

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
January 27, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held January 27, 2021. The meeting was held via teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Brennan called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, and Brennan are present. Also present are GM Flood, AGM Dyer, EA Vieira, and Counsel Mathews.

3. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

No changes.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Presentation on District related items that are not on the agenda - three minute limit.

Bruce Kuebler and Jim Kentosh requested to speak on information item 8b.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.a. Accounts Payable Report.
Accounts Payable Report.pdf

5.b. Minutes of the January 6, 2021 Special Board Meeting.
1 6 2021 Special Meeting Min.pdf

5.c. Minutes of the January 13, 2021 Board Meeting.
1 13 2021 Min.pdf

5.d. Minutes of the January 15, 2021 Special Board Meeting.
1 15 2021 Special Mtg Min.pdf

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Hajas the Consent Agenda was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

6. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.a. Adoption of a Resolution revising the Casitas Municipal Water District Bylaws Article VI: Section 2.1 (Length of Term) and Section 3 (Board Officer Appointment Process), and Article XI: Sections 2.1 (Board Standing Committees), 2.2 (Executive Committee), and 2.3 (Standing Committee Schedule).
Board Memo on Adoption of a Resolution revising CMWD Bylaws
012721.pdf 01 15 2021 CMWD Bylaws Amendment Resolution.pdf

The resolution was offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Cole and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

Resolution is numbered 2021-03

- 6.b. Election of Board Officers.
Officer Assignments 2021.pdf

On the nomination by Director Hajas, seconded by Director Cole, Director Brennan was elected to the position of President by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

On the nomination by Director Hajas, seconded by Director Brennan, Director Spandrio was elected to the position of Vice President by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

On the nomination by Director Brennan, seconded by Director Spandrio Richard Hajas was elected to the position of Secretary by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

On the nomination by Director Brennan, seconded by Director Hajas, Director Cole will hold the position of Assistant Secretary which was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

On the nomination by Director Brennan, seconded by Director Cole, Director Kaiser will be in the At Large position which was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

- 6.c. Presentation of a revision to the Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas MWD) Bylaws Article VII (Meetings of the Board of Directors): Section 1 (Time and Place). Board Memo on Revision to the CMWD Bylaws - Meeting Time 012721.pdf

The board was informed that a resolution would be brought back to the future board meeting to determine the time of the board meetings.

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

AYES: Directors: Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

- 6.d. Review and approval of United Water Conservation term sheet regarding purchase of Casitas MWD Table A Article 56 (carryover) State Water Project water supplies and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption.
Board Memo on Article 56 Carryover Water Purchase with United WCD 012721.pdf UWCD Term Sheet 2020 Casitas Art 56 012721 ATT1.pdf
UWCD comment letter on Art 56 Transfer 012721 ATT2.pdf
Notice of Exemption - UWCD - Casitas Art 56 Transfer 012721 ATT3.pdf Attachment to the Notice of Exemption 012721 ATT4.pdf

The Board discussed the proposed purchase of Casitas Table A water by United Water Conservation District with Mr. Collins of United Water providing additional information and supporting a collaborate approach.

Public Comments in opposition to the proposal were provided by Russ Baggerly and Pat Baggerly who expressed concerns regarding quagga mussels and also use of the estuary by transient populations.

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

AYES: Directors: Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: None

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

- 7.a. Discussion of the West Ojai Meter Relocations Evaluation and provide direction

to staff.

BoardMemo_MeterRelocations_Spec 19-408

202101.pdf West Ojai Meter Relocation

Evaluation_20210120.pdf

The Board was provided with an update on West Ojai Meter Relocation evaluation, and discussed their concerns and provided direction to staff to look for ways to alleviate homeowner concerns with a single point of contact, providing assistance with permitting process, and supported the relocation of the pipeline. There were some concerns regarding the language to the agreement which will be reviewed by Mr. Mathews. GM Flood will bring the revised agreements back to the board.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.a. Monthly Engineering Report for January 2021.
Monthly Engineering Report.pdf
- 8.b. Letters from Bruce Kuebler (Ventura River Water District) and Mike Hollebrands Meiners Oak Water District) regarding a proposal for Water Agency Partnership Meetings.
Ventura River WD WATER SUPPLY AGENCY PARTNERSHIP 012720.pdf
Letter of support Meiners Oaks WD Water Agency Partnership 012723.pdf

Director Spandrio offered some questions on 8.a and suggested that item 8.b. be brought back to the board as a discussion item.

Bruce Kuebler, Ventura River Water District, corrected the record stating the letter was from their board president. He added that the board has unanimous support and in a conversation with Susan Rungren, she is supportive as long as it is informal. Jim Kentosh, Meiners Oaks Water District suggested Casitas sponsoring a group for continued discussions similar to the discussions that were being held by Supervisor Bennett. Participation was encouraged.

9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood informed the board of an upcoming visit of the grand jury who want to understand the districts role and responsibilities. Work is continuing on the replacement of the Arbolada tank. We will be doing a test to tie in the two systems the week of February 15th. There will be a conversion to chloramines in the Ojai System. We have a banner on the website to allow our customers to obtain additional information.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Kaiser reported on his attendance on the AWA meeting with Eric Bolt of NOAA discussing issues on continuation of the drought. President Brennan also attended this meeting, the AWA Issues meeting and the water commission of the City of Ventura where they discussed the water shortage contingency plan. President Brennan also listened to the city council meeting and Jim Friedman has been appointed as liaison to the Casitas Water board.

Director Hajas attended AWA event and found it interesting relative to allocating water for agriculture where the October to December water needs were equivalent to summer.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTOR COMMENTS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(a).

President Brennan informed the board of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce annual State of the City Meeting tomorrow.

President Brennan moved the meeting to closed session at 4:15 p.m.


12. CLOSED SESSION

- 12.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(a) Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, City of San Buenaventura, et al.; and City of San Buenaventura v Duncan Abbott, et al., Cross Complaint; Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19STCP01176.
- 12.b.

President Brennan moved the meeting back to open session at 5:15 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating the board met in closed session and there was no reportable action taken

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Brennan adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.


Richard Hajas, Secretary