

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Brennan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

There were no changes.

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

Bruce Kuebler of Ventura River Water District read a letter into the record commenting on the connection to State Water.

Jim Kentosh, Director at Meiners Oaks Water District asked how to be better informed on what is happening with State Water.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

5.b. Minutes of the November 10, 2021 Board Meeting.  
11 10 2021 Minutes.pdf

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

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.a. Approval of the revised Casitas MWD Investment Policy.  
Investment Policy Board Memo

11.24.2021.pdf Proposed CMWD  
Investment Policy 112421 ATT1.pdf  
InvestmentPolicy02242021 ATT2.pdf

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

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

6.b. Discussion and possible action on the December 2021 Casitas MWD Board Meeting schedule.

The board discussed holding a special meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> and cancelling the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting but decided to table the item until the December 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Ashley, a member of the public, requested more information on alternative plans to running out of water. President Brennan suggested she review the prior meetings and presentations on the website for the information.

6.c. Recommend approval of Professional Services related to Economic Development Administration (EDA) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Tourism Grant for Lake Casitas Recreation Area (LCRA).

6.c.i Authorize a Task Order to MNS Engineers, Inc., to provide grant writing services for the EDA ARPA Tourism Grant for Lake Casitas Recreation Area in an amount not to exceed \$25,048.00.

6.c.ii Authorize a Task Order to MNS Engineers, Inc., to provide professional engineering services for the LCRA Sewer Phases 1 and 2 to support the EDA ARPA Tourism grant application in an amount not to exceed \$144,542.00.

6.c.iii Authorize a Task Order to Rincon Consultants, Inc. to provide professional environmental consulting services for the LCRA Sewer Project in an amount not to exceed \$74,205.00.  
LCRA EDA ARPA Grant.pdf

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Cole, items 6.c.i and 6.c.ii are approved and 6.c.iii is tabled to the December 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. This was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

- 6.d. Authorize a Task Order to Rincon Consultants, Inc. to provide professional environmental consulting services for the LCRA Vegetation Management Program in an amount not to exceed \$29,725.00.  
LCRA Vegetation.pdf

The board discussed the item and it was decided that it would be tabled and brought back to a meeting in January.

- 6.e. Consider McNamara request for temporary meter extension.  
McNamara Request.pdf

On the motion of Director Bergen, seconded by Director Cole, the request for extension was denied by the following roll call vote:

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

- 6.f. Discussion and possible action on the Letter of Intent from the Tulare Irrigation District.  
Board Memo on TID LOI 112421.pdf  
Casitas and Tulare Letter of Intent LOI  
TID ATT1.pdf Casitas-TID Proposed  
Pricing Schedule ATT2.pdf

The board discussed the letter of intent and requested that the item come back to the board December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Public comments were made by Burt Handy.

## 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

- 7.a. Discussion of Casitas MWD Redistricting.  
Board Memo on Redistricting 112421.pdf

Mr. Flood informed the board that he would be request proposals from consultants.

## 8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.a. Recreation Committee Minutes.  
Rec Minutes 110921.pdf
- 8.b. Monthly Hydrology Report.  
Hydrology October 2021.pdf
- 8.c. Monthly Engineering Report.  
Engineering Report.pdf

- 8.d. Casitas MWD comment letter on the Draft Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Groundwater Sustainability Plan.  
DRAFT Casitas Comment Letter on OBGMA GSP 112421.pdf

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Bergen, the Information items were received and filed by the following roll call vote:

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

9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Flood informed the board that he contacted Provost and Pritchard to solicit help with the in lieu issue and some of the things we need to consider. Additionally, we are moving into the budget season. Staff will be meeting in January and February and a draft budget will be present to the Finance committee in March. We anticipate marked increases in some expenditures.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

President Brennan attended the AWA WaterWise meeting. Director Kaiser also attended that meeting and the November 15<sup>th</sup> UVRGSA meeting. Directors Bergen and Hajas also attended the UVRGSA meeting.

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

President Brennan asked that the potential for goats grazing around the diversion canal come back on the agenda in the future or perhaps a report back in General Manager Comments.

President Brennan moved the meeting to closed session at 11:23 a.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION

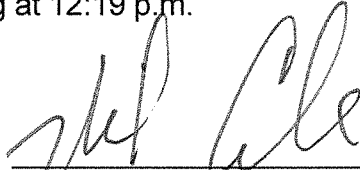
- 12.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a) Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, City of San Buenaventura, et al.; and City of San Buenaventura v Duncan Abbott, et al., Cross Complaint; Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19STCP01176.
- 12.b. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Govt. Code Sec. 54957.6) Agency Designated Representatives: Colin Tanner and Diana Impeartrice  
Employee Organization: Supervisory & Professional, General Unit and Recreation Unit.

- 12.c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(Government Code §54956.9(b))  
Number of potential cases: 1

President Brennan moved the meeting back into open session at 12:18 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating the board met in closed session with general and special counsel and the labor negotiator, there is was no reportable action.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Brennan adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.



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Neil Cole, Secretary