

# Board Meeting Agenda

Russ Baggerly, Director  
Mary Bergen, Director  
Bill Hicks, Director

Pete Kaiser, Director  
James Word, Director

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
August 10, 2011  
3:00 P.M. – DISTRICT OFFICE

Right to be heard: Members of the public have a right to address the Board directly on any item of interest to the public which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The request to be heard should be made immediately before the Board's consideration of the item. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of ¶54954.2 of the Government Code and except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

1. Public comments.
2. General Manager comments.
3. Board of Director comments.
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes of the July 27, 2011 Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda
5. Bills
6. Committee/Manager Reports
  - a. Recreation Committee Minutes
  - b. Executive Committee Minutes
7. Resolution awarding a purchase order to John S. Major in the amount of \$14,100 and authorization of expenditures of up to \$16,000 for repairs to the De La Garrigue Bridge.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution
8. Consideration of attendance at the California Special District Association Annual Conference being held October 10 – 13 in Monterey.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Direction to Staff

9. Recommend approval of letters to Assembly Members Das Williams and Jeff Gorell regarding opposition to Senate Bill 931(Vargas).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion selecting candidate

10. Information Items:

- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- b. Summary of Living Wise and Water Wise education program results.
- c. News Articles.
- d. Investment Report

11. Closed Session

- a. (Govt. Code Sec. 54957.6)  
Conference with Labor Negotiators:  
Agency Designated Representatives: Rebekah Vieira, Draza Mrvichin  
Employee Organization: Supervisory & Professional, General Unit and Recreation Unit.

12. Adjournment

If you require special accommodations for attendance at or participation in this meeting, please notify our office 24 hours in advance at (805) 649-2251, ext. 113. (Govt. Code Section 54954.1 and 54954.2(a).

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
July 27, 2011

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held July 27, 2011 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Kaiser, Baggerly, Word, Hicks, and Bergen were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were no staff members and 41 members of the public in attendance. President Kaiser led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

President Kaiser expressed his appreciation for the attendance of the public and explained concerns regarding the fire code and the occupancy limitations of the room. If there are too many people then we will have to continue this item to a subsequent meeting.

There were no public comments for items that were not on the Agenda.

Mr. Mathews informed the board that there were about 20 people in the parking lot and it is hot out there. Considering that people are here during the day you may want to hold another meeting in the evening at a location that can handle the interested public. President Kaiser added that with those comments we should set aside a special time and date for a special meeting. Mr. Mathews added that he appreciates the fact that Golden State is here and we would want to make it convenient for you as well.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the board decided to remove the presentation from Golden State from the agenda and directed the General Manager to work out a meeting time and location with Golden State.

A brief recess was taken to allow Golden State to remove their presentation equipment.

Bob Daddi asked if the item is no longer agendaized would the public have an opportunity to speak on the item.

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into regular session at 3:07 p.m. and opened the meeting to public comment.

Bob Daddi addressed the board stating I am disappointed we had too big of a turnout. I want to talk about a couple of things that are happening. You are about \$4.1 million less to provide the same water we are getting from Golden State. Golden State is asking for \$16 million for new and replacement pipe. The request is inflated and the commission should reject it. Golden State Water has objected to considering drilling new wells. Ojai systems have interconnections to

other systems. The request to replace pipeline uses scare tactics. The reality is Golden State's replacement is like a car company telling you to change the oil every 3,000 miles. The question that needs to be answered is simple. Does the pipeline need to be replaced. It has been bantered around for years that the system is failing. If it is so dilapidated why didn't they get it done? They have had it since April 1967. Why out of six water purveyors in the valley they can be three times higher than the others. If there is any question if it will work financially take a look at the records. Let us know if you need any additional information.

Frank Finck residing in Ojai stated I thought I did some diligent work prior to moving here. One of the questions was what would it cost for water. I never got an answer. My first bill was approximately \$100 years ago, in Orange County I was paying \$19. I was shocked. I attended my first community meeting in which Golden State Water was going for a rate increase and I pointed out the contract of cost plus had been ruled out long ago. When I saw the cost of the pipe going up I went to the office and asked about the cost of the pipe. I was given double talk about the factors of the infrastructure etc. In the last request for increase most was for infrastructure. What happened to the money you were taking from me? I never got an answer. A few months ago I got a bill with a four fold increase. Checked line and meter no leaks. Went to the office and they sent an employee. Two months later I get a bill back to the old usage with no change on my part it is back to the old rates. A retired person on a fixed income will be priced out of the valley because of the cost of water.

Mr. Mathews informed the public that he never wants to cut off public comment but comments should be about things that this board has jurisdiction over. We don't have jurisdiction on the rates or pipes at Golden State. They were here to make a public presentation. This board can't do anything about the issues you have with Golden State.

Kathleen Richards, resident of Ojai stated she retired from the LA Department of Water and Power and was shocked when she moved here. I encourage you to look favorably on the request from the citizens of Ojai. It is really bleeding the citizens to pay the rates from that company.

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that some of the committee meetings would need to be rescheduled in August.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that we have a grant application for \$105,000 from the Bureau of Reclamation that is being moved from San Justo to Lake Casitas this year for facility improvements and quagga controls.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks thanked Director Word for the work on the AWA Picnic.

4. Consent Agenda ADOPTED
- a. Minutes of the July 14, 2011 Board Meeting.
  - b. Recommend approval of the invoice to CSAC for Excess Workers Compensation coverage in the amount of \$59,448.
  - c. Recommend approval of leak relief in the amount of \$1,066.91 to Jane Tolmach.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

5. Bills APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Word and passed, the bills were approved.

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Water Resources Committee Minutes
- b. Personnel Committee Minutes
- c. Finance Committee Minutes

On the motion of Director Bergen, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the Committee/Manager Reports were approved for filing.

7. Review and Discussion regarding water allocation clarification for Sherrill and Charlene Broudy. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the above clarification was approved.

8. Presentation and Discussion with Golden State Water Company regarding the Ojai Flow Analysis. ITEM PULLED FROM AGENDA

9. California Special Districts Association 2011 Board Elections APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Word and passed, the board elected to vote for John Fox.

10. Association of California Water Agencies call for candidate nominations for the position of President and Vice President. NO ACTION TAKEN

11. Information Items:

- a. Lake Casitas Storage Volume Comparison
- b. News Articles.

c. Investment Report

12. Closed Session

NOT HELD

- a. (Govt. Code Sec. 54957.6)  
Conference with Labor Negotiators:  
Agency Designated Representatives: Rebekah Vieira, Draza  
Mrvichin  
Employee Organization: Supervisory & Professional, General Unit  
and Recreation Unit.

