

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
March 26, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 26, 2008 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Hicks, Handley, Kaiser and Baggerly were present. Director Word was absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were three staff members and five members of the public in attendance. Director Hicks led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. Board of Director comments.

Director Baggerly reported that he attended the check presentation for the Proposition 50 grants. Director Baggerly asked to have the Finance Committee review the current liability policy coverage to determine if there is coverage in the event of an infestation of Quagga mussels. Director Baggerly provided a report of his attendance at the Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference and asked for the Personnel Committee meeting to be changed because of a conflict with a Matilija Dam meeting. Director Baggerly informed the board that he would not be in attendance at the April 23rd regular meeting. He asked that the biologists check pools so that no fish are stranded. Mr. Wickstrum replied that fish rescue is not in our Biological Opinion and we have to review our protocols for rescue and responsibility. Director Baggerly suggested that no one has ever answered the question and they did nothing about it. We should figure out if they will let us move fish to a safe spot. Mr. Wickstrum replied that we are not to handle adult steelheads.

Director Kaiser was curious about the implementation schedule for Cachuma. He was glad they have talked with our staff and they came up with similar ideas and alternatives. He thanked the staff and Larry Elshere for their efforts.

Director Hicks complimented staff at Lake Casitas Recreation Area. His daughters were camping at the Lake over the Easter weekend. It was unbelievable as there was wall to wall people. He expressed his appreciation to the staff.

3. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the March 4, 2008 Special Board Meeting.
- b. Minutes of the March 12, 2008 Board Meeting.

- c. Recommend approval of a Purchase Order to Hasan Consultants and Water Resources Engineering Association in an amount not to exceed \$23,600 to prepare the preliminary engineering evaluation for relocating a portion of the Rincon 2(m) transmission pipe.

Director Hicks pulled item a from the consent agenda it will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

The consent agenda minus item a was offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed.

4. Bills

APPROVED

Director Hicks mentioned the refund requests for boat and annual passes. Mr. Roney reported that 78 refund requests have been processed and that a report will be provided to the board.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Handley and passed, the bills were approved.

5. Committee/Manager Reports

APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Finance Committee Minutes
- b. Water Resources Committee Minutes
- c. Executive Committee Minutes

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the Committee/Manager Reports were approved.

6. Formation of Board Ad Hoc committee on Quagga Mussels and Invasive Species. The Board will discuss and consider the possibility of appointing an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board to discuss and deal with the Quagga Mussel and other invasive species.

APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum explained that at the last meeting there was a suggested to formulate an ad hoc committee regarding Quagga and Zebra mussels and invasive species. In doing so there needs to be consideration of items that will be handled through the Recreation committee. We have to consider separation of the Recreation Committee items and the ad hoc committee. Directors Kaiser and Baggerly had volunteered for the committee. Director Hicks suggested that the President of the Board would be more logical for the committee. Director Baggerly stated he did not care who is on the ad hoc committee but Director Hicks may have a point. I see this ad hoc committee as dealing with most of the issues in finding #7 of the resolution we passed. Basically the ad hoc committee will deal with political aspects of invasion, dealing with agencies at the highest level of the state to move this thing forward to get coordination.

On the motion of Director Handley to form an ad hoc committee on Quagga Mussels and invasive species and appointment of Director Baggerly and the President of the Board, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

7. Recommend approval of a letter to appropriate agencies regarding the Mosler Rock Quarry.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

8. Resolution adopting provision to comply with Water Conservation Best Management Practice (BMP) 13 regarding Water Waste Prohibition.

ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 08-09.

9. Recommend approval of a letter to the Board of Supervisors and State Representatives regarding the LAO proposal to shift property tax monies to county parole funding.

APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum reported that there is consideration of pulling special district 1% money to move the care of parolees to the County from State care. They would be taking the money we rely on for capital projects and support for agriculture. Over the four years we did not receive the 1% tax money we deferred a lot of maintenance and I recommend we send a letter to the Board of Supervisors and let them know our concerns.

On the motion of Director Handley with a change of the letter being signed by Director Hicks, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed the above recommendation was approved.

10. Update from the Park Services Manager regarding operations at the Lake.

Park Services Manager Brian Roney reported that Easter was busy but it was not a record day. Everyplace to picnic was being used and Mr. Roney showed some video clips of the crowds. There were a number of issues with cars that were on the asphalt and we have to maintain a clearance for emergency equipment. A number of tickets were issued for 25 ordinance violations. Everyone went home safely and there were no major injuries or accidents. All full time staff were working on Easter. Monday morning the park was cleaned

up. This year trash bags were handed out to visitors and that seemed to help with the garbage.

Mr. Roney then informed the Board that we had series of meetings with staff and Mr. Elshere and we will take the suggestions to the Recreation Committee. Mr. Wickstrum suggested changing the Recreation Committee to April 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in lieu of the meeting on the 7th. Mr. Roney continued by stating there are a number of proposals for consideration and an update on the actions taken by Lake Cachuma. Director Hicks asked about additional storage. Mr. Wickstrum replied we think we have it figured out and we will be discussing it at the Recreation Committee.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that he had received a request from an Attorney at Best Best & Krieger for a copy of our resolution to be reviewed for applicability for Lake Elsinore. There was discussion about utilizing academia to assist in research activities.

Eugene Lewandoski addressed the Board and voiced his opinion that the way this has been handled is draconian. He added that his boat is in his possession and has not been in another lake for years. The main thing is you take away my presumption of honesty. Director Kaiser replied that we have been working with the boating community and are looking into a lock and tag system to show you are just using Lake Casitas.

11. Information Items:

- a. Letter sent to the Department of Fish and Game.
- b. News Articles of interest
- c. Investment Report

12. Closed Session

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Section 54956.8):

District Designated Negotiators: Steve Wickstrum, James Word, Russ Baggerly

Property: Appropriative water rights, including future appropriative water rights, to the waters of Matilija Creek, and associated appurtenances including Matilija Conduit.

Negotiating Parties: Ventura County Watershed Protection District, County of Ventura, and California State Water Resources Control Board

Under Negotiation: Price, identification and nature of consideration other than cash, and terms of payment.

Director Hicks moved the meeting to a closed session at 5:25 p.m. regarding Government Code Section 54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiators. Director Hicks reconvened the meeting to open session at 5:31 p.m. and immediately adjourned the meeting stating no actions were taken in closed session.

Secretary