# Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District Special Board Meeting Held December 15, 2021

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held December 15, 2022. The meeting was held via teleconference.

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Brennan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.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. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Presentation on District related items that are not on the agenda.

None

#### 4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

4.a. Resolution proclaiming a local emergency persists, re-ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Executive Order, and re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of Casitas Municipal Water District for the period December 15, 2021 to January 14, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions. Resolution Subsequent AB 361.pdf

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

AYES:

Directors:

Bergen, Kaiser, Cole, Hajas, Brennan

NOES:

Directors:

None

ABSENT:

Directors:

None

### 5. **ACTION ITEMS**

5.a. Consider the request from Security Paving for a time extension for temporary water service.

BoardMemo\_20211215.pdf Security Paving No.1 Temp

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

AYES:

Directors:

Bergen, Kaiser, Cole, Hajas, Brennan

NOES:

Directors:

None

ABSENT:

Directors:

None

5.b. <u>Consider the request from Granite Construction for a time extension for temporary water service.</u>

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

AYES:

Directors:

Bergen, Kaiser, Cole, Hajas, Brennan

NOES:

Directors:

None

ABSENT:

Directors:

None

5.c. <u>Consider the request from Hotline Construction for a time extension for temporary water service.</u>

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Hotline Construction Temp App.pdf

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

AYES:

Directors:

Bergen, Kaiser, Cole, Hajas, Brennan

NOES:

Directors:

None

ABSENT:

Directors:

None

## 6. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

6.a. Casitas Municipal Water District Community Facilities District No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Special Tax and Bond Accountability Report.

Casitas MWD CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) SB 165 Report (2021) v2 (1).pdf

6.b. Monthly Engineering

Report. Engineering

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6.c. Monthly Hydrology Report.
Hydrology November 2021.pdf

The information items were received and filed.

## 7. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood reported that the ad hoc imported water projects committee is meeting next week and plan to look at the concepts behind an exchange water agreement for our participation in the Calleguas Ventura interconnection.

The CADFW commission met this morning on scheduling a hearing for a listing and that did get passed. The hearing will be in February and we will keep track of that to make sure we can be involved with a letter and personally, make an appearance on that.

Rainfall was significant, as much as seven inches. We did have good run off and began diversions at 5:00 a.m. Our diversion information is posted on a daily basis on our website. We diverted over 200 AF yesterday but it dropped off today. We might approach 700 AF for this storm. It looks like there are storms next week but not as powerful.

Director Kaiser asked how the screens held up. Mr. Flood responded very well. The clean out helped with slowing water down and allowing some settling. We were allowed to replace 2 of the 48 screens. We are taking velocity measurements before they will allow us to replace the rest of them. We have been waiting 18 months and this is the first storm where we can take some measurements.

## 8. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Hajas reported on the public hearing for OBGMA and the anticipation of final plan adoption on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Director Kaiser attended the UVRGSA meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> and they also anticipate adoption of their plan on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Director Bergen attended the UVRGSA mtg.

President Brennan attended the AWA Board meeting.

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

Richard Hajas made the following comments:

Last week marked the end of my first year serving on this Board. Neil's too When I look back at what has been achieved the most significant accomplishment occurred in the early months of this first year. All of us invested significant time and effort in developing the basis for a new safe annual yield from Lake Casitas, agreed - as added security- to manage lake storage above a minimum level, and adopted a goal for the maximum amount of water use from the lake each year. Do we all know what those new values are? Do we all know where to find those values? Do we know where to direct our customers to find those values and the basis for the decisions we made. I don't. And my fear is they will be lost.

We were promised a formal supply and demand analysis based on agreed criteria that clearly documents the basis of our actions and memorializes our findings. Clear understanding

and agreement on supply and demand are fundamental to water resource management. Without it we cannot clearly determine if we have enough water and -if we don't -quantify how much more we may need. Without it we cannot evaluate the benefits of new supply alternatives, develop supply allocations or design water rates to achieve conservation goals. Without it we may not be able to defend our water rights.

I am asking the staff to give this task the highest priority. We have all of the information, all of the data it just needs to be assembled. Administerial tasks and the deadlines of others should not keep us from our main responsibility. The supply and demand analysis is the foundation we need to support the very difficult decisions that lie ahead of us.

President Brennan responded that he will work with staff to prioritize and make sure we address those concerns.

President Brennan moved to closed session at 5:22 p.m.

## 10. CLOSED SESSION

- 10.a. 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.
- 10.b. 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 6:24 p.m. with Mr. Mathews reporting that the board met in closed session on the two items. There was general discussion on both items with some direction given to staff and no reportable action was taken.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

President Brennan adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Neil Cole, Secretary