There was no closed session.

13. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

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Secretary

# A/P Fund

Publication of check register is in compliance with Section 53065.6 of the Government Code which requires the District to disclose reimbursements to employees and/or directors.

000272	A/P Checks:	009528-009547
	A/P Draft to P.E.R.S.	072813
	A/P Draft to State of CA	072812
	A/P Draft to I.R.S.	072811
	Void:	

000273	A/P Checks:	009548-009649
	A/P Draft to P.E.R.S.	
	A/P Draft to State of CA	
	A/P Draft to I.R.S.	
	Void:	009607-009608

The above numbered checks, have been duly audited are hereby certified as correct.

Denise Collin 8/4/11  
Denise Collin, Accounting Manager

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Signature

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CERTIFICATION

Payroll disbursements for the pay period ending 07/23/11  
Pay Date of 07/28/11  
have been duly audited and are  
hereby certified as correct.

Signed: Denise Collin 7/25/11  
Denise Collin

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**  
**Payable Fund Check Authorization**  
**Checks Dated 7/22/11-8/4/11**  
**Presented to the Board of Directors For Approval August 10, 2011**

Check	Payee			Description	Amount
000269-000271	VOID	#	VOID	VOID	\$0.00
000272	Payables Fund Account	#	9759651478	Accounts Payable Batch 072911	\$110,064.22
000273	Payables Fund Account	#	9759651478	Accounts Payable Batch 080411	\$129,201.38
					\$239,265.60
000274	Payroll Fund Account	#	9469730919	Estimated Payroll 8/25/11	\$150,000.00
					\$150,000.00
				Total	\$389,265.60

Publication of check register is in compliance with Section 53065.6 of the Government Code which requires the District to disclose reimbursements to employees and/or directors.

The above numbered checks, 000269-000274 have been duly audited is hereby certified as correct.

 8/4/11  
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 Denise Collin, Accounting Manager

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8/04/2011 9:45 AM  
 VENDOR SET: 01 Casitas Municipal Water D  
 BANK: \* ALL BANKS  
 DATE RANGE: 7/22/2011 THRU 8/04/2011

A/P HISTORY CHECK REPORT

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C-CHECK	VOID CHECK	V	8/04/2011			009607		
C-CHECK	VOID CHECK	V	8/04/2011			009608		

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	NO	CHECK AMOUNT	DISCOUNTS	TOTAL APPLIED
REGULAR CHECKS:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
HAND CHECKS:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
DRAFTS:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
EFT:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
NON CHECKS:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
VOID CHECKS:	2	VOID DEBITS 0.00		
		VOID CREDITS 0.00		
		0.00	0.00	0.00

TOTAL ERRORS: 0

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 DATE RANGE: 7/22/2011 THRU 8/04/2011

VENDOR I.D.	NAME	STATUS	CHECK DATE	INVOICE AMOUNT	DISCOUNT	CHECK NO	CHECK STATUS	CHECK AMOUNT
01985	AFLAC/FLEX ONE							
I-072211	Reimburse Medical 2011	R	7/22/2011	84.33		009528		84.33
00021	AWA OF VENTURA COUNTY							
I-071411	CCWUC Luncheon 7/27/11 WQ Tech	R	7/25/2011	25.00		009529		
I-072011	CCWUC Luncheon 7/27 O & M CS	R	7/25/2011	50.00		009529		
I-072211	CCWUC Luncheon 7/27/11 E & M	R	7/25/2011	75.00		009529		150.00
01985	AFLAC/FLEX ONE							
I-825715ER	Service Fee Invoice 7/11	R	7/28/2011	125.00		009530		125.00
01703	ARNOLD, BLEUEL, LAROCHELLE,							
I-32390	Matter No:5088-001 Jun Svcs	R	7/28/2011	2,745.00		009531		2,745.00
01062	BP Medical Supplies							
C-B503995A	Accrue Use Tax	R	7/28/2011	109.31CR		009532		
C-B522169A	Accrue Use Tax	R	7/28/2011	21.37CR		009532		
D-B503995A	Accrue Use Tax	R	7/28/2011	109.31		009532		
D-B522169A	Accrue Use Tax	R	7/28/2011	21.37		009532		
I-B503995	Defibrillator for WP	R	7/28/2011	1,325.00		009532		
I-B522169	AED Trainer Model for WP	R	7/28/2011	259.00		009532		1,584.00
01068	CAPIO							
I-070111	Annual Membership 8/11-7/12	R	7/28/2011	225.00		009533		225.00
01571	CLUNDIE ENTERPRISES							
I-1077	CPO Training, Waterpark	R	7/28/2011	1,500.00		009534		1,500.00
00059	COASTAL PIPCO							
I-S1688428001	Irrigation Parts for B Camp	R	7/28/2011	102.94		009535		102.94
02221	Day Wireless Systems(20)							
I-35098	Replace 2 Way Radio Equip	R	7/28/2011	5,052.89		009536		5,052.89
00596	HOME DEPOT							
C-0310630	Windows Returned	R	7/28/2011	110.46CR		009537		
I-1196125	Windows for Reservation Office	R	7/28/2011	130.36		009537		19.90
00131	JCI JONES CHEMICALS, INC							
I-514534	Chlorine for TP CM#514742	R	7/28/2011	1,587.60		009538		1,587.60
00812	KEVIN NGUYEN							
I-072611	Reimburse Mileage 5/4-7/12	R	7/28/2011	225.03		009539		225.03

