



Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
January 10, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held January 10, 2018 at the Casitas Municipal Water District located at 1055 Ventura Ave. in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. President Baggerly led the group in the flag salute.

1. Roll Call

Directors Baggerly, Word, Hicks, Bergen and Kaiser were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were three staff members and 13 members of the public in attendance.

2. Public comments (Items not on the agenda – three minute limit).

None

3. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum discussed the tragic events in Montecito and suggested that our citizens and our entire district need to look at that and be aware and be safe. Every area we have is exposed. He expressed hope for a speedy recovery and condolences for the losses. We are all heeding the calls to evacuations and making sure we observe our own safety. We did have a good surge storm in our area. There was a peak at about 3:30 – 4:00 on Tuesday morning. Brian Taylor was at Robles and at about 4:30 – 5:00 we went from near zero to over ten feet of water hitting that area. It went to 13,000 cfs in a matter of minutes. He had never seen anything like that in all the years he has operated there. We tried repeatedly to do diversions but the fish screens were laden with fine sediment. The water has a lot of silt so we opted to hold off. We still had flows in the rest of the watershed. Once we get through the ash the watershed should provide more water as there is no vegetation absorbing the rainfall. Staff worked hard to try to get diversions going. This is a key critical moment looking at fisheries aspects and how we operate. It may be 5-10 years before restoration of the watershed to a more normal state. We do not have the turbidity curtains yet but hope to have them in about two weeks. The recreation area did well.

4. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks mentioned a call he had from a friend in La Conchita and a fire hydrant that had been buried in the 2005 slide. Mr. Wickstrum explained that there are hydrants within 500 feet of every structure but we can put another hydrant in. The one that was buried was abandoned in place, bagged and covered.

5. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

President Baggerly reported his attendance at the Ventura River Watershed Council meeting where Ron gave a presentation of post fire actions and fire response and drought preparedness. We have a new part time employee and also part time watershed coordinator Po who did an excellent job of kicking off the meeting. I liked the way she handled the meeting. I gave a short presentation on upcoming events with OBGMA. There is a meeting on the 25th of January where we will present the groundwater management plan.

Director Bergen reported she also attended the Watershed Council meeting but was not paid by Casitas. She gave an update on Upper Ventura River Groundwater Sustainability Agency. They are in the early stages of this new agency.

6. Election of Board Officers.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Hicks the board officers are:

PRESIDENT	Jim Word
VICE PRESIDENT	Bill Hicks
SECRETARY	Mary Bergen
ASST. SECRETARY	Pete Kaiser
At Large	Russ Baggerly

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Selection of Board Committees and Ad Hoc Committees.

- a. Board Member Assignments.
- b. Schedule of Committee Meeting

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

	<u>Members</u>
Executive	Word/Hicks
Finance	Word/Kaiser
Personnel	Bergen/Baggerly
Quagga	Baggerly/Kaiser
Recreation	Hicks/Kaiser
Water Resources	Baggerly/Bergen

COMMITTEE DATES AND TIME:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Executive	2 nd Friday	10:00 a.m.
Finance	3 rd Friday	10:00 a.m.
Personnel	2 nd Tuesday	4:30 p.m.
Quagga	3 rd Monday	10:00 a.m.
Recreation	1 st Monday	10:00 a.m.
Water Resources	4 th Tuesday	10:00 a.m.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser the committee assignments and schedule of meetings was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Assignments to Outside Associations and Approval of Authorized Meetings for the Board.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Bergen the meetings were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

9. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes from the December 13, 2017 meeting.
- b. Minutes from the December 20, 2017 meeting.
- c. Resolution authorizing memberships.
- d. Recommend approval of a purchase order to California Woodworking, Inc. in the amount of \$38,750 for the construction of a new dais and storage cabinet.

The consent agenda was offered by Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 18-01.

10. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 12/09/17 - 01/03/18. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

11. Recommend approval of a budget of \$185,000 for the emergency pipeline replacement of the 10" pipeline located at the Padre Juan crossing location in the Faria Beach area. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Baggerly the above recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

12. Recommend approval of a one year agreement for the use of Lake Casitas Recreation Area's Event Area for the Ojai Wine Festival with Rotary Club of Ojai West Foundation. APPROVED WITH CHANGES

The board discussed this agreement at length with staff and heard from the following individuals representing the Rotary Club of Ojai West.

