

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

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 McNulty.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Brennan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

The agenda was confirmed as submitted.

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

There were no public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.a. Accounts Payable Report.
Accounts Payable Report.pdf

6.b. Minutes of the September 28, 2022 Board Meeting.
9 28 2022 Min.pdf

6.c. Resolution re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings for the Legislative bodies of Casitas MWD for the period of October 12, 2022 to November 11, 2022. Resolution Subsequent AB 361.pdf

The consent agenda was offered by Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Bergen and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 2022-33

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.a. Discussion and possible action on the Casitas MWD Matilija Formation Groundwater Supply Vertical Bore Project (VRBO).
Board Memo Discussion of Matilija Formation Vertical Bore Well 101222.pdf Verbo Project Description 121418 ATT1.pdf
TAC Outline and Memo for Matilija Fm Water Supply Project 110319 ATT2.pdf

GM Flood provided information on the HOBBO project where we had difficulty obtaining a 299 permit from the Forest Service to place monitoring devices on the creeks. In 2019 Pueblo Water Resources was engaged to look at feasibility of the project for the VRBO. A technical advisory committee issued a summary report stating there should be more information before commencing on the project. Almost \$200,000 has been spent at that point and the board decided to put it on the watch list. Since then staff has been looking at possibilities of getting grant funding for the bore for the preliminary estimates of \$2 million dollars to test the water quality and quantity. The project was expected to get 8,000 af. With wells you don't know until you drill so there is a risk. Staff recommends we continue to chase funding for a pilot bore to make the assessment about going forward with the project.

Director Kaiser, Cole and Brennan are supportive of continuing to seek grants with Director Cole suggesting we seek funding for the entire project. If the drilling does not yield water then the project can be killed.

Director Hajas was not as enthusiastic as we do not have any answers to the questions the technical team brought forward. Public money should not be used for speculation and wildcat drilling. It detracts from real projects.

Director Bergen added it is a risky project which is why it has been percolating along. The initial information came from Jordan Kear and was based on the Tecelote tunnel. I see it as another emergency supply. Only used occasionally but it could give our Health & Safety water we need. We won't know unless we spend the money to find out. What other sources of HS water do we have?

Direction was provided to staff to continue to explore funding on the project including incorporating the issues the TAC committee raised and have it all included in one project for the full amount.

- 7.b. Approval of proposals from Kennedy-Jenks Engineers to assist with preparation of State of California 2022 Urban Drought Communities Grant Applications in the minimum total grant award amount of \$10,000,000 and Adopt Resolutions in support of same:
- a. Approve a proposal for assistance with the 2022 Urban Drought Communities Grant Application for the Matilija Formation Groundwater Supply Vertical Bore Pilot Project (VRBO) in the amount of \$13,500 and

adopt the supporting resolution.

b. Assistance with the 2022 Urban Drought Communities Grant Application for Groundwater Interconnections Project in the amount of \$34,260 and adopt the supporting resolution.

Board Memo Resolutions and KJ Grant Assistance Proposals
101222.pdf Casitas Draft Res 2022 Urban Communitites
Drought - VRBO 101222 ATT1.pdf

Casitas Draft Res 2022 Urban Communitites Drought - GW Connections
ATT2.pdf Proposal for Casitas2022UrbanDrought Communities Matilija
Deep Vertical Bore 101222 ATT3.pdf

Proposal for Casitas2022UrbanDrought GW Connections 101222 ATT4.pdf

GM Flood explained there were changes in the report on Monday and the new minimum is \$3 million.

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

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

Resolutions are numbered 2022-34 and 2022-35

7.c. Approval of a funding agreement with the City of Ventura for the State Water Project Interconnection project for funding of design and an unbudgeted item in the amount of \$550,000 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Board Memo_Caleguas Ventura Interconnection 10.12.2022.pdf
ATT1. Draft_Casitas_City_Funding Agreement for SWP Interconnection
Design.pdf

GM Flood explained that Casitas staff worked out a simple letter agreement but have not sought feedback yet from the City of Ventura. It is a straightforward proposal agreement where we fund that project in this amount and they allow us to have input on the project design.