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00188	PETTY CASH							
I-072611	Replenish Petty Cash	R	7/28/2011	285.98		009540		285.98
02216	Purchase Power							
I-071211	Refill Postage Meter	R	7/28/2011	999.00		009541		999.00
00215	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON							
I-072211	Acct#2157697889	R	7/28/2011	9,529.82		009542		
I-072211A	Acct#2237011044	R	7/28/2011	22.65		009542		
I-072211B	Acct#231281532	R	7/28/2011	80.74		009542		
I-072211C	Acct#2266156405	R	7/28/2011	232.93		009542		9,866.14
00124	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST - 457							
I-CUI201107260442	457 CATCH UP	R	7/28/2011	423.08		009543		
I-DCI201107260442	DEFERRED COMP FLAT	R	7/28/2011	2,453.86		009543		
I-DI%201107260442	DEFERRED COMP PERCENT	R	7/28/2011	213.83		009543		3,090.77
01960	Moringa Community							
I-MOR201107260442	PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS	R	7/28/2011	16.75		009544		16.75
00985	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION							
I-CUN201107260442	457 CATCH UP	R	7/28/2011	211.54		009545		
I-DCN201107260442	DEFERRED COMP FLAT	R	7/28/2011	3,981.78		009545		4,193.32
00180	S.E.I.U. - LOCAL 721							
I-UND201107260442	UNION DUES	R	7/28/2011	611.00		009546		611.00
00230	UNITED WAY							
I-UWY201107260442	PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS	R	7/28/2011	45.00		009547		45.00
00010	AIRGAS WEST							
I-103313719	Welding Rod for Pipelines	R	8/04/2011	161.41		009548		161.41
00022	AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOC.							
C-0000467892A	Accrue Use Tax	R	8/04/2011	70.99CR		009549		
D-0000467892A	Accrue Use Tax	R	8/04/2011	70.99		009549		
I-0000467892	Water Conserve Bill Stuffers	R	8/04/2011	1,047.74		009549		1,047.74
00014	AQUA-FLO SUPPLY							
I-206069A	Rotator Tool added to Invoice	R	8/04/2011	2.19		009550		
	For Weather Station Repair at Dam							
I-222860	Hand Pump for Pipelines	R	8/04/2011	29.76		009550		31.95

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00840	AQUA-METRIC SALES COMPANY							
I-0038673IN	Measuring Chamber O&M	R	8/04/2011	1,030.88		009551		
I-0038809IN	Turbo Meter Rebuild Parts	R	8/04/2011	541.74		009551		1,572.62
01666	AT & T							
I-000002475902	T-1 Lines for Computer	R	8/04/2011	357.32		009552		
I-000002522856	Acct#C602222128777 T-1 Lines	R	8/04/2011	903.86		009552		1,261.18
00020	AVENUE HARDWARE, INC							
I-42364	Shovel, Rake, Flashlight	R	8/04/2011	48.69		009553		
	For O & M Customer Service							
I-42960	PVC Parts for O&M Cust Svc	R	8/04/2011	35.39		009553		84.08
00021	AWA OF VENTURA COUNTY							
I-055097	Annual Membership Meeting	R	8/04/2011	170.00		009554		170.00
00030	B&R TOOL AND SUPPLY CO							
I-1231391000101	Tile Hole Saw, LCRA Maint	R	8/04/2011	25.98		009555		
I-1232328000101	Filter Regulator	R	8/04/2011	70.74		009555		
	For Waterpark Air Compressor							
I-1232561000101	Adapter Tool for Pump Plant	R	8/04/2011	36.41		009555		133.13
01062	BP Medical Supplies							
C-B544626A	Accrue Use Tax	R	8/04/2011	37.57CR		009556		
C-B545592A	Accrue Use Tax	R	8/04/2011	7.25CR		009556		
D-B544626A	Accrue Use Tax	R	8/04/2011	37.57		009556		
D-B545592A	Accrue Use Tax	R	8/04/2011	7.25		009556		
I-B544626	First Aid Kit Supplies for WP	R	8/04/2011	518.25		009556		
I-B545592	First Aid Kit Supplies for WP	R	8/04/2011	100.00		009556		618.25
01616	FRED BRENEMAN							
I-080111	PD 7/24/11-8/9/11	R	8/04/2011	391.00		009557		391.00
09716	CA-NV SECTION AWWA							
I-080111	D3-D4 Review Class O&M Cst Svc	R	8/04/2011	175.00		009558		
I-080111A	D3-D4 Review Class O&M Cst Svc	R	8/04/2011	175.00		009558		350.00
02060	CAPCO Analytical Services, Inc							
I-1117120702	Backwash Solids Analysis, TP	R	8/04/2011	850.00		009559		850.00
01023	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS							
I-7294307039	Oil for Eq#36, Pipeline Truck	R	8/04/2011	9.20		009560		
I-7294307074	Oil for Rincon PP Compressor	R	8/04/2011	25.70		009560		34.90

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09907	I-SLS10012098							
	CARUS PHOSPHATES, INC. Orthopolyphosphate, TP	R	8/04/2011	20,365.20		009561		20,365.20
00055								
	CASITAS BOAT RENTALS Gas for Boats at LCRA	R	8/04/2011	946.85		009562		
	I-001332 I-063011	R	8/04/2011	2,473.71		009562		3,420.56
00117								
	CERTEX USA, INC Safety Harnesses for E & M	R	8/04/2011	1,019.95		009563		1,019.95
00057								
	CLEAN SOURCE Janitorial Supplies, Dist Ofc	R	8/04/2011	278.88		009564		
	I-261151500A Correct Inv#261151500	R	8/04/2011	0.34		009564		
	I-261183700 Janitorial Supplies	R	8/04/2011	1,622.58		009564		
	I-261183701 Toilet Tissue for LCRA Maint	R	8/04/2011	153.64		009564		
	I-261237400 Janitorial Supplies LCRA	R	8/04/2011	2,054.62		009564		4,110.06
01843								
	COASTAL COPY LCRA Copier Usage	R	8/04/2011	83.61		009565		
	I-355771 I-355772	R	8/04/2011	80.81		009565		164.42
02249								
	Lauren Collins Refund Camping Fees	R	8/04/2011	25.00		009566		25.00
01469								
	COMMUNITY IMAGING MEDICAL GRP DOS 6/6/11 Claim#11-94150	R	8/04/2011	34.75		009567		34.75
00511								
	Community Memorial Hospital Drug Test	R	8/04/2011	45.00		009568		
	I-3290 I-3310	R	8/04/2011	45.00		009568		
	I-650104181 DOS 5/2/11 Claim#11-93056	R	8/04/2011	52.12		009568		142.12
00061								
	COMPUWAVE Cisco Router Annual Support	R	8/04/2011	213.75		009569		213.75
00062								
	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL Connectors, Crimp Tool	R	8/04/2011	54.56		009570		
	I-9009643707 For O&M Cust Svc							
	I-9009644032 AB Software Updates, E & M	R	8/04/2011	5,764.69		009570		5,819.25
01588								
	CONSULTING WEST ENGINEERS Switchgear Upgrade Specs, PP	R	8/04/2011	6,600.00		009571		6,600.00

