing will be held on June 13th. Mr. Wickstrum then mentioned that Thursday night Tom Ash, Russ Baggerly and I are speaking at a presentation for the Green Coalition from 7:00 – 9:00 at the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Wickstrum expressed his appreciation for the report from the Ojai Valley Sanitary District regarding unusual flow at Rancho Matilija which was traced to one resident with unusual water flow out of the residence. They were contacted and there was an immediate response to stop the water flow. Thank you to Jeff Palmer and his staff. Director Baggerly suggested submitting a thumbs up in the paper for the coordination of two agencies.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks informed the board of his lunch with a previous assistant manager of Metropolitan and that individual confirmed it is true that you can wheel water without becoming a member of Met.

President Kaiser asked that the Executive Committee be provided an assessment of our electronic data and protection of the data. He then informed the board of a meeting with Tom Ash on Friday to discuss ideas on rate modeling.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Baggerly reported he attended the AWA breakfast and listened to Dave Peterson who schooled us on how to spend lots of money to deal with TMDL and regulatory practices. At the Watershed Coalition Ventura County general meeting we discussed the prop 1 disadvantage communities and there are some in Ventura County. \$9.8 million dollars is available in three regions. The suggestion is to focus on one kind of fix for the disadvantage communities.

Funding for bringing mutual water companies up to state standards so they can be incorporated into a larger entity may be helpful.

Director Word reported that he also attended the AWA meeting and shared the frustration in the amount of regulations and hoops to jump through and added that this theme was stressed at ACWA also. Meeting the regulations continues to be a challenge. Director Baggerly added the low hanging fruit for water quality has already been picked. Director Hicks added that he attended the same meeting.

5. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the May 11, 2016 Board Meeting.
- b. Resolution setting a public hearing on June 22, 2016 to hear input from the public regarding the Urban Water Management Plan/Agricultural Water Management Plan 2016 Update.
- c. Resolution setting a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget for June 22, 2016.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Bergen, the Consent Agenda was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolutions are numbered 16-10 and 16-11

6. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 5/11/16 – 5/19/16. APPROVED

Director Hicks questioned the \$450 to Dr. Katz. The Clerk of the Board explained that this was for psychological testing that is one of the components for limited peace officer status.

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Word, the Accounts Payables were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Resolution to Approve and Adopt Ordinance No. 16-01 Amending Rules and Regulations for the Public Use of the Lake Casitas Recreational Area and Repealing Ordinance No. 14-01 in its Entirety and approve the job classifications for Park Ranger I, II, III and IV. ADOPTED

Mr. Wickstrum reported that over the last year staff consultants, legal counsel and the board tasked this district to see if there was a desire to grant

limited peace officer authority to staff to enable them to enforce the districts ordinance. It has been a long journey and we have learned a lot along the way. At the meeting of April 27 the board asked for specific additional information. A memorandum was submitted and summarizes the information that was requested.

The board discussed the proposed ordinance changes and also discussed the possibility of an additional amendment in the future regarding the Open Space Lands. The board then discussed the personnel related concerns and requirements for becoming a Ranger. It was explained that the Park Service Officer position would continue to exist but would function under observe and report, customer service and a variety of other tasks such as the quagga inspections. The Rangers will be differentiated from the PSO positions in that the Rangers clearly have PC832 and are considered law enforcement in the scope of their duties at the Lake.

Danny Carrillo the Interim Regional Director for the tri Counties Region of SEIU 721 went on the record and spoke on behalf of the represented members and employees stating that going forward the union expectation is that the district fully provide to all existing employees all protections and to past employees. Everybody is protected going forward in this. The expectation is that we will meet and confer in conjunction with collective bargaining under MMBA regarding new policies and procedures that are to be drafted for the rangers. It is expected that there will be further discussions on what this means for current employees and he added that the union is supportive of seniority and an opportunity to move up through the various levels of the position. He ended by stating that we do support the ability for more jobs and for the safety of our members, employees and the public in general.

President Kaiser asked that the policies and standardization of safety equipment be brought back to the board. Director Baggerly added that the vehicles need to be outfitted properly for their jobs. President Kaiser expressed concern over the expectations of the rangers and what penal code sections they would enforce? Park Services Manager Belser explained that the priority is for them to enforce our own ordinance. President Kaiser added we want to ensure they stay safe and they have an understanding on what they enforce and what they pass on to the Sheriff. It is important that the Rangers understand their limitations on what they are allowed to do.

The resolution was offered by Director Baggerly seconded by Director Word and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 16-12
Ordinance is numbered 16-01

- a. Executive Committee Minutes.
- b. Investment Report.

The information items were offered by Director Hicks, seconded by Director Baggerly and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 4:21 p.m.

9. Closed Session

- a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957). Title: General Manager

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 5:07 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating that the Board provided the General Manager with his evaluation and no action was taken.

10. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

James W. Word, Secretary