

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
October 12, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held October 12, 2011 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Kaiser, Baggerly, Word, and Bergen were present. Director Hicks was absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were four staff members and two 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 informed the board that bids are out for the Rincon 2m replacement. Other capital projects are in process. Yesterday the auditors finished up with initial audit work. Ojai Day is this Saturday and Lake Casitas Recreation Area and Water Conservation are staffing a booth. The Ojai Chamber Mixer will be October 27<sup>th</sup>. It will start at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Picnic #1

There was a report of a bobcat the last couple of days. It has been brave enough to go into a trailer and has been close to the public. Our staff is aware of it and coordinating with DFG.

Regarding the sunken vessel, the Navy contacted us and there is an individual who may propose salvaging that boat. We will keep you informed if this progresses. The Navy made it clear this is not something they want to do on a regular basis.

We have heard that Golden State Water is advertising a public meeting Oct 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Matilija Jr. High School. The purpose is for them to discuss the Ojai Flow and condemnation process.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Word said he would be attending a meeting with the City of Ventura regarding water rate changes.

Director Baggerly asked if there was additional information on the Alameda suit that Rob is working on. Mr. Wickstrum explained that the work is continuing. Director Baggerly then asked if staff would track the US Forest Service grazing permit when it comes open for review. Mr. Wickstrum stated he had already coordinated that with Greg Gamble at Ojai Land Conservancy.

4. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the September 28, 2011 Board Meeting.
- b. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Ernst and Young for audit services for the State Water Project.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 11-21.

5. Bills APPROVED

Director Bergen asked a question regarding trailer storage refunds and Mr. Wickstrum explained that there is a refund if the customer cancels their storage mid month. Director Word questioned #10124 to Salinas Tree Service. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is for tree and brush removal at the dam.

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Recreation Committee Minutes
- b. Executive Committee Minutes

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

7. Resolution approving a grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways in the amount of \$80,000 for a new patrol boat and trailer for Lake Casitas Recreation Area. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 11-22.

8. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Chaulk Mound Trout Ranch in the amount of \$29,997.15 for the purchase of live rainbow trout. ADOPTED

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

9. Resolution setting the time and place of a public hearing for input regarding the proposed changes in fees for the Lake Casitas Recreation Area. ADOPTED

The resolution setting the time and place for the public hearing to be November 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. was offered by Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Word, and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 11-23.

10. Resolution awarding a contract to Oilfield Electric Company in the amount of \$140,650 for the Upper Ojai Pump Plant Electrical Upgrades, Specification 10-347. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 11-24.

11. Recommend approval of the Sanitary Survey Update - 2011. APPROVED

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

12. Information Items:
- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
  - b. Recreation Area Report for August, 2011.
  - c. Information pertaining to the Ojai FLOW request of the District to acquire Golden State Water Company's Ojai water system.
  - d. News Articles.
  - e. Investment Report.

Mr. Wickstrum discussed the information pertaining to Ojai Flow and we will need to begin serious discussion regarding this request. Expect that to continue in future meetings. Mr. Mathews added that you all need to start to dig into this. We will be coming back with the board and discuss where we go and what the issues are. Director Kaiser asked if it would be considered in open or closed session. Mr. Mathews responded that depending on the board's thoughts it would probably end up in closed session. Golden State has made is clear that they are not for sale. Director Baggerly asked if board members need to be extra careful and not form an opinion until we have all information. Mr. Mathews responded you should go into every meeting open minded. Director Word asked if there is anything we need to be cautioned on in attending the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting? Mr. Mathews stated go and listen, and get information from both sides. Director Kaiser advised board members that if and when we hold closed sessions they could be of a long duration.

13. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

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James W. Word, Secretary