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00719	CORELOGIC INFORMATION SOLUTION							
I-80247707	Realquest Subscription 7/11	R	8/04/2011	125.00		009572		125.00
01483	CORVEL CORPORATION							
I-650092931	Bill Review Claim#11-93056	R	8/04/2011	1.04		009573		
I-650104181	Bill Review	R	8/04/2011	208.78		009573		
I-650539521	Bill Review Claim#11-94150	R	8/04/2011	1.04		009573		
I-650557391	Bill Review Claim#11-93056	R	8/04/2011	6.53		009573		
I-651007681	Bill Review	R	8/04/2011	5.05		009573		
I-C00203199561	Utilization Review 11-94150	R	8/04/2011	20.00		009573		
I-C00203202740	Utilization Review 03-01792	R	8/04/2011	20.00		009573		262.44
02227	Crocker Refrigeration Heating							
I-87979	Repair Ice Machine, PL Shop	R	8/04/2011	458.77		009574		458.77
01764	CSG Systems, Inc.							
I-73879	UB Mailing 06/29/11	R	8/04/2011	959.40		009575		959.40
02250	Robert Daddi							
I-072111	Irrigation Controller Rebate	R	8/04/2011	350.00		009576		350.00
00182	DEWITT PETROLEUM							
I-0009591IN	Unleaded Gas at LCRA	R	8/04/2011	2,579.80		009577		
I-0009592IN	Unleaded Gas for Main Yard	R	8/04/2011	4,471.35		009577		7,051.15
00086	E.J. Harrison & Sons Inc							
I-5720	Acct#1C-00053370 Trash Pickup	R	8/04/2011	114.55		009578		
I-5748	Acct#1C-00054230 Trash Pickup	R	8/04/2011	2,879.00		009578		2,993.55
02251	Kim Exon							
I-080211	Irrigation Controller Rebate	R	8/04/2011	350.00		009579		350.00
00095	FAMCON PIPE & SUPPLY							
I-135106	Saw Blade for 4M PP Conduits	R	8/04/2011	176.96		009580		
I-135258	Slip Caps for Pump Plant	R	8/04/2011	13.55		009580		190.51
10120	CHARLES Z. FEDAK & COMPANY							
I-072911	Prof Audit Svcs, July 11	R	8/04/2011	1,568.00		009581		1,568.00
00136	FEDEX KINKO'S OFFICE AND							
I-500300014298	UWMP Printing and Envelopes	R	8/04/2011	502.57		009582		
I-500300014299	UWMP Printing and Envelopes	R	8/04/2011	18.13		009582		
I-500300014300	UWMP Printing and Envelopes	R	8/04/2011	3.62		009582		524.32

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00013	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC							
I-0382806	Brass Ball Valves for WH Stock	R	8/04/2011	844.32		009583		
I-0382807	SS Handles & Nuts, WH Stock	R	8/04/2011	73.52		009583		917.84
00099	FGL ENVIRONMENTAL							
I-106166A	Wet Chemistry-Alk	R	8/04/2011	120.00		009584		
I-106167A	Metals, Total-Cu, Pb	R	8/04/2011	60.00		009584		
I-106432A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	8/04/2011	43.00		009584		
I-106433A	Metals, Total-Mn	R	8/04/2011	45.00		009584		
I-106434A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	8/04/2011	18.00		009584		
I-106924A	Metals, Total-Mn	R	8/04/2011	70.00		009584		
I-106925A	Wet Chemistry-NO3	R	8/04/2011	61.00		009584		
I-107203A	Wet Chemistry-Nitrate	R	8/04/2011	43.00		009584		460.00
00101	FISHER SCIENTIFIC							
I-3743678	Filters for Lab Testing, WQ	R	8/04/2011	81.67		009585		81.67
00104	FRED'S TIRE MAN							
I-160012	Tires for Eq#27, LCRA Truck	R	8/04/2011	731.82		009586		731.82
00106	FRONTIER PAINT							
I-F149039	Chip Brushes for Pipelines	R	8/04/2011	23.36		009587		
I-F149405	Paint Supplies for PL Shop	R	8/04/2011	80.18		009587		103.54
00107	FULLER PAINT & GLASS							
I-83271	Paint for Check Valves, TP	R	8/04/2011	43.44		009588		43.44
00216	THE GAS COMPANY							
I-072811	Acct#00801443003	R	8/04/2011	742.99		009589		
I-072811A	Acct#18231433006	R	8/04/2011	57.16		009589		800.15
02252	Joy Golbere							
I-080211	Irrigation Controller Rebate	R	8/04/2011	350.00		009590		350.00
00115	GRAINGER, INC							
I-9576308929	Grease for LCRA Maint Equip	R	8/04/2011	168.09		009591		
I-9587950412	Safety Gas Can, Pipelines	R	8/04/2011	46.10		009591		
I-9588464009	Safety Gas Cans, Pipelines	R	8/04/2011	132.33		009591		
I-9590013927	Flourescent Lamps for Stock	R	8/04/2011	52.37		009591		
I-9591101358	Cordless Wrench Kit, E&M	R	8/04/2011	481.85		009591		880.74
00746	GREEN THUMB INTERNATIONAL							
I-446195	Plants for Dist Ofc Front Area	R	8/04/2011	23.13		009592		
I-446196	Grass Seed for LCRA Maint	R	8/04/2011	86.86		009592		109.99

