

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board of Directors Meeting Held  
August 8, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held August 8, 2007 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Baggerly, Word, Hicks, and Handley were present. Director Kaiser was absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board and Attorney, Rob Sawyer. There were nine staff members and two members of the public in attendance. Director Baggerly led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks commented that the display at the fair looked good and he questioned the lack of staffing at the fair. Director Hicks then expressed his concerns regarding the testing on the fish that was found dead in the river and the concern that any data be shared with Casitas.

Director Handley reported that he will be out of town next week.

President Baggerly suggested that the District communicate with Anthony Speana in the future. He then asked that Scott develop an integrated plan for all the steelhead recovery issues including passage barriers, abundance survey, and monitoring and habitat improvement and include a plan of attack for fish recovery.

Attorney Rob Sawyer reported that judgment was entered by Judge Wiese on the takings claim on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and this morning Marzulla & Marzulla filed the notice of appeal. In addition there are 18 different organizations as amicus or special notice on the case including the New Mexico Cattle Growers and the Montana Farm Bureau. There are others keeping an eye on the case.

3. Consent Agenda

APPROVED

- a. Minutes of the July 25, 2007 Board Meeting.

Recommended Action: Adopt Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks and passed.

4. Bills

APPROVED

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Word and passed, the bills were approved.

5. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING  
a. Personnel Committee minutes  
b. Finance Committee minutes

President Baggerly commented on the issue of sharing a safety consultant with other water agencies in the area and that he would support that.

Director Word asked the Personnel Committee to continue to explore some of the suggestions made by the Management group regarding the possibility of making contributions to the deferred compensation, 457 plans for our employees and addressing the possibility of providing employees a choice regarding their unused sick leave and service credit for PERS. This is not included in the current MOU but we need to start exploring these two issues.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Handley and passed, the Committee/Manager Reports were approved for filing.

6. Resolution thanking lifeguards for exemplary actions taken in lifesaving audit at Casitas Water Adventure.

ADOPTED

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution

President Baggerly read the resolution thanking the lifeguards for their actions during a lifesaving audit showing the Water Adventure exceeds industry standards.

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

AYES:	Directors:	Handley, Hicks, Word and Baggerly
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	Kaiser

Resolution is numbered 07-42.

7. Resolution thanking lifeguard Daniel Landis for exemplary actions taken in breathing emergency at Casitas Water Adventure on July 11, 2007.

ADOPTED

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution

President Baggerly read the resolution thanking lifeguard Daniel Landis for his actions on July 11, 2007.

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

AYES:	Directors:	Handley, Hicks, Word and Baggerly
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	Kaiser

Resolution is numbered 07-43.

8. Closed Session:  
Conference with Labor Negotiators:  
District Designated Negotiator: Rebekah Vieira, Employee Organizations:  
Management Employees. Govt. Code Section 54957.6(a).

There was no closed session held.

9. Resolution adopting a memorandum of understanding between Casitas and Management employees for fiscal years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.

ADOPTED

The resolution with the comment that this is retroactive to July 1, 2007 was offered with Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Handley, Hicks, Word and Baggerly
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	Kaiser

Resolution is numbered 07-44.

10. Resolution authorizing a Temporary Easement Agreement with the Ventura County Watershed Protection District for removal of non-native plants in the Ventura River watershed.

ADOPTED

Rob Sawyer providing additional wording for the agreement regarding indemnity. It was decided that Casitas would rewrite the agreement with the revised wording.

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

AYES:	Directors:	Handley, Hicks, Word and Baggerly
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	Kaiser

Resolution is numbered 07-45.

11. Information items:

Level of lake -7/31/2007 - -552.93 feet above mean sea level 14.07 feet below spill elevation); present storage is 217,384 acre feet (36,616 acre feet below full capacity of 254,000 acre feet, 90,384 acre feet above half capacity, or 85.58% full capacity.

- a. ACWA Region 8 So Cal Edison Tour
- b. Special District and Local Government Institute Finance seminar being held September 6-7 in Monterey.
- c. Lake Casitas storage volume comparison during a drought.

- d. Monthly Cost Analysis of Fish Passage Facility, Fisheries, Operation of Robles and Marzulla & Marzulla.
  - e. News Articles of Interest.
  - f. Investment Report.
12. Closed Session:
- a. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Government Code). Name of Case: Casitas Municipal Water District v. United States.

President Baggerly adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. There was no closed session held.

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Secretary