

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held May 10, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Cole, Bergen, Kaiser and Hajas are present. Director Brennan is absent. Also present are GM Flood, EA Vieira and Counsel McNulty.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hajas 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.

Burt Handy asked if there had been any fish seen at the fish ladder diversion this year. GM Flood stated no steelhead have been seen.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.a. Accounts Payable Report.
[Accounts Payable Report..pdf](#)

6.b. Minutes of the April 26, 2023 Board Meeting.
[4 26 2023 Min.pdf](#)

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

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.a. Adopt an ordinance amending Section 19.3 of the Casitas Rates and Regulations for Water Service.
[Rates and Regs Memo 05.10.23_v2.pdf](#)

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

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

Ordinance is numbered 2023-03

- 7.b. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Paymentus for Credit Card Processing and Customer Portal services.
[Board Memo for Payment Processor](#)
[051023_1.pdf](#) [Casitas and Paymentus MSA](#)
[051023 ATT1.pdf](#)

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

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

- 7.c. Authorize General Manager to enter into an Agreement with the City of Ojai for Conduit Installation and Reimbursement.
[Board Memo Fiber Optic Agmt](#)
[20230510.pdf](#) [1 Fiber Optic Conduit -](#)
[Agenda Report.pdf](#) [Ojai Conduit](#)
[Agr_20230413.pdf](#)

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

- 7.d. Approve and file the Notice of Exemption for the Rincon Backcountry Road Culvert Installations Project.
[Board Memo_NOE 20230510.pdf](#)

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

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

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.a. Special Finance Committee Minutes.
[Special Finance Minutes 050423.pdf](#)
- 8.b. State Water Project Intertie Report.
[SWP Intertie Project Cost 4-30-23.pdf](#)
- 8.c. Adjudication Charges Report.
[Adjudication Charges YTD 4.30.23.pdf](#)
- 8.d. CFD 2013 Report.
[CFD 2013-1 Project Cost 4-30-2023.pdf](#)
- 8.e. Consumption Report March 2023.
[Consumption 2022-2023.pdf](#)
- 8.f. Financial Statements February 2023 and Non Budgets Items.
[Financial Statements 02-28-2023 Summary.pdf](#)
- 8.g. Investment Report.
[Investment Report 4.30.23.pdf](#)

The information items were received.

Burt Handy suggested the consumption report include evaporation.

9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood reported that staff are conducting the triannual inspection at the treatment plant. Typically this is a Bureau driving inspection but the Bureau decided not to attend and we are still doing the inspection. We expect to have the plant back on by midnight. The Waterpark is undergoing testing with water and it looks real good. The state inspection is tomorrow. We have had a lot of interest in the park including renting the entire park out for parties.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

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

Director Kaiser thanked staff for their continuing great job.

President Hajas moved the meeting to closed session at 5:11 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.

- 12.b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): (One case)

President Hajas moved the meeting back into open session at 5:45 p.m. with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session and no reportable action was taken on either item.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Hajas adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.



Mary Bergen, Secretary