

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
August 10, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Brennan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Kaiser, Cole, Hajas and Brennan are present. Director Bergen is attending the meeting remotely. Also present are GM Flood, AGM Dyer, EA Vieira and Counsel Mathews.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Kaiser 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.

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.a. Accounts Payable Report.

6.b. Minutes of the July 27, 2022 Board Meeting.

6.c. 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 of August 10, 2022 to September 9, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.

The Consent Agenda was offered by Director Hajas, 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

Resolution is numbered 2022-27

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.a. Adopt Resolution approving the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the use of Copper to control Algae and Aquatic Animal Invasive Species in Lake Casitas.

GM Flood explained that has been pursued for a while as the exception is needed from the state to discharge copper to control algae and quagga mussels. This is part of the process for CEQA and then obtain public comment and move on through the process to get this is place. President Brennan added that he saw it was circulated through the county. GM Flood added we did obtain some comments and responded to them.

The resolution 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

Resolution is numbered 2022-28

- 7.b. Approve budget of \$105,000 for Camp Chaffee Temporary Pump Station.

GM Flood reported that with the declining lake level we have a service at Camp Chafee in the Coyote Creek area that as the level declines we have trouble maintaining the psi. There was a previous pump station on the property. We will need to have some design work done and obtain a pump and electrical service. We plan to have it in place by the end of October when we may hit the lower level.

Director Kaiser offered his support of this as it is a Health and Safety issue and asked if there are other areas in the district that may be a concern. Mr. Flood responded there was an issue with Avenue 1 and we took care of it previously.

President Brennan asked about the pump that was previously there. Mr. Flood responded that it probably was never used. Director Cole added it was before my time and came with the Camp Chaffee system. The district probably disposed of it. Director Hajas didn't remember it.

Burt Handy asked about flow on that run and any fire hydrants. Mr. Flood responded it will be less than 5 cfs and flow will be fine. Engineering Manager Aranda added there might be wharf heads at the top.

On the motion of Director Cole, seconded by Director Kaiser 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. Consideration of the Cancellation of the Casitas MWD August 24, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

President Brennan suggested that we could make this a tradition.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Cole the above recommendation to cancel the August 24th Board Meeting was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.a. State Water Project Intertie Report.
- 8.b. CFD 2013 Report.
- 8.c. Adjudication Charges Report.
- 8.d. Investment Report.

The Information Items were received.

9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Gm Flood reported that the Lake level is at 32%. We promised to come back in the fall to talk about further stages. We will be approaching the 30% level – a point where the board should consider where we are. Response for conservation has been outstanding. We will have a presentation on September 14th.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

President Brennan reported his attendance via zoom at the Watershed Coalitions meeting. Director Bergen attended the same meeting. Director Kaiser attended active shooter training with staff. It was a good session and he suggested board members attend.

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

Director Kaiser said he was glad to see there will be a water forum coming up. Hopefully that state legislators will get together more frequently and coordinate with the Feds to look at water security. What is the game plan for California? What kind of bills are being sponsored now. This is a vital issue that the entire state depends upon for health and safety. Do what is right and best for our state. Hope there will be influence on state legislators and helping out water agencies and coordinate at federal level. President Brennan mentioned Steve Bennet's September 8th Water Forum.

President Brennan moved the meeting to closed session at 5:20 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 into open session at 5:39 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating the board met in closed session with general and special counsel on existing litigation and no action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Brennan adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.



Neil Cole, Secretary