

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
February 23, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held February 23, 2011 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Kaiser, Word, Baggerly, Hicks and Bergen were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There was one staff member and three members of the public in attendance. President Kaiser led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported meeting with four members of Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company to discuss various options and explained that he contacted someone referred to us by our new auditor regarding bonding.

An alert was received yesterday from CSDA regarding prop 1A in case the state looks at redistribution of property taxes. Considering it is \$1.8 million dollars it is a large amount of our budget.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that the meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation last Wednesday went well and they are making good progress on the Recreation Agreement. Director Hicks thanked Directors Baggerly and Word for their work on this effort.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Word commented that the landscaping out front looks outstanding and thanked staff. Mr. Wickstrum explained that a host designed the plantings and we did it all in house. There is no irrigation piping. Currently we are hand watering until the plants are established.

Director Bergen mentioned that after the last meeting she walked the fence at the lake and it looks to her like smaller animals can get through it without any problems. There are a couple of paths where deer would have to pick a path and she is convinced they can get across. If they have to re-route they can find the next opening. She feels the wildlife issues have been addressed.

Director Baggerly informed the board that both he and the General Manager will attend the third meeting of the Matilija Fine Sediment Study Group. They have spent a lot of time on the administration aspect of the meetings and will get to some real issues related to the removal of the dam. He would

appreciate some board direction related to the absolute need for the desilting basin, and issues related to the notching of the dam to the silt level. He explained that we have some real problems with notching because of the way the fine sediment are laden with nutrient material that would cause algae bloom and problems with water treatment. Director Word suggested an update on what the alternatives are. Director Baggerly agreed and mentioned that he is going to explain it is not a turbidity issue but the nutrients in the fine sediments. Mr. Wickstrum added it is decaying material that generates methane gas and forms oil. If they did notching the turbidity would be greater than what we see now.

Director Bergen added that she never got the point that nutrients were the issue and suggested the public might not be aware of it.

Mr. Wickstrum will put a discussion of this topic on the next board meeting agenda.

4. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the February 9, 2011 Board Meeting.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

5. Bills APPROVED

Director Hicks questioned #02158 to Google for \$3,000. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is for the transition we made to Google Mail instead of using Outlook and using our servers. It will be a lot cheaper. The storage capacity of mail with Google is much larger than what we can provide here.

Director Word questioned #8104 for \$4,000 for a pumping unit. Mr. Wickstrum explained this might be the pump unit at coyote ramp for the bathrooms. They have had some difficulties with those pumps.

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

President Kaiser recessed the Casitas Board Meeting at 3:25 p.m. and opened the Lake Casitas Improvement Foundation Meeting.

7. Lake Casitas Improvement Foundation Meeting

- a. Request for funding in the amount of \$8,000 from LCIF to support a 2011 Kids Fishing Day.

Mr. Wickstrum explained this action is regarding Kids Fishing Day. Because of the restrictions from the Department of Fish & Game, the District already spent a healthy budget planting trout this year with the understanding that we may not be able to plant fish after December 31st. At this time we are considering holding Kids Fishing Day but do not have a budget to purchase the fish. We would like to consider allocating \$8,000 of money in LCIF for Kids Fishing Day. It is a good event and we have hundreds of kids out there. It helps for the sport, activity and the lake.

Mr. Elshere suggested that in addition to seeking corporate sponsors that we should look to increase the number of fishing tournaments to gain more money for the LCIF. He also suggested informing people that they could contribute to the LCIF.

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

President Kaiser closed the Lake Casitas Improvement Foundation meeting and reconvened the Casitas Board Meeting at 3:36 p.m.

8. Recommend approval of the modification terms to the Bait & Tackle Concession Agreement to include Park Store Operations.

APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum explained that we have been without a park store since we were faced with removal of the park store concessionaire last year. We have received complaints from the public and staff. The Bureau of Reclamation has allowed us to operate the park store on an interim basis. The most likely arrangement is through modification of the existing concessionaire agreement with Gary Wolfe.

Mr. Wolfe indicated he would operate the store. Mr. Wolfe explained he would be selling typical items such as food, ice, firewood and limited camping supplies. They will not be selling beer or wine as there is not a license readily available at this time.

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

9. Information Items:

- a. Recreation Area Report for December 2010 and January 2011.
- b. Investment Report

Director Hicks questioned the data on the recreation report.

10. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Secretary