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00121	HACH COMPANY							
I-7351228	Reagents for MM Well, Ave #2	R	8/04/2011	169.71		009593		169.71
02247	Tamera Hanson							
I-072611	Refund Ordinance Violation	R	8/04/2011	75.00		009594		75.00
01594	HIGHWAY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.							
I-65083051001	Entry Signs for G Camp	R	8/04/2011	235.84		009595		235.84
00126	CAROLE ILES							
I-Jul 11	Reimburse Mileage 7/11	R	8/04/2011	36.90		009596		36.90
00131	JCI JONES CHEMICALS, INC							
I-515435	Chlorine for TP CM#515638	R	8/04/2011	1,587.60		009597		1,587.60
01022	KELLY CLEANING & SUPPLIES, INC							
I-155296350	Janitorial Svcs LCRA 7/11	R	8/04/2011	200.00		009598		200.00
09846	KOOLCO MECHANICAL INC							
I-31928	Repair Ice Machine at LCRA	R	8/04/2011	229.17		009599		229.17
00360	LESLIE'S POOL SUPPLIES, INC							
I-142276807	Chlorine for Waterpark	R	8/04/2011	91.59		009600		
I-301346532	Chemicals for Waterpark	R	8/04/2011	1,133.24		009600		1,224.83
02248	Maria Martinez							
I-072211	Ordinance Violation Refund	R	8/04/2011	50.00		009601		50.00
09881	Marzulla Law, LLC							
I-1638	File#4139.0001, 7/11 Svcs	R	8/04/2011	691.67		009602		691.67
00856	MATHEW BENDER & CO., INC.							
I-19095996	Labor Relation Guide Updates	R	8/04/2011	231.14		009603		231.14
02253	Duffy McPherson							
I-080211	Irrigation Controller Rebate	R	8/04/2011	350.00		009604		350.00
01404	MCT TRAILERS							
I-55758	Plugs for Spray Rig Trailer	R	8/04/2011	21.34		009605		21.34
00151	MEINERS OAKS ACE HARDWARE							
I-445305	Paint for Graffiti in SH	R	8/04/2011	31.05		009606		
I-445323	Batteries, Paint Brushes, O&M	R	8/04/2011	21.47		009606		
I-445431	Paint Supplies for Dst Maint	R	8/04/2011	17.76		009606		
I-445553	Casitas 1 Sump Pump	R	8/04/2011	72.92		009606		
I-445554	Casitas 1 Pit Sump Pump	R	8/04/2011	49.58		009606		
I-446257	Nutdriver for Fisheries	R	8/04/2011	7.27		009606		
I-446265	Cable, Ties, Sprays, O&M CS	R	8/04/2011	43.23		009606		

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I-446267	Digger, Pliers for O & M CS	R	8/04/2011	54.78		009606		
I-446269	Hinges, Bolts, Vault Lids WP	R	8/04/2011	30.93		009606		
I-446339	Bits for WP Grate Repair	R	8/04/2011	30.86		009606		
I-446409	Items for WH Stock	R	8/04/2011	1.90		009606		
I-446636	Sanding Masks for Pump Plants	R	8/04/2011	21.85		009606		
I-446852	Clogbuster for District Maint	R	8/04/2011	11.22		009606		
I-446872	Cable Ties, PVC for Fisheries	R	8/04/2011	48.09		009606		
I-446875	Bolts, Utility Pull, WP Grate	R	8/04/2011	13.62		009606		
I-447197	Hammer, Parts for Spray Rig	R	8/04/2011	24.82		009606		
	For District Maintenance							
I-447202	Couplers, Nozzles for Pipeline	R	8/04/2011	14.21		009606		
I-447247	Adapters, Couplers for O&M	R	8/04/2011	13.53		009606		
I-447435	Elbow, Adapter for Fisheries	R	8/04/2011	35.69		009606		
I-447579	Screwdriver for LCRA Maint	R	8/04/2011	3.96		009606		
I-448360	PVC Glue for Pipelines	R	8/04/2011	5.46		009606		
I-448396	Paint Brushes and Resin for TP	R	8/04/2011	11.53		009606		
I-448567	Paint Brushes, Tap for Dam	R	8/04/2011	7.05		009606		572.78
00834	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS							
I-425958314117	LCRA Monthly Cell Phones Chrgs	R	8/04/2011	942.27		009609		942.27
00163	OFFICE DEPOT							
I-570344449001	Office Supplies	R	8/04/2011	21.00		009610		
I-571939754001	Office Supplies	R	8/04/2011	37.98		009610		
I-571948028001	Office Supplies	R	8/04/2011	29.45		009610		88.43
01570	Ojai Auto Supply LLC							
I-212802	Brake Light, Eq#30, E & M	R	8/04/2011	5.35		009611		
I-213806	Spark Plug for Pump Plant	R	8/04/2011	2.13		009611		7.48
00165	OJAI LUMBER CO, INC							
I-2416729	Concrete for Pump Plant	R	8/04/2011	19.24		009612		19.24
00602	OJAI TRUE VALUE							
I-41246	Battery Protector, Lugs	R	8/04/2011	14.36		009613		
	For Repair to Club Car at LCRA							
I-41261	Gloves for Lab Tech	R	8/04/2011	5.03		009613		19.39
00167	OJAI VALLEY FAMILY MEDICAL GRP							
I-071111	DMV Physical Emp#36	R	8/04/2011	140.00		009614		
I-071811	DMV Physical Emp#690	R	8/04/2011	140.00		009614		280.00
00169	OJAI VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT							
I-13590	Cust#999991, Sewer Svc LCRA	R	8/04/2011	5,609.43		009615		5,609.43

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10072	PERMACOLOR, INC							
I-274150	Coat Flange for OV Reservoir	R	8/04/2011	188.47		009616		188.47
02187	Pitney Bowes Inc							
I-674288	Interface, New Postage Meter	R	8/04/2011	97.21		009617		97.21
00988	PLUMBERS WAREHOUSE							
I-2851801	Parts for Urinal, Dist Ofc	R	8/04/2011	30.95		009618		30.95
00627	PORT SUPPLY							
I-6946	Scale for Fish Mgmt Prog, LCRA	R	8/04/2011	66.74		009619		66.74
00184	POWERSTRIDE BATTERY CO, INC							
I-V575617	Battery for #284, Kubota Mower	R	8/04/2011	54.00		009620		54.00
01439	PRECISION POWER EQUIPMENT							
I-1614	Equip Repairs for Dist Maint	R	8/04/2011	108.35		009621		
I-1619	Bumber Strips for O&M Chainsaw	R	8/04/2011	13.94		009621		
I-1620	Blade for Weed Trimmer	R	8/04/2011	42.89		009621		
I-1621	Chain for Pole Saws, Dst Maint	R	8/04/2011	35.67		009621		
I-1622	Parts for Weed Trimmer	R	8/04/2011	16.89		009621		217.74
00313	ROCK LONG'S AUTOMOTIVE							
I-2733	Lube & Oil Change, Eq#8, E&M	R	8/04/2011	1,029.95		009622		
I-2757	Replace Front and Rear Shocks Instrument Cluster #13, WQ Trk	R	8/04/2011	503.83		009622		1,533.78
01109	SALVADOR LOERA TRANSPORTATION							
I-12502	Backfill Base for Stock Bin, PL	R	8/04/2011	515.95		009623		515.95
00213	SERVICEMASTER COMMERCIAL							
I-27800	Janitorial Services DO 8/11	R	8/04/2011	1,032.00		009624		1,032.00
00608	SMITH PIPE & SUPPLY INC.							
I-2303362	Irrigation Parts, LCRA Maint	R	8/04/2011	1,003.23		009625		1,003.23
02003	Sostre & Associates							
I-1643	CMS Fee for Website	R	8/04/2011	149.00		009626		
I-1647	Setup Fee Website Hosting	R	8/04/2011	750.00		009626		899.00
00215	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON							
I-072811	Acct#2210507034	R	8/04/2011	23,028.76		009627		
I-080211	Acct#2237789169	R	8/04/2011	23.46		009627		23,052.22

