

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

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 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 and Brennan are present. Director Spandrio is absent. Also present are GM Flood, AGM Dyer, EA Vieira and Counsel Kwong and Smith.

3. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

No changes

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

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

5.b. Minutes of the March 10, 2021 Board Meeting.
3 10 2021 Min.pdf

5.c. Minutes of the February 26, 2021 Special Board Meeting.
2 26 2021 Special Meeting Min.pdf

5.d. Approval of a US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) request for an additional funding deposit in the amount of \$25,000 for Robles Fish Passage and Diversion Facility oversight and coordination activities.
Board Memo for USBR Budget Request
032421.pdf USBR Deposit Request \$25K ATT1
032421.pdf

The Consent Agenda was offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Hajas and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.a. Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie Project:

Presentation of an estimate of costs to deliver Casitas MWD's State Water Project Table A water supplies through the Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie Project.

Authorize staff to release the Notice of Intent for the Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie project and post the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration on the District's website for public review. The IS/MND can be viewed at <https://www.casitaswater.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=3947>

Authorize \$400,000 budget for design services to Water Works Engineers for fiscal year 2020-21 for the Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie

Board Memo_20210324.pdf

SB-Ventura Intertie Preliminary Costs-032421

presentation.pdf VTA-SB Intertie NOI Mailing List.pdf

The Board heard a presentation and held discussion on the Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie Project including preliminary information on possible costs, funding and potential water supply. General Manager Bob MacDonald from Carpinteria Valley Water District also participated in the call. Public Comments were made by Burt Handy

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Cole, the above recommendations were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

6.b. Adopt a resolution setting the time for meetings of the Casitas MWD Board of Directors.

Board Memo on Resolution - Board Meeting Time 032421.pdf

CMWD Board Meeting Time and Place Resolution ATT1

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The resolution was offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Brennan to start the regular session of the Board meeting at 5:00 with the closed session starting at 4:00. This was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors: Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Brennan

NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: Spandrio

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

- 7.a. Presentation of the Casitas MWD Communications Workplan by Fiona Hutton and Associates (FHA).
Board Memo re Review Strategic Communications Workplan
032421.pdf Casitas Communications Plan_Oct 2020 ATT 1
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Casitas Education Outreach Plan Update ATT2 032421.pdf

The presentation on the plan was provided by Ian and Kendal with Fionna Hutton and Associates. The outreach plan was approved by the board in October. The board reviewed possible logos and asked that some modifications be made and brought back to the board.

- 7.b. Discussion regarding the upcoming Division IV Director vacancy.
Attorney Memo on Board Vacancy (JSS v2) 032421.pdf

Discussion was had regarding the Director vacancy and it was determined that the vacancy would be noticed in the paper and the website, with the intention of interviewing potential appointees. President Brennan will work with legal regarding the interview process and a written procedure should be brought back to the board on the selection process and how a tie vote would be handled.

- 7.c. Discussion regarding upcoming Board Officer, Committee, and outside organization positions in relation to the Division IV Director vacancy.

Director Hajas will become the Director for UVRGA with Director Kaiser serving as alternate. President Brenna appointed Director Hajas to the Finance committee and the Vice President position could be filled in on a rotational basis if needed.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.a. Monthly Engineering Report.
Engineering Report.pdf
- 8.b. Monthly Hydrology Report.
2102 February 2021 Hydrology.pdf
- 8.c. Memo on the planned closure of the Casitas Water Adventure for the Calendar Year 2021.
Water Adventure 21_22 season memo 032421.pdf

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

AYES: Directors: Hajas, Cole, Kaiser, Brennan

NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: Spandrio

9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood provided updates to Covid-19 and informed the board that employees are now eligible for vaccination. The Governor signed a bill last week, SB 95 that allows in addition to the Federal 80 an additional 80 hours of paid sick time for employees as a result of Covid. Easter is coming a week from Sunday. It is a big day at the park with all hands available

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

President Brennan reported that he listened to the city council meeting on Monday where they were talking about water rates and the intertie. President Brennan also attended the Water Commission meeting where there was an update on the adjudication and the physical solution.

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

None

President Brennan moved the meeting to closed session at 5:07 p.m.

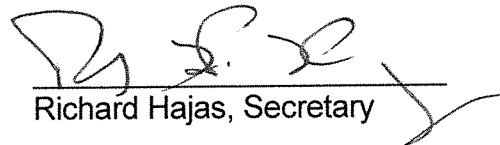
12. CLOSED SESSION

- 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.

President Brennan moved the meeting back into open session at 5:26 with the attorney stating the board met with counsel on existing litigation and there is no reportable action to report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Brennan adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.


Richard Hajas, Secretary