

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
July 27, 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 Mathews.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Brennan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

The agenda was confirmed as presented.

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

A member of the public urged the district to get on desal as soon as possible as he doubts Santa Barbara will commit to the current project. Desal is what we need and time is of the essence. President Brennan responded that he sat on the Coastal Commission when they turned down the Poseidon project the first time and they have now been turned down the second time. Some places are doing what we call desal but it is taking brackish water inland and cleaning it up. There are a small amount who are doing ocean inputs. We have looked at options and continue to do so. It has some major challenges.

Gina Dorrington, newly appointed General Manager of Ventura Water informed the board that she took over for Susan Rungren and has been in water and wastewater for 20 years, is a Cal Poly Pomona Graduate with a BS in Soil Science. Ms. Dorrington has been with the City of Ventura for seven years and looks forward to working with Casitas as a customer and partner

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

6.b. Minutes of the July 13, 2022 Board Meeting.  
7 13 2022 Min.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

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.a. Approval of an agreement with Ernst & Young regarding the ongoing review/audit of the State Water Project contract in conjunction with the State Water Contractors Association.

Board Memo for Ernst & Young SWP Audit Agreement 072722.pdf  
Ernst & Young Master Services Agreement - SWP Audit Services 072722  
ATT1.pdf Ernst & Young Statement of Work - SWP Audit Services 072722  
ATT2.pdf

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

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

- 7.b. Consideration of the surplus sale of certain Casitas MWD assets.  
Board Memo on Surplus Items 072722.pdf

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

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

- 7.c. Provide direction to staff on annexation to CFD 2013-01 of APN 019-0-030-03 and APN 019-0-030-22.  
BoardMemo\_1071 Rancho Road APN 019-0-030-03 and 019-0-030-22 072722  
(1).pdf

GM Flood explained that the impetus for this is that currently they are hooked up to the Casitas system with a long service line and meter on Cuyama. The service line goes over hill and dale as was typical back in the day. A pipeline from the Ojai water system is close. To do this before we brought it to the board and it is appropriate for them to participate in paying taxes and it would require annexation with a vote into the CFD. We want to make sure the board is amenable before we collect a deposit.

Director Cole added there are a couple of these that were beyond Casitas legacy and tied into the Matilija Conduit. This is one of those. For me, the big difference is this is an existing

customer and if they wanted to relocate a meter we would allow with them paying to relocate it.

Direction was provided to staff to move forward.

- 7.d. Adopt Resolution approving the 2022 Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.  
2022 VC HMP\_Board Memo\_Reso.pdf

The resolution was offered by Director Bergen, 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

Resolution is numbered 2022-26

## 8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.a. Hydrology Report.  
Hydrology.pdf
- 8.b. Response to the 2020-2021 Ventura County Grand Jury Report on Cybersecurity of Water Providers.  
ATT1 CMWD Letter Response to Ventura Grand Jury re Cybersecurity v2.pdf GJ-Report\_2021-22\_CyberSecurityWaterProvidersVC.pdf

The information items were received.

## 9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood informed the board that the August 9<sup>th</sup> status conference in court for the adjudication was cancelled by the judge as he will be on vacation. It will most likely be scheduled later in the month.

Mr. Flood then informed the board that there would be discussion and possible action on cancelling the August 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting at the next meeting.

## 10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Brennan reported on a conversation with Steve Bennett who will be holding a September 8<sup>th</sup> workshop similar to the panel workshop he held when he was a supervisor. Topics will include what is going on with water right now.

Director Bergen attended the UVRGA meeting for Director Kaiser. They finalized the ordinance for wells and elected new officers. Mike Etchart from Meiners Oaks is President, Bruce Kuebler is Vice President and Pete Kaiser is Secretary.

Director Cole added that we met with Gina Dorrington and Betsy Cooper of Ventura Water.

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

Director Kaiser commented that it is good you brought to our attention that Steve is having that meeting. Depending on what happens with the drought and continuing implications it is good to have the discussion and the big picture for regional solutions. President Brennan added state officials will need to be involved in conversations.

President Brennan moved the meeting to closed session at 5:33 p.m.

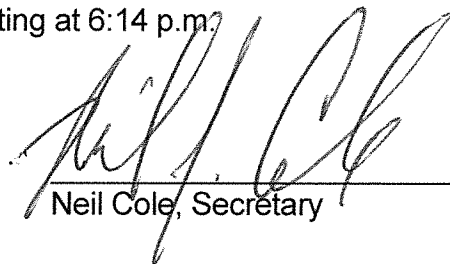
12. CLOSED SESSION

- 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 to open session at 6:14 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating the board met in closed session with special and general counsel and no action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Brennan adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.



Neil Cole, Secretary