

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
September 10, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held September 10, 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, Stuart Nielson. There were two staff members and six members of the public in attendance. Director Hicks led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

Kathy Broesamle spoke regarding the tour boat that is owned by the Center for Earth Concerns and she is hopeful that arrangements can be made for the boat to remain in operation. Salim Sandoval also addressed the boat and requested continued consideration regarding the operation of the boat. He asked to work in partnership and that the prices are dropped. Mr. Wickstrum reminded that board that we are not in position to make a decision during the public comment period. He added that the original agreement was not adhered to. The board discussed the possibility of it being reviewed by the Recreation Committee.

2. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks mentioned gopher holes in campground B. Director Kaiser reported on the attendance of himself and Bill Hicks at the AWA Drought Workshop.

3. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that we were able to return to normal shifts at the Treatment Plant and we have not had to treat the lake. The Board expressed their appreciation for the efforts of the employees at the Treatment Plant and the Water Quality Lab.

Mr. Wickstrum also reported that ammonia costs will rise about 30% and as a result of the La Conchita Ranch settlement we may lose that customer and the water sales.

4. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the August 13, 2008 Board Meeting.
- b. Minutes of the August 18, 2008 Board Meeting.
- c. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Water Resource Engineering Associates for the Senior Canyon Upgrades and Automation Project.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 08-33.

5. Bills APPROVED

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Recreation Committee Minutes
- b. Personnel Committee Minutes
- c. Finance Committee Minutes

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

7. Resolution expressing appreciation to Brian Taylor for his 20 years of service to Casitas Municipal Water District. ADOPTED

The board thanked Brian Taylor for his 20 years of dedicated service to the district.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 08-34.

8. Recommend approval of a letter to Tom and Joan Follis regarding the Bureau's proposal to develop the Teague Memorial Watershed. APPROVED

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

9. Discussion regarding the setting of a date for Board Candidate Day DIRECTION PROVIDED TO STAFF

The Board suggested waiting for the return of President Word to discuss a date for this.

10. Information Items:

- a. Lake Casitas Water Storage Volume Comparison
- b. Fisheries Report for July.
- c. Recreation Area Report for July.
- d. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- e. News Articles of Interest
- f. Investment Report

Director Hicks moved to the special meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Special Meeting:

1. Request of John Friese for entrance of his amphicar into Lake Casitas.
APPROVED

John Friese requested he be allowed to have a smaller cable constructed to be used to lock out one of his props and then qualify him for the locking tag program for entry into Lake Casitas. He confirmed that by locking off one prop the vessel can not be used on the water. Director Kaiser was concerned about fluids in the vehicle. John Friese explained that there is no exchange of fluids with the lake. Director Kaiser suggested that Susan McMahon also look at it from a water quality aspect.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the accommodation of the shortened cable on one prop was approved on a contingency basis with staff approval.

Director Hicks moved out of the special meeting at 5:14 p.m. and went to closed session at 5:15 p.m.

11. Closed Session

Conference with legal counsel – Existing litigation per government code section 54956.9 (a). Name of Case: Jena Jehle, Amy Gronnebeck vs Casitas Municipal Water District.

12. Reconvene Open Session

Director Hicks reconvened the meeting at 5:31 p.m. No action taken was in closed session.

13. Adjournment

Director Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Secretary