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01069	SPECTER INSTRUMENTS							
I-1107018820	Software Support, Win-911 TP	R	8/04/2011	395.00		009628		395.00
02202	Stanley Pest Control							
I-710203931	Pest Control at LCRA	R	8/04/2011	260.00		009629		260.00
01506	STRATECON, INC.							
I-052711	Prof Svcs 9/10-11/10	R	8/04/2011	11,567.13		009630		11,567.13
01367	TELEPAGE COMMUNICATIONS INC							
I-10116798	Pager Replacement for TP	R	8/04/2011	63.82		009631		63.82
	Acct#A2541C							
01407	TILECO DISTRIBUTORS, INC							
I-1317809	Tile Supplies for H Camp RR	R	8/04/2011	84.52		009632		
I-1320327	Thinset for Camp H RR	R	8/04/2011	74.59		009632		159.11
01173	TOICO INDUSTRIES, INC.							
C-101508A	Accrue Use Tax	R	8/04/2011	14.66CR		009633		
D-101508A	Accrue Use Tax	R	8/04/2011	14.66		009633		
I-101508	Gloves, Disks for Chem Toilets	R	8/04/2011	241.36		009633		241.36
01662	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.							
I-16103	Incode Maint Contracts	R	8/04/2011	1,758.75		009634		
	For Billed Consumption Report and Report Writer							
I-16477	UB Online Monthly Fees	R	8/04/2011	153.00		009634		
I-26941	Maint Contract, Meter Field Rpt	R	8/04/2011	625.00		009634		2,536.75
00225	UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT							
I-720110094	115 New Tickets	R	8/04/2011	172.50		009635		172.50
01346	UNITED SITE SERVICES OF CA, INC							
I-11440325	Portable RR Rental for 7/4 WE	R	8/04/2011	765.60		009636		765.60
00185	Univar USA Inc							
I-SI5898772	Sodium Hypochlorite, WP	R	8/04/2011	1,736.68		009637		1,736.68
00238	VCSDA							
I-071511	Membership 2011-2012	R	8/04/2011	150.00		009638		150.00
00257	VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER							
I-073111	Acct#0537500A	R	8/04/2011	99.63		009639		
I-073111A	Acct#0350100A	R	8/04/2011	26.57		009639		126.20

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01516	VISTA FORD OF OXNARD Keys for New Dist Maint Truck	R	8/04/2011	149.65		009640		149.65
00663	WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY Trash Can Liners, LCRA	R	8/04/2011	545.26		009641		545.26
00330	WHITE CAP INDUSTRIES Safety Vests for Pipelines	R	8/04/2011	59.81		009642		59.81
01998	XM For Business XM Radio for Waterpark, 1 Year	R	8/04/2011	389.35		009643		389.35
00489	STEVE WICKSTRUM Reimburse Expenses 7/11	R	8/04/2011	455.11		009644		455.11
1	Joan Minster UB Refund	R	8/04/2011	15.01		009645		15.01
1	Linda Montiel UB Refund	R	8/04/2011	19.85		009646		19.85
1	John Owens UB Refund	R	8/04/2011	5.34		009647		5.34
1	John Ryan UB Refund	R	8/04/2011	20.69		009648		20.69
1	OMA-Pacific UB Refund	R	8/04/2011	100.00		009649		100.00
00128	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE Federal Withholding	D	7/28/2011	22,287.30		072811		
	I-T3 201107260442 FICA Withholding	D	7/28/2011	21,157.32		072811		
	I-T4 201107260442 Medicare Withholding	D	7/28/2011	5,899.62		072811		49,344.24
00049	STATE OF CALIFORNIA State Withholding	D	7/28/2011	6,935.22		072812		6,935.22
00187	CALPERS PERS EMPLOYEE PORTION	D	7/28/2011	9,630.37		072813		
	I-PRR201107260442 PERS EMPLOYER PORTION	D	7/28/2011	11,644.74		072813		21,275.11

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		NO		CHECK AMOUNT		DISCOUNTS		TOTAL APPLIED
	REGULAR CHECKS:	120		161,711.03		0.00		161,711.03
	HAND CHECKS:	0		0.00		0.00		0.00
	DRAFTS:	3		77,554.57		0.00		77,554.57
	EFT:	0		0.00		0.00		0.00
	NON CHECKS:	0		0.00		0.00		0.00
	VOID CHECKS:	0	VOID DEBITS	0.00				
			VOID CREDITS	0.00				
				0.00		0.00		0.00
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**Casitas Municipal Water District  
 Reimbursement Disclosure Report (1)  
 Fiscal Year 2011/12  
 July 1, 2011-July 31, 2011**

<u>Date paid</u>	<u>Board of Director/ Employee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	
7/7/11	Luke Sohlt	T2 Exam and Certification	\$	125.00
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	Airfare to CMWD 6/20-6/28	\$	264.50
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	Personal Vehicle Miles to Newport (Round	\$	198.90
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	Lodging in Newport, OR 6/6-6/9	\$	281.76
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	DNA Lab Supplies	\$	650.67
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	Lodging at CMWD 6/20-6/28	\$	381.20
7/13/11	Scott Lewis	Car Rental at CMWD 6/20-6/28	\$	482.62
7/21/11	Pete Kaiser	Lodging in D.C. 7/11-7/13	\$	801.50

Note:

1) Reimbursement Disclosure Report prepared pursuant to California Government Code 53065.5

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE: August 3, 2011  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: General Manager, Steve Wickstrum  
Re: Recreation Committee Meeting of August 3, 2011

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this report.

**BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:**

1. **Roll Call.** Directors Kaiser and Hicks  
Staff – PSM Carol Belser and PSO Brent Doan, GM Steve Wickstrum  
Public – Gary Wolfe
2. **Public comments.** None.
3. **Board/Management comments.**  
Director Kaiser suggested that park hosts make a walk through campgrounds to let customers know about quite times.

Director Kaiser asked about the occurrence of emptying trailer septic tanks into unoccupied executive sites. PSM Belser stated that this has been known to occur and when applicable, customers are noticed by staff.

Director Kaiser commended work by staff to free an entangled turkey vulture out of a tree. Its feet had been entwined in fishing line, attached to the tree limb.

