

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
July 13, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held July 13, 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 Neil Cole, Principal Engineer, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were four staff members and one member 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.

Neil Cole reported on the honorable mention that was received by the ASCE Environmental Water Resource Institute for the Robles Fish Passage facility.

A meeting was held with Rincon Road and Water Works who have expressed a desire for Casitas to take over their system. They were given information on how to move forward if they want to follow that path. They have looked at this in the past.

There was a meeting with the neighbors of Ojai East and there are some low cost options they would like to try on the site. We will let them try those and see what the results are.

We received approval from the Bureau of Reclamation and National Marine Fisheries Service to move forward to modifications of screen baffles at Robles. The perforated plate will have larger holes which should help. We have a contract out to bid.

The General Manager met with the County and City of Ventura regarding bringing state water and alternate water supplies. President Kaiser asked for a summary report.

The Bureau of Reclamation came in to do a dive inspection on the intake structure but their vessel had been at Lake Mead. To be safe we denied their vessel entrance.

The newsletter was mailed out and billing notices were sent with water allocations and notice of stage 3.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks commented that Faria is spraying the palm trees above ground. Mr. Merckling stated they are taking action to lower their usage. Director Word mentioned Cal Trans was watering the bank at the intersection of 1 and the 33.

Director Hicks reported on a meeting held yesterday at the Marina Café with 13 people from Miners Oaks, Ventura River and people that live in the City of Ventura, it included Ex City Manager and seven were engineers. There was a lot of interest now that Met has decided that you do not have to be a member agency to wheel water.

Director Baggerly questioned the status of the reconnaissance study for new water sources that the water resources committee recommended Steve to look into. Mr. Cole did not have that information.

Director Baggerly then mentioned a 32 inch pipe to Matilija and thought it was being budgeted to change it to a smaller line. Mr. Cole explained that it is in the ten year capital program to replace that line and that it had been held up as we need to know what the county is doing with the property below the dam.

Director Baggerly asked about the number of boats that could be allowed on the lake for boating safety requirements and if there are Boating and Waterways parameters. Ms. Belser responded that we know how many come in but was not aware of any restrictions on the amount of boats that could be on the lake. President Kaiser questioned when it becomes a concern with the amount of watercraft on the lake and pollutants.

Director Baggerly then mentioned calls from constituents regarding the water used for the water playground. He suggested a report on that part of the project and added that it is necessary relief, and uses only a little water. Ms. Belser suggested putting some information on the web.

President Kaiser mentioned the urban rivers grant program and suggested that we should seriously entertain this adding that we want to make sure the public is aware that we are doing everything possible for contingencies relative to the drought. He then asked about the schedule of a workshop and if it is proceeding so that the public is adequately informed. He added that fall is upon us and it is a serious concern of the board so let's make it happen.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Bergen commented on a conference call for the Upper Ventura River GSA dealing with public comments on JPA. The JPA draft is now complete and will go to various boards for final approval. She then mentioned attending the watershed council and spoke about the flow study that is being done by the state and the money that is being spend on the modeling and that the technical part will be helpful.

5. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of June 22, 2016 Board Meeting.

The consent agenda was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Bergen and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

6. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 6/20/16 – 7/5/16. APPROVED

Director Hicks questioned the payment to the Sheriff and questioned the need for an officer during the week. Ms. Belser stated that the plan is to stay the course through Labor Day.

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Bergen the bills were passed by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Accept the Lake Casitas Vulnerability Assessment and the Prevention, Control and Management Plan for Aquatic Invasive Mussels. APPROVED

Renatta of RNT Consulting was available via telephone and Eloise from Fish & Wildlife was at the meeting providing clarification.

Director Baggerly stated that the report gives us the tools we need to attack any infestation and would assist in developing our rapid response plan and that the District should seek the permits that would be needed to implement the rapid response plan.

The plans were offered for approval with a minor change to some wording on the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Hicks and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Authorize the General Manager to Sign an Agreement for a Waste Water handling feasibility study at Lake Casitas for a not to exceed amount of \$75,000. APPROVED

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

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

9. Adopt Resolution awarding a contract for the Treatment Plant Electrical Upgrades to Oilfield Electric Company in the amount of \$267,900.

ADOPTED

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

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

10. Fisheries Program Update.

Scott Lewis provided an update on the monitoring and genetic testing and analysis that is being conducted by the fisheries department.

President Kaiser moved the meeting into closed session at 4:48 p.m.

11. Closed Session

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Government Code). Name of Case: Casitas Municipal Water District; and Casitas Municipal Water District Community Facilities District No. 2013-1 (Ojai) vs. Golden State Water Company, a California Corporation, and Does 1 through 50, inclusive. Case Number: 56-2016-00481628-CU-EI-VTA.

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 4:57 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating there was a brief discussion concerning the case and no reportable action was taken.

12. Information Items:

- a. Water Sales (Acre Feet) in FY 2015-2016
- b. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) – Cost Analysis
- c. Investment Report

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

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

13. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

James W. Word, Secretary