Les Gardner resides at 1129 Maricopa Highway and is a member of Ojai Rotary West gave a history of the wine festival and how it happened to be held at the lake. He reminded the board of the Rotary's involvement in improvements to what has become the event area including installation of electrical, sprinklers, grass and trees. The lake has been a good site for the event and our relationship has been good. The event has allowed the club to donate \$1.3 million dollars back into the community. If you go to the event will see close to 100 people working the event and none of them being paid, they are all volunteers. His hope is that we have not outgrown the lake and the lake has not

outgrown us. Since we have had a great relationship for so many years he hopes to reach an agreement that we can all benefit from.

David May, member of Rotary West and Chairman of the Wine Festival spoke about the insurance and that it could be enhanced. He expressed concerns over the board's request to have all their sponsors provide insurance and Certificates of Insurance. The sponsors volunteer their time and their products and some do not have insurance. He also mentioned the desire to retain storage at the lake for convenience.

Richard Gould spoke as a charter member of Rotary Ojai West and explained that the proceeds of the wine festival have allowed them to operate the floating classroom teaching children the benefits of the lake, teaching them to protect the lake.

Angela May, Executive Director of the wine festival asked for a longer contract of at least 2-3 years since it takes so long to do the planning for the event. She also asked for reconsideration on the insurance requirements for the sponsors.

Stephanie Midgett spoke regarding the successful partnership with the Rotary boat and what a joy it is to take our children and have them know about this lake. She mentioned that Joe Evans and some of the Rangers have begun to help out with the youth.

Mike Caldwell, President of Rotary Club of Ojai West suggested that if the board is insistent that the individual sponsors have insurance then maybe the board could back off of the 27% of net that is provided to the lake.

Don Midgett spoke as a Rotarian spouse. He added that he attended some of the first wine festivals and has worked for them for the last dozen years or so. He understands the issues we are facing. It takes a collective effort. It is difficult to cover 100% of all possibilities. You do know this club and you have people here who will work with you.

Mr. Shouse agreed with what had already been said adding that we love this venue and that it is important that we make a profit from this event in order to continue to support the good things throughout the community. The community benefits from this tremendously.

Linda Taylor thanked the board for their service and suggested that since there are a lot of events within the county that have large attendance perhaps we could talk with our supervisors to see if there is some kind of insurance to cover these activities. She added that the security force at the wine festival inspects all bags and purses.

President Word thanked the Rotary members for their comments.

Director Baggerly thanked the members of Ojai Rotary West for coming and suggested that section 6 b 4 be removed from the contract as it is causing so much anxiety. Our contract is with you, not with them. It is not fair for us to ask this. It was suggested that there be a clause inserted into the contract to allow for an extension if there are not issues and that the extension come before the board as a consent agenda item.

On the motion of Director Baggerly to remove section 6 b (4) and add in an automatic extension for two extra years if the contract has no major changes and no major problems, it will come back to the board for approval as a consent agenda item. The general liability amount that will be provided by Ojai Rotary West is changed to \$7 million in general liability. This was seconded by Director Bergen and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

13. Recommend authorization of an additional five acre feet of water allocation be made available for projects. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Bergen, the above recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

14. Information Items:

- a. Executive Committee Minutes.
- b. Memo regarding Thomas Fire and Water Billing Actions.
- c. Memo regarding Robles Diversion Maintenance Efforts.
- d. California Department of Fish & Wildlife Meeting on Rapid Response Planning.
- e. 2018 State Water Project Initial Allocation – 15%.
- f. Water Consumption Report.
- g. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- h. Investment Report.

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Bergen the information items were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

President Word moved the meeting to closed session at 5:10 p.m.

15. Closed Session

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9
Name of Case: George Lewis and Cheryl Lewis, Kerry Tormey; Alton Gebhart and Mary Louise Gebhart; Geoffrey Marcus, as Trustee of the Marcus Family Trust; Katherine Conner; Kevin Vanderwyck and Katy Vanderwyck; on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated vs. Southern California Edison Company, a California corporation; City of Ventura; Casitas Municipal Water District; and DOES 1 through 50 inclusive.
Case No. 56-2017-00505314-CU-MT-VTA.
- b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Sec. 54957). Title: General Manager

President Word moved the meeting back into open session at 5:47 p.m. with Mr. Mathews reported that the board discussed two matters in closed session, the existing litigation and there is no item reportable on that discussion and the board also reviewed the performance evaluation with the General Manager present.

16. Discussion and consideration of the General Manager's compensation.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Bergen a 6% salary increase was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

17. Adjournment.

President Word adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Mary Bergen, Secretary