The Committee noted the Opinion by Owl in the Ojai Valley News concerning the north fence and herding of local deer. The Bureau is initiating a response to the Owl letter.

4. **Discussion regarding the installation of a public electric vehicle charging station.**  
PSO Doan reported that he has an application for grant funding to replace the existing electric vehicle charging station. The existing station is approximately ten years old and located behind the Recreation main office. The funding is provided by the Reconnect California Program under the terms of PON-09-006 from the California Energy Commission. There are no requirements for funding by the District. The Committee viewed this as a positive upgrade in light of changes to automobiles. The General Manager will sign the installation agreement and staff will deliver to the Program.
5. **Discussion regarding commercial use of Lake Casitas Recreation Area.**

PSM Belser stated that staff will begin to implement existing sections of the Recreation Ordinance regarding commercial use of the LCRA. At this time, staff is aware of four private businesses that oriented toward Lake Casitas resources. It was suggested that staff work toward permitting these commercial uses, primarily to identify the commercial use and obtain liability insurance coverage on behalf of the District and Bureau. The commercial use permit would be a basic permit to operate within the limits of the permit. Staff is not looking to set fees at this time. Director Kaiser suggested that some nominal fee may be charged to recover permit processing expenses of the LCRA.

6. **Discussion regarding the potential of bow carp fishing at LCRA.**

PSM Belser presented that staff are looking into insurance requirements for the bow carp fishing. It is anticipated that staff will develop a written plan by September 2011 and be ready to implement after October 2011. It was noted that APSO Mosdale attended the Carp Roundup at Big Bear Lake, where much knowledge was gained that can be applied to Lake Casitas.

7. **Discussion regarding the time allotted to café patrons under the café pass program.**

The District received a letter from Mary Barreto regarding her concern that not enough time is provided in the café pass, requesting that the time be increased from one-one half hour to two or two-one half hours. PSM Belser stated that staff can accommodate such a request at the gate, particularly during busy weekend mornings when the café is very busy. PSM Belser will communicate this to Ms. Barreto.

8. **Review of Incidents and Comments.**

PSM Belser shared a few of the recent incidents. The Committee discussed a recent email concerning the cleaning of the campground rear shower house. Staff are working to correct any future similar situation. PSM Belser will communicate with the customer that expressed concern.

The Committee was informed of several other minor incidents and injuries that have occurred in the LCRA.

PSM Belser announced various activities that were occurring at the LCRA in August and September. Of note are the astronomy nights on August 6 and 13 and September 13. Staff are active with Junior Explorer and Junior Lifeguard programs.

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Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE: August 3, 2011  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: General Manager, Steve Wickstrum

Re: Executive Committee Meeting of August 1, 2011

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this report.

**MEETING:**

1. Roll Call. Director Kaiser, Director Baggerly
2. Public Comments. None.
3. Board/Manager comments.  
The General Manager shared a letter by Mr. Larry Yuva that complained about the requirement for Public Records Act in order to define information he is requesting. The letter will be distributed to the Board of Directors.  
  
The Committee discussed the call to action by CSDA to stop SB 931. The committee suggested that this be a topic at the August 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Board. Staff will be prepared to discuss this issue and suggest a letter be written and sent.
4. Update on interactions with Other Water Companies.  
The Committee was informed that the State Water Contractors were in the process of developing additional guidelines for water transfers that may be of interest to the District. The Committee will be informed as guidelines are known.
5. Discussion on scheduling a special meeting.  
The Committee concluded that a special meeting, with an adequate time and location, could be scheduled if Golden State Water Company desires to approach the Board of Directors with their presentation. Such a meeting would be at Golden State Water Company's request.
6. CSDA 2011 Annual Conference.  
The Committee was informed of the CSDA 2011 Annual Conference and it was suggested that this announcement be presented to the Board of Directors and determine if there is interest in attending.

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**CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** STEVE WICKSTRUM, GENERAL MANAGER  
**FROM:** NEIL COLE, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER  
**SUBJECT:** AWARD PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT-DE LA GARRIGUE BRIDGE REPAIRS  
**DATE:** JULY 29, 2011

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the resolution accepting the proposal submitted by the lowest responsible bidder and award the Purchase Order Contract for the construction of the De La Garrigue Bridge Repairs to John S. Major in the amount of \$14,100. It is further recommended that the President of the Board authorize the expenditure of up to \$ 16,000 for this non budgeted project.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

The De La Garrigue Bridge is a timber bridge over the Casitas-Robles Canal. The bridge provides access to several parcels that would otherwise be isolated by the canal. The bridge was originally constructed by the Bureau as part of the Ventura River Project. The bridge was partially rebuilt in 1990. One deck board has been damaged and several others show signs of termite/dry rot damage. This project will replace the damaged deck board with a structural plastic board and will replace the termite/dry rot damaged boards with wood planks.

Casitas sent the informal bid package to 5 contractors. Three proposals were received.

<b><u>FIRM</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
John S. Major	\$14,100.00
Travis Ag	\$19,671.00
Acacia Erosion Control	\$19,800.00

Bridge repairs were not included in the FY 2011-12 budget. Staff is recommending proceeding with the project before the next budget cycle because of the current condition of the bridge.

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT  
DE LA GARRIGUE BRIDGE REPAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the District invited proposals from qualified contractors for the above-referenced project, and

**WHEREAS**, the District received proposals, with the lowest responsive bid submitted by John S. Major in the sum of \$14,100 and

**WHEREAS**, the De La Garrigue Bridge Repair was not budgeted in the Fiscal year 2011-12 budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Casitas Municipal Water District as follows:

1. That the proposal from John S. Major in the amount of \$14,100.00 be accepted for the De La Garrigue Bridge Repair and a purchase order contract be awarded.
2. That up to \$16,000 is authorized to be expended to complete the repairs of the De La Garrigue Bridge. The \$16,000 total includes the \$14,100 for the purchase order contract with John S. Major.
2. That staff is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the administration of the purchase order contract with John S. Major.

