Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District Board Meeting Held February 24, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held February 24, 2021. The meeting was held via teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Brennan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Kaiser, Cole, Hajas, 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.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.a. Accounts Payable Report. Accounts Payable Report.pdf
- 5.b. Minutes of the February 10, 2021 Board Meeting. 2 10 2021 Min.pdf
- 5.c. Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Special Board Meeting. 2 17 2021 Min.pdf

The Consent Agenda was offered by Director Kaiser, Seconded by Director Cole and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

Directors:

Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan

NOES:

Directors:

None

ABSENT:

Directors:

None

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.a. Review and approval of revised Casitas MWD Investment Policy. Board Memo on review of Casitas MWD Investment Policy 022421.pdf Proposed CMWD Investment Policy

022421 ATT1.pdf InvestmentPolicy10232013 ATT2.pdf gfoa-sample-investment-policy ATT3.pdf

On the motion of Director Spandrio, seconded by Director Kaiser 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.b. Review and possible action on letters from Ventura River Water District and Meiners Oaks Water District regarding a proposal for a Water Agency Partnership.

Ventura River WD WATER SUPPLY AGENCY PARTNERSHIP 012720.pdf Letter of support Meiners Oaks WD Water Agency Partnership 012723.pdf

The board discussed the possibility of forming an informal group for purposes of increased communication and heard public comment from Bruce Kuebler with Ventura Water and Jim Kentosh with Meiners Oaks Water in favor of the formation of a group to share information. There was no action taken on this item and the board may consider it at a future meeting.

6.c. Appointment of an Ad-Hoc Public Relations Committee.

The board discussed the suggestion of creating an Ad-Hoc Public Relations Committee and it was determined that Gm Flood will bring back the presentation from Fionna Hutton and Associates on the communications plan and review it with the board at a meeting in the following month. No action was taken on this item and it was tabled.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.a. Monthly Engineering Report. Engineering Report.pdf
- 7.b. Hydrologic Status Report for January 2021. Hydrologic Status Report.pdf
- 7.c. Letter from Cucamonga Valley Water District regarding nomination of Randall James Reed to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee.

 Cucamonga Valley WD Letter ACWA 022421.pdf

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

AYES:

Directors:

Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Spandrio, Brennan

NOES:

Directors:

None

ABSENT:

Directors:

None

8. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Flood reported on the integration test on the ability for the Casitas system to serve the Ojai Water System and there have been no water quality complaints and the systems are working together. A shutdown is planned on Thursday March 4 on the Rincon system to install new switch gear.

9. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Kaiser reported on attending the Water Issues Committee and the Waterwise meeting. President Brennan attended both of those as well and also attended the City of Ventura Water Commission. Director Neil attended the City of Ventura Water Commission meeting.

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

Director Spandrio asked if his request for a presentation on the Santa Barbara County Intertie program is still on the radar. Mr. Flood responded that it is indeed and added that the ASADRA loan is gathering some steam and the board should be up to speed on what is going on prior to making some decision in the next few months.

President Brennan moved the meeting to closed session at 4:08 p.m.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.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.

President Brennan moved the meeting back into open session at 4:56 p.m. stating that the board met in closed session and there was no reportable action taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Brennan adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Richard Hajas, Secretary