

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
September 28, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held September 28, 2011 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Kaiser, Baggerly, Word, Hicks, and Bergen were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, Bob Krimmer. There were four staff members and no 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 that he had received a letter from the Bureau of Reclamation stating they had received our appeal regarding the recreation reform act forms and fines the Bureau assessed and it may take some time for the Bureau to come to a determination. He then informed the Board that the Ojai Chamber of Commerce will hold their mixer on October 27th at Lake Casitas Recreation Area.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks reported on his water issues meeting which included a tour through the tomato plant on Laguna Road. It is 125 acres under roof and they collect water and recycle 66% of their water. They produce 17 times more tomatoes inside than outside.

Director Word reported his attendance at the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance on Tuesday. In October the VCREA will be reviewing how they operate and are organized and how they are funded. They are currently funded from the PUC through the utility companies. The utility companies don't want to spend the money. The energy alliance is a clearing house and reference point for energy related items. There is a push to expand it and include water issues with it. After the October meeting we will find out if it is viable for us and we might want to consider continuing on. The current restrictions preclude us from participating with projects. Additionally they are looking at combining counties.

Director Kaiser reported an informal meeting he and Mr. Wickstrum had with the Chair of the San Lorenzo Water District. He also mentioned a book, Dollars and Cents that includes information on a FLOW issue up in Felton that he is reading and can make available to the board members to read. Mr. Wickstrum added that as we discussed in Water Resources we are gathering information and background regarding Ojai Flow and there will be things we need to consider

coming to some direction and will be working through that in the next couple of months.

4. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the September 14, 2011 Board Meeting.
- b. Resolution directing execution of a joint funding agreement between United States Geological Survey and Casitas Municipal Water District

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

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

Resolution is numbered 11-19.

5. Bills APPROVED

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

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

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

7. Signing of the Management Agreement for the Administration, Operation, Maintenance, and Development of Recreation Uses and Facilities at Lake Casitas between the United States and Casitas Municipal Water District. APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum mentioned the hard work that was put in by Director Baggerly, Director Word and Park Services Manager Belser. This agreement establishes how we are going to work with the Bureau. It is a living document and we have created a document we can live with and are proud and happy that we are at this point with this agreement. Director Bergen congratulated them for the hard work and stated it is a great accomplishment. Mr. Wickstrum added there have been some positive changes in their personnel who want to work with us and trust has been developed on both sides of the table to get an agreement that fits our lake. Director Word gave a lot of credit to Cheryl and her ability to understand our situation and to explain that we are right. Without that they had a hard time grasping that Casitas is different. Director Baggerly added that the

Bureau usually owns the reservoir and the water and have a non federal partner running recreation. Everything in the Ventura River Project was transferred to this district in 1958. We have run it for over 50 years. We own the water. It took some time for them to understand that we are different. We created a document that will serve this district well for this term.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Word, the signing of the Management Agreement for Lake Casitas Recreation Area was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 11-20.

8. Report to the Board regarding the Dog Bite Incident.

Mr. Wickstrum provided information to the board regarding an incident that involved an employee being bitten by a loose dog. The safety incident report has been completed and we are looking at ways to reduce these risks and request your support in improving our safety.

Park Services Manager Belser explained some of the resources and training that staff has received and showed some of the equipment that is available. Dog bite issues have been discussed with staff and training is set up with animal control. The employee has returned to work. She also mentioned flyers that have been developed in English and Spanish and permanent signs are on order. She also explained that both of their responding units have contained restraint poles for a number of years.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Bergen and passed, the report was approved for filing.

9. Information Items:

- a. News Articles.
- b. Investment Report.

Attorney Bob Krimmer announced that we would be moving to closed session at 3:50 p.m. regarding anticipated litigation under section 54956.9 b on a claim filed by Stanley Revell.

10. Closed Session

- a. (Govt. Code Sec. 54956.9)
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 Number of potential cases: 1.

The meeting was reconvened in open session at 3:57 p.m.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Word and passed, the claim of Stanley Revell was rejected.

11. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Secretary, James Word