**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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President,  
Casitas Municipal Water District

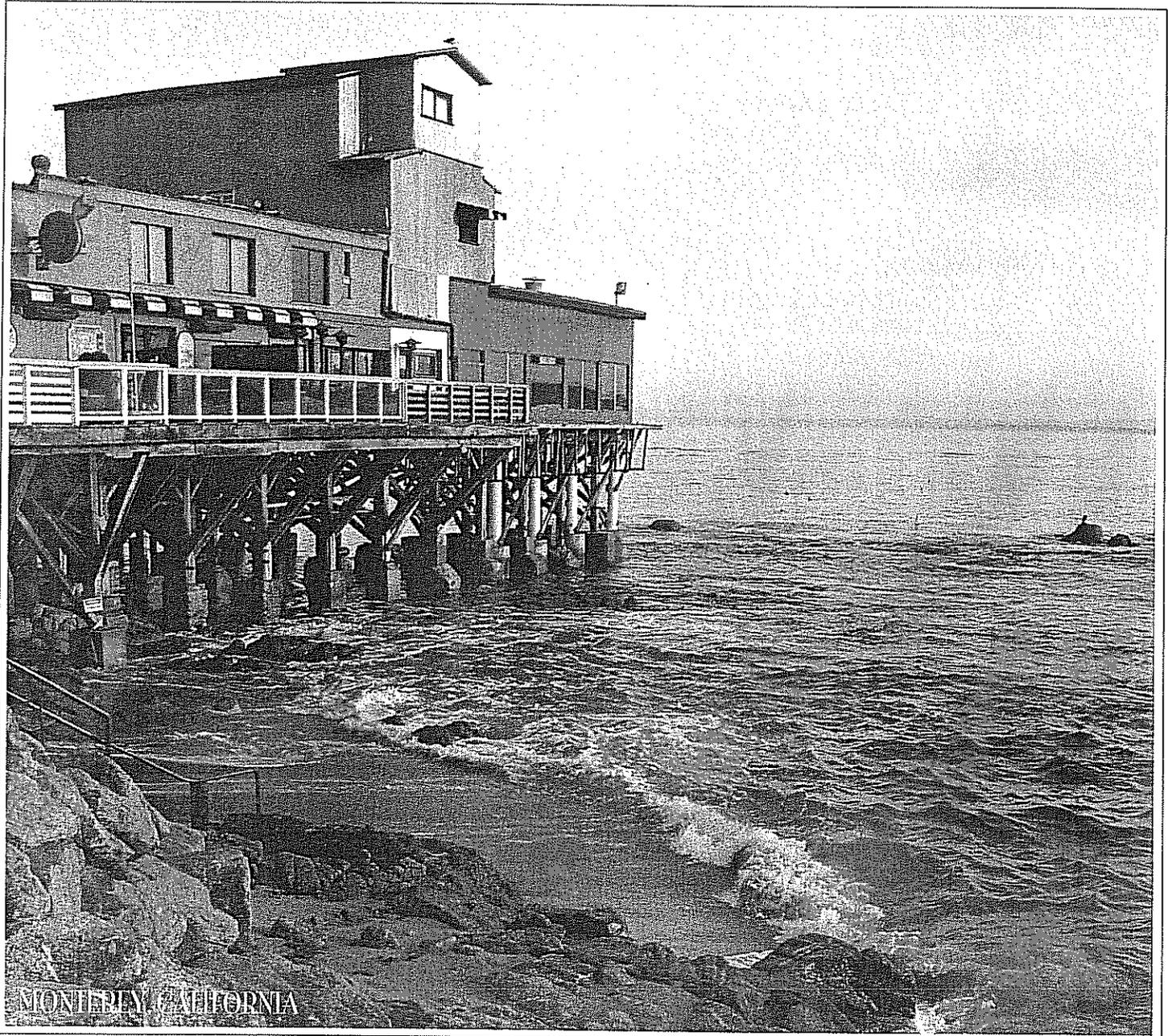
**ATTEST:**

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Secretary,  
Casitas Municipal Water District

Committee - Board Consideration  
August 2011 1st mtg in August

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# Tuesday, October 11

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Tim Sanders

9:00 – 10:45 a.m.

### Opening Keynote Presentation and Continental Breakfast

– “The Power of Great Relationships” by Tim Sanders  
Tim Sanders, a former Yahoo! Executive, is a corporate consultant and bestselling author of *Love is the Killer App*, *The Likeability Factor*, and *Saving the World at Work*.

Tim Sanders speaks for strong business relationships, both internal and external. His relevant point of view makes him one of the most in demand keynote speakers on the conference and convention circuit. His company, Deeper Media, conducts research on business trends, new media and human behavior. He has valuable experience in cutting-edge businesses, sales and marketing. Tim was the Chief Solutions Officer at Yahoo! and later their Leadership Coach. Tim also created and led the Yahoo! ValueLab, an in-house “think tank.”

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (BREAKOUT SESSIONS)

- What Every Public Agency Should Know About the Prevailing Wage – *Contractor Compliance and Monitoring, Inc.*
- Update on Proposition 218 and the Impacts to Local Governments – *Best Best & Krieger*
- Navigating the CEQA Process with Your Attorney and Consulting Team – From Selection of the Environmental Document and Public Review to Project Approval – *Best Best & Krieger, Rancho California Water District and LSA Associates*
- Power, Position, Influence: Leading with Courage and Power – *Novato Fire Protection District*
- SB90 State Mandated Cost Revenue for Special Districts – *Nichols Consulting and Local Government Consultants*
- AB 1234 Required Ethics Training (Part 1) – *Meyers Nave* (attendees must attend parts 1 & 2 to receive completion certificate)  
*Earn SDRMA CIPs*

12:00 – 1:45 p.m.

### Exhibitor Showcase Grand Opening & Lunch



Libby Gill

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

### Super Session: “Inspiring High-Passion and High-Performance at All Levels of Your Organization” by Libby Gill

An entertainment industry veteran, Libby is now an internationally respected executive coach, brand strategist and bestselling author. Her proven “Clarify, Simplify & Execute” process inspires individuals and organizations to maximize their “Leadership DNA,” build high-passion, high-performance teams and increase employment engagement.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. (BREAKOUT SESSIONS)

- Good Governance Principles for Boards: Best Practices and Problem Areas for Board Dynamics – *BHI Management Consulting*
- Creative Options for Delivering Public Works Projects: Design/Build and Public-Private Partnerships – *Hanson Bridgett, LLP*
- Financial Accountability: Good Decisions are Based on Good Information – *James Marta & Company, Certified Public Accountants*
- Exceptional Public Outreach: Best Practices & Examples You Can Use in Your District – *Eckery Associates and Novato Fire Protection District*
- Strategic Workforce Management: More than Counting Heads – *CPS Human Resource Services*
- AB 1234 Required Ethics Training (Part 2) – *Meyers Nave* (attendees must attend parts 1 & 2 to receive completion certificate)  
*Earