

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
September 8, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held September 8, 2010 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Handley, Kaiser, Word and Hicks were present. Director Baggerly was absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were two staff members and two members of the public in attendance. President Handley led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board of an incident that occurred on Highway 150 where a man took his life. This occurred outside the Lake Casitas Recreation Area boundaries. Mr. Wickstrum then informed the board that he had met with one of the candidates for Division 4 and had called the other two candidates to offer to meet with them rather than holding a candidate day. Once we get through the election process we will do director training including training on the Brown Act.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Word asked about the Ojai Pump Plant electrical conversion. Mr. Wickstrum responded that we should get equipment in a few weeks. Cost estimates for Fairview pump plant will be developed.

Mr. Wickstrum introduced Mary Bergen as a candidate for Division IV.

Director Word asked if we would be participating in Ojai Days. Mr. Wickstrum explained that the District is having a shared booth with Recreation. Director Word then asked on the status of the safety of dams meeting. Mr. Wickstrum explained that he did not have information regarding a meeting and he felt that the Bureau had some more work to accomplish on the ability to pay.

Director Hicks asked if the cool weather had reduced the attendance at the water park. Park Services Manager Carol Belser answered that attendance was down and the Water Adventure is closed for the season with water aerobics classes continuing until the lazy river is drained which may be in a week.

Director Kaiser questioned the results from the use of hydrogen peroxide treatment of the lake. Mr. Wickstrum responded that Water Quality Lab Supervisor Susan McMahon provided her report which is in the information

section of the agenda package and noted that the treatment did show injury to algae cells. The theory is that if we can hit it early enough before it blooms we may be able to accomplish what we want. It shows great promise compared to other applications. We may decide to do an earlier treatment in the dam intake area in the future.

Director Kaiser then asked about Labor Day at the Recreation Area. Ms. Belser reported that it was busy, there were several incidents but revenue was good.

President Handley mentioned he was approached by the Ojai Raptor Center to put some kestrel boxes around the lake. Ms. Belser said she would contact the center to discuss the possibility.

4. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the August 11, 2010 Board Meeting.
- b. Recommend approval of the invoice in the amount of \$54,995 to Alliant Insurance Services for the Special Liability Insurance Program coverage from 9/29/2010 to 9/29/2011.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the consent agenda was adopted.

5. Bills APPROVED

Director Kaiser questioned #5906 to Daley & Heft. Ms. Vieira explained they are the attorneys representing Casitas on a claim against the district.

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Recreation Committee Minutes

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the Committee/Manager reports were approved for filing.

7. Resolution awarding a contract for the Filter Vessel Interior Repair & Coating Specification 10-335 to ERS Industrial Services Inc. in the amount of \$178,740.62. ADOPTED

Park Services Manager Carol Belser presented the five year agreement explaining it would save staff time and provide the event organizer security regarding the date.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 10-25.

9. Recommend authorization of participation costs for a Ventura River Watershed Coordinator position for a period of three years, in cooperation with the many other local agencies in the Ventura River Area.
APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum explained the request to establish a local coordinator for the Ventura River Watershed Council and proceed to get grant funding for the majority of the costs for that individual. Ojai Valley Land Conservancy has offered for that person to be housed at their office. The current request is for \$1,778 annually.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

10. Information Items:
- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
 - b. Report regarding the recent lake treatment for algae.
 - c. Recreation Area Report for July.
 - d. Letter of appreciation from AWA.
 - e. Letter from National Marine Fisheries Service regarding the Mosler Ojai Quarry.
 - f. News Articles
 - g. Investment Report

Attorney John Mathews mentioned that there may be four open seats on the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

11. Adjournment

President Handley adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Secretary