

Casitas Municipal Water District
RECREATION COMMITTEE
Special Meeting Agenda
Brennan/Kaiser
August 17, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

This meeting will be conducted via teleconference.

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(888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247

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1. Roll Call
2. Public comments.
3. Review of the Ojai Raptor Center request for the donation of a Lake Casitas Recreation Area Frequent Visitor Decal (FVD) for the Ojai Raptor Center Auction.
4. Review of June 2021 Recreation Report.
5. Review of Incidents and Comments.

Right to be heard: Members of the public have a right to address the Board directly on any item of interest to the public which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The request to be heard should be made immediately before the Board's consideration of the item. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of §54954.2 of the Government Code. If you require special accommodations for attendance at or participation in this meeting, please notify our office 24 hours in advance (805) 649-2251 ext. 113. (Govt. Code Section 65954.1 and 54954.2(a). Please be advised that members of the Board of Directors of Casitas who are not members of this standing committee may attend the committee meeting referred to above only in the capacity of observers, and may not otherwise take part in the meeting. (Govt. Code Sections 54952.2(c)(6)

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Interdepartmental Memo

DATE: August 6, 2021

TO: Recreation Committee

FROM: Michael Flood; General Manager

SUBJECT: Review of the Ojai Raptor Center request for the donation of a Lake Casitas Recreation Area Frequent Visitor Decal (FVD) for the Ojai Raptor Center Auction.

The Ojai Raptor Center has requested Casitas MWD consider donating a Lake Casitas Recreation Area 2022 Frequent Visitor Annual Decal (FVD) in support of their upcoming Online Auction in October (Auction form/flyer attached).

The Ojai Raptor Center is a non-profit organization and counts on public donations for support.

Park Ranger Kyler Heath is the District's liaison with the Raptor Center, and he stated "The Raptor Center has been very helpful to the LCRA. When we encounter an injured, bird, chick, fledgling or other feathered friend they are quick to respond and assist in capturing and caring for the bird(s)".

Additionally, Park Ranger Heath has the Raptor Center come out once a year to hold a show and tell demonstration, which is a huge hit with the Jr Ranger program and to LCRA guests in general.

This is the type of program builds favorable memories of the park and attracts guests to the LCRA.

In return for the donation, the Ojai Raptor Center will promote the Lake Casitas Recreation Area as a donor and provide links to the District's recreation website.

This donation is recommended in that the Ojai Raptor Center provides valuable in-kind services to the District at no charge, the Ojai Raptor Center relies on donations for its operations, and the value of a LCRA FVD is nominal (\$150).



OJAI RAPTOR CENTER ONLINE AUCTION

Ojai Raptor Center (ORC) will be hosting our first-ever online auction in October 2021. We will be inviting our 9,000 supporters and 30,000 social media followers to participate and bid.

The proceeds from this auction will support the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of California raptors. We treat over 1,200 patients every year. Our education program also reaches thousands of school-age children and shares the importance of protecting these magnificent species.



We are asking you to support our important work by donating an item to our auction. We will include links to your web page in our auction. Photos of the item or your business (provided by you) will promote your business and your tax-deductible donation to our supporters in the run-up and during the auction.

If you would like to donate an item, please fill out the attached Auction Donation Form and return it to ORC by September 1, 2021.

If you have any questions or would like more information about Ojai Raptor Center or the auction, please contact us at heather@ojairaptorcenter.org.

Thank you for supporting wildlife!

Sincerely,

Heather Patrice Brown
Director of Development and Fundraising

Company:

The Ojai Raptor Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization; Federal EIN 77-0543286.



OJAI RAPTOR CENTER

WWW.OJAIRAPTORCENTER.ORG

Contact Name: Park Ranger Kyler Heath

Phone: 805-649-2233 x101 Email: kheath@casitaswater.com

Mailing Address: 11311 Santa Ana

City: Ventura State: CA Zip: 93001

Web URL: casitaswater.org/recreation

Facebook: URL: _____

Twitter URL: _____

Instagram URL: _____

Item Donated: Lake Casitas Recreation Frequent Visitor Annual Decal

Retail Value: \$150.00

Description of Donated Item (color, style, dimensions, etc.): _____

1- Red 2022 Lake Casitas Recreation Area Frequent Visitor Annual Decal

Item is: included with this form needs arrangement for pick up

will be mailed by October 1, 2021, to Attn: Kim Stroud

11215 Creek Road

Ojai, CA 93023

**CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA**

DATE: July 28, 2021
 TO: Michael Flood, General Manager
 FROM: Joe Martinez III, Park Services Manager
 SUBJECT: Recreation Area Monthly Report for June 2021

Visitation Numbers

The following is a comparison of visitations* for June 2021

	June 2021	June 2020	May 2021
Visitor Days	96,539	69,652	112,988
Camps	5,479	669	7,053
Cars	24,135	17,413	28,247
Boats	191	487	245
Kayaks & Canoes	0	1	2

Visitor Day Totals for Fiscal Year through April 2021	
2019/2020	473,952
2020/2021	842,516
%Change	77.76%

*The formulas for calculating the above attendance figures derived from the daily cash reports are as follows:

Visitor Days = Daily vehicles + 30 minute passes X 3 + café passes + attendance at special events + annual vehicle decals + replacement decals + campsites occupied + extra vehicles X 4

Camps = Campsites occupied + extra vehicles

Cars = Daily vehicles + 30 minute passes X 3 + café passes + attendance at special events + annual vehicle decals + replacement decals + campsites occupied + extra vehicles

Boats = Daily boats + overnight boats + annual decals + replacement decals

Kayaks & Canoes = Daily kayaks and canoes + overnight kayaks and canoes + annual kayaks and canoes

In June 2021, the County of Ventura moved out of the State's Tier system and began following Federal and State guidelines. The Lake Casitas Recreation Area opened at a 100% for all camping. High touch areas such as restrooms, showers and Chemical toilets, continued to be cleaned twice a day. LCRA staff continue to follow District guidelines by wearing mask and maintaining distance when dealing with the public.

There were three fishing tournaments held in June, the American Bass Association (ABA), had a total of 41 teams and Rich Tauber Fishing (RTF) had 19 teams respectfully. Boat inspections remained active with 675 vessels Retagged, 22 vessels passing inspection for new vessel tags, 3 failures and 2 no shows. Bait and Tackle had 15 new motors that passed inspection and were cleared from quarantine. The June movie held at the Event Area drew approximately 100 viewers.

A small event "Cars @ Casitas" was held at the Santa Ana ramp, which included various vehicles of all years, makes and models. The vehicles were on display for competition for various categories. The event drew approximately 50 plus vehicles. Marina Café provided Tri Tip sandwiches, BBQ chicken as well as their regular menu.



Maintenance completed various tasks throughout the park including repairing a cast iron sewer line that collapsed due to tree roots. Trees were trimmed along the bottom of Santa Ana, and a dead pine tree was removed near Tea cup 2. Other items included repairing a water leak in Egret, repaired a fish sink disposal, and raised hose bibs in ADA sites for easy access.

In June a Facility Assessment report was conducted on the Casitas Water Adventure Lazy River and Play Structure. Councilman-Hunsaker should have the report completed by July. CWA staff have also been working with Conservation on irrigation systems. CWA staff continue to assist maintenance with the daily sanitizing of the restrooms, showers and CT's.

Revenue Reporting

Fiscal year's total figures are reported when made available for the respective months (operations, concessions, Casitas Water Adventure, etc.) per the District's Financial Summary, generated by the Chief Financial Officer.

*LCRA was 100% closed April, and May of 2020 due to the Pandemic COVID-19

