

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
February 11, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held February 11, 2015 at the Oak View Park & Resource Center in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Bergen, Kaiser, Baggerly, Word and Hicks were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were two staff members and one members of the public in attendance. President Bergen 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 thanked the Oak View Park and Resource Center for providing the location of our meeting. A landscape workshop was held last week in this room with 51 attendees. Dave Williams of Aqua-flo in Ventura provided information on best practices on irrigation. The next session will be April 18<sup>th</sup> on native gardens and pollinators.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that Untied has declined our state water prior to us going to the multi-year pool. He then informed the board that notices were sent requesting restriction of irrigation from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on February 18<sup>th</sup> to do some valve work on 3M reservoir.

The main office will be on temporary power on February 20<sup>th</sup> while Edison is doing some work.

The sound study was received but at the request of Brian Holly, we are holding off until he has his own study completed.

3. Board of Director comments.

None

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Word attended the Ventura Chamber meeting on proposed developments on the west side. If all of it develops, it will not approach the water they are taking.

Director Hicks mentioned that the Chamber Legal Affairs meeting was cancelled.

5. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of January 28, 2015 Meeting.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Hicks, the consent agenda was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

6. Bills

APPROVED

Director Hicks questioned NAS Encryption. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is for some additional storage of confidential information. He then questioned the payment to Ojai Valley Land Conservancy and Mr. Wickstrum explained that is the payment for Lorraine Walters which you approved at a previous board meeting.

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

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

7. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Raftelis in the amount of \$64,450 for a Water Rate Study and Water Conservation Pricing Assessment.

APPROVED

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

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

8. Recommend the Board of Directors reject all bids for the construction of the District Office Lighting Replacement, Specification 14-377 and direct staff to re-evaluation the project.

APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum explained that these bids were opened some time ago and there were concerns about the separation of numbers in the bids. We want to take another look at the spec and the process and reassess how we approach this. We may put this off to next year and jump to phase 3 which is replacement of the windows. The recommendation is to reject the bids and allow us to review the specs and other options to pursue.

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

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

9. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Watson Metal Masters Inc. in the amount of \$ 55,420.00 plus shipping for the purchase of two replacement ammonia tanks. APPROVED

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

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

10. Update from Quagga Ad Hoc Committee.

- a. Recommend approval of a letter to California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding comments on proposed adoption of regulations regarding dreissenid mussels.

APPROVED

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

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

- b. Discussion and direction regarding the commentary by Lynn Maulhardt in the Ventura County Star.

Mr. Wickstrum explained that there was good discussion on the recent commentary. We have tried to be on the forefront of quagga prevention and make sure our lake is quagga resistant. Mr. Wickstrum handed out a draft letter to offer appreciation and understanding especially towards the last paragraph of the commentary.

Director Hicks commented that he likes this approach and it is well written. President Bergen suggested a slight change in the third paragraph, striking up to the comma and stating we would like to move forward and focus. Director Kaiser expressed that we may have to do something with more resolve. President Bergen added she is pleased we have hired the consultant to get ideas and we have accomplished getting DFW to care about the Santa Clara River. That is a huge accomplishment. Sparring with United is not the best use of our efforts. Wildlife is involved and we need to use our resources to protect our lake.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly the letter with modifications was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

11. Resolution setting a public hearing for consideration of an adjustment of 5% to Board of Director's compensation. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 15-02.

12. Information Items:

- a. Recreation Committee Minutes.
- b. Executive Committee Minutes.
- c. Water Consumption Report.
- d. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- e. Investment Report.

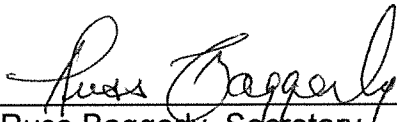
Director Hicks commented on the consumption report with President Bergen stating that she has not had to irrigate. The timing of the rain has been good enough and the ground has been holding the water.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser, the Information Items were approved for filing by the following roll call vote:

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

13. Adjournment

President Bergen adjourned the meeting at 3:40.p.m.

  
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Russ Baggerly, Secretary