Director Bergen questioned what we are expecting to get out of this on the input of the design. GM Flood responded this is the first step in committing to the project – this funding allows time to look at the agreements necessary to finish the project including the exchange agreement and a funding decision after that. \$550,000 shows the board believes in the project and it is worthwhile funding at this point but not funding the entire project at this point.

Director Cole explained that he sees the \$550,000 getting us input on the design and the final costs etc. and we have the ability to negotiate the in lieu agreement. If we

are not partners I don't see why the city would buy water from us. I see the overall project as great for the region and it will help Casitas a little bit.

Director Hajas asked about grant funding with GM Flood explaining that we are not the lead agency. Director Hajas supports the project and it will have regional benefits long beyond when we are on this board. It is a huge mistake to forfeit this opportunity.

Director Kaiser liked the regional aspect of getting water conveyed and asked about the ability to utilize the conservation penalty reserves for this. Mr. McNulty explained this is an appropriate use of the funds. Ensuring the contract is clear that the \$550,000 is a not to exceed amount with no guarantee for future funding was discussed as well.

Bruce Kuebler strongly supports this as it is past the time to commit to working with Ventura.

Burt Handy questioned having a cost study analysis of SB vs. Calleguas/Ventura in lieu agreement. Maintenance costs should be included and a comparison of costs reviewed for a decision on this issue.

Direction was provided to staff to work on the agreement with the attorney and share with the City and then bring back to the Board.

- 7.d. Award LCRA Paving at Campground Fox, Specification No. 22-454 to BC Rincon Construction in an amount not to exceed \$141,677.44.
Board Memo for LCRA Paving Award 101222.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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

- 8.a. Update on Casitas MWD Administration Building roof replacement/solar project.

Site Logic provided an update on the roof replacement/solar project with GM Flood explaining that funding is his concern. The project will provide roof replacement, solar and LED retrofits at various locations. The roof would have a 30 year warranty. Return on Investment would be approximately 15 years. The maintenance for the solar panels is not included in the price but the maintenance could be contracted with Site Logic. There could be grant funding or rebates available. A discussion regarding electric charging stations was also discussed.

Burt Handy asked about moving roof antennas, putting in charging stations at Lake Casitas, upgrade to LED lighting and looking to place solar on top of the dam.

GM Flood advised this was just for information purposes at this point and a contract and resolution could be brought back to the board at a later date for consideration.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.a. State Water Project Intertie Report.
SWP Intertie Project Cost 9-30-22.pdf
- 9.b. CFD 2013 Report.
CFD 2013-1 Project Cost 9-30-2022.pdf
- 9.c. Investment Report.
Investment Report 9.30.22.pdf
- 9.d. Adjudication Charges Report.
Adjudication Charges YTD 9.30.22.pdf
- 9.e. Consumption Report August.
Consumption 2022-2023.pdf
- 9.f. Financial Statements for June 2022.
Financial Statements 06-30-2022 Summary Final.pdf
- 9.g. Financial Statement for July 2022.
Financial Statements 07-31-2022 Summary.pdf

The information items were received.

10. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood mentioned the Ag Town Hall would be on Thursday October 20th at the Park and Resource center.

Water security tours are scheduled for October 29th and November 5th. Two directors have spots. If anyone else wants to go we need to know ASAP as we have a waiting list.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

President Brennan attended the special district meeting and the AWA Board Meeting. Director Bergen listened to the VRWC meeting.

12. BOARD OF DIRECTOR COMMENTS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION

54954.2(a).

None

President Brennan moved the meeting to closed session at 6:14 p.m.


13. CLOSED SESSION

- 13.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.

Vice President Hajas moved the meeting back into open session at 6:28 p.m. with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session and there was no reportable action taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Hajas adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.



Neil Cole, Secretary