

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
January 12, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held January 12, 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 Cole, Hajas and Brennan are present. Director Kaiser is absent and Director Bergen is planning to attend but not present at the beginning of the meeting. Director Bergen arrived at 5:05 p.m. Also present are GM Flood, AGM Dyer, EA Vieira and Counsel Mathews.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Brennan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Presentation on District related items that are not on the agenda

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.a. Minutes of the December 8, 2021 Board Meeting.
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6.b. 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 January 13, 2022 to February 12, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.
Resolution Subsequent AB 361.pdf

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2022-01.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Appointment of a 2022 Casitas MWD Water Rate Study Ad-Hoc Committee.

President Brennan nominated Directors Bergen and Hajas to this Ad-Hoc Committee.

On the motion of Director Cole, seconded by Director Brennan, Directors Bergen and Hajas were appointed to serve on the Water Rate Study Ad Hoc Committee, this was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

7.b. Approve the Distribution Operator I, I, II, IV and V updated job descriptions.

Distribution Job Description Update Staff Report.pdf
DRAFT Distribution Operator 1 (strikeout version) (11-18-21).pdf
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On the motion of Director Hajas, seconded by Director Cole, the job descriptions were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

8.a. Scheduling of a Casitas MWD Water Rate Workshop #1.

Mr. Flood reported that since the Ad Hoc Committee has been created it is not necessary to have this item. The committee will look at the cost model and provide input.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.a. Recreation Committee Minutes.
Rec Minutes 121421.pdf

9.b. Finance Committee Minutes.
Finance Minutes 111921.pdf

- 9.c. State Water Project Intertie Report.
SWP Intertie Project Cost 12-31-21.pdf
- 9.d. CFD 2013 Report.
CFD 2013-1 Project Cost 12-31-2021.pdf
- 9.e. Adjudication Charges Report.
Adjudication Charges YTD 12.31.21.pdf
- 9.f. Investment Report.
Investment Report 12.31.2021.pdf

The information items were received and filed.

10. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood provided an update on water supply noting that the diversion is still trickling in and we are looking at about 7,000 acre feet total from the storms in December. We are well situated to get some more and we had very good performance of the new brush system and we collected some data on reoriented screens.

Covid is on everyone's mind. We are waiting to hear on the OSHA mandate which is in the hands of Supreme Court that would require employers to have either proof of vaccination or weekly testing. Management is ready with policy changes that could be needed and have reached out to testing vendors and are ready to move forward if needed. We expect to hear on the Supreme Court soon. We have done fairly well through this latest variant, we have seen some normal sickness and a few employees out due to Covid. Every department has had some effect. It has not been crippling at this point. Management meets weekly and sometime more on what going on.

The Governor's budget is out and there is \$5.2 billion dollars in drought and long term sustainability. Kennedy Jenks is helping us with grants and if the budget is approved we will look at some state money being available.

Lastly, at the lake, we have had two incidents with the invasive species tilapia. A dead one was found and a live one was caught. We have been in contact with state and feds. There is breeding going on and not much that can be done.

President Brennan asked about the progress on redistricting. Mr. Flood responded that the deadline is mid-April and there are a couple of proposals to bring forward at the next meeting.

President Brennan asked about conversations with the City of Ventura timeline. Mr. Flood replied that the ad hoc imported water projects committee has met twice and moved along with a proposed agreement and have another meeting soon and getting attorneys involved. He hopes to bring it to the board soon after that.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Hajas reported attending the OBGMA meeting on January 6th where they adopted their sustainability plan.

President Brennan attended AWA on Thursday to set up the scheduling of their annual calendar. On Thursday we will have the NOAA meteorologist regarding the rain forecast and Water Issues is on Tuesday.

Director Bergen listened to the UVGSA meeting where they approved their plan for submittal.

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

None

President Brennan moved the meeting to closed session at 5:23 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.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.

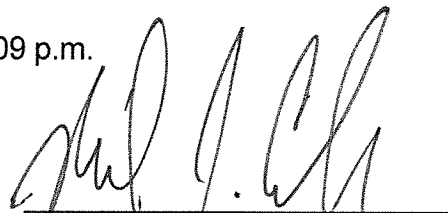
13.b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(a) Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, City of San Buenaventura, et al.; and City of San Buenaventura v Duncan Abbott, et al., Cross Complaint; Superior Court of the State of California,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

13.c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(a) Nancy Duffy McCarron v. County of Ventura et al, United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No. 2:21-cv-05234-MWF-PD.

President Brennan moved the meeting back to open session at 6:08 p.m. with Mr. Mathews reporting that the Board met in closed session on the three items. On 13 a, the board gave direction to district representatives and no formal action was taken. On 13 b there was no reportable action. On 13 c, the board by 4-0 vote with one member absent authorized the settlement of the case, dismissal with prejudice and both sides bear their legal fees subject to review by General Counsel.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Brennan adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.


Neil Cole, Secretary