

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
March 9, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 9, 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 four members of the public in attendance. President Kaiser led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

Suza Francina addressed the board and requested that her address be corrected in the previous minutes. Ms. Francina explained that she is representing the Ojai Wildlife League. Members of the league are continuing to monitor the fence and there have been good changes in the strands of wire to be more animal friendly. I have concerns that more of the areas were not in locations that can easily be accessed by deer. I am interested to know who is looking at the photos in the two cameras. What animals you have seen using the openings and if deer have been seen going over the fence. I have collected comments from members of the public. The animals have access to other sources of water and the impact of the new fence will be felt when we hit the drought period of the summer then we will know the impact to the animals. The drought coincides when there are the most people at the lake. Interested as to what you have observed as to how animals are accessing the area. I asked ten league members who visit the lake and their comments are: I've asked three kayaking buddies if they have seen a deer or coyote and they have not since last October at the lake or on the island. A second individual stated I have seen no deer or coyotes and my friends haven't either. We are out there two to three times per week. We have no problem getting under parts of the permeable fence. Ms. Francina continued stating she looks forward to monitoring the situation.

Shalom Joshua with the Ojai Wildlife League spoke regarding the fence. I have noticed that some of the strands of the passageways do not have barbed wire on it now. I encourage you to take the step of providing passageways on level land. They are accessible by people anyway. If there were passages on level land deer could have a better chance to get to the lake to drink. This thing of the drought that is coming is something I can't help but take seriously. Imagine what it means to you or me if you can't get a drink. I see it in the power of this board to remedy that. It is as simple as putting permeable fencing like you have in some of the spots that are not level, in some of the level spaces. Any information that you have about the movement of animals at the lake I would appreciate it. We want as much information as you do at this time.

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum explained that the Oak View Reservoir would be up by Friday. Our employees did a lot of work on that facility. President Kaiser asked that he convey the board's appreciation to staff.

Kids Fishing Day is scheduled for March 26th. We obtained approval from Department of Fish & Game. Yesterday the Bureau of Reclamation visited us for an urban canal review. We are in good shape in the way the canal is kept and cut into grade. We are moving forward with the Park Store and they hope to open on April 1.

3. Board of Director comments.

None

4. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the February 23, 2011 Board Meeting.
- b. Resolution approving membership in American Society of Safety Engineers in the amount of \$200.

The Consent Agenda was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 11-06.

5. Bills

APPROVED

Director Hicks questioned #01146 for the Gubernatorial Election. Ms. Vieira explained this was our payment to the County for administering the election process. Director Hicks then questioned the copier purchase in the amount of \$6,700. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is for a copier for the Recreation Area and they have a need for this type of copier.

Director Word questioned the bills for the Freightliner. Me. Wickstrum explained there had been some problems with the truck.

Director Bergen questioned the bill for Wells Fargo and asked if the charges are broken out. Ms. Vieira explained that the charges are broken out on the credit card statement and coded to the appropriate expense codes. Director Bergen then asked about the rental fee for a tower. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is for the American Tower contract.

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports

APPROVED FOR FILING

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

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

President Kaiser moved the meeting into closed session at 3:22 p.m. per Government Code 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiators.

7. Closed session

(Govt. Code Sec. 54957.6)

Conference with Labor Negotiators:

Agency Designated Representatives: Rebekah Vieira

Employee Organization: Supervisory & Professional, General Unit and Recreation

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 3:49 p.m. John Mathews reported the board met with the Agency Designated Representative for labor negotiations. They were provided an update and the board gave direction to staff. No action was taken

8. Designation of labor negotiator and authorization for the President of the Board to enter into an agreement for labor relations consulting.

APPROVED

John Mathews stated the Board was provided a recommendation by the Personnel Committee for an individual to serve as the Negotiator. Mr. Mathews suggested the addition of one sentence in the contract asking to be billed on a monthly basis.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the Board approved a contract with Draza Mrvichin to serve as Labor Relations Consultant and Negotiator pursuant to the contract the board reviewed with the addition of a sentence stating the district would be billed on a monthly basis.

9. Presentation regarding Matilija Dam Fine Sediment Study Group.

Mr. Wickstrum provided a presentation regarding the issues faced by the Matilija Dam Fine Sediment Study Group. This group first met in December and is comprised of a 14 person team. They have progressed through three meetings with one meeting left. The issues include how to handle the fine sediments, the 2.2 million yards of material and the escalating costs of the

project. Mr. Wickstrum showed the various alternative disposal sites and the board discussed various concerns and impacts of the project. Further information can be obtained by viewing the feasibility report at www.matilijadam.org.

10. Information Items:

- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- b. Investment Report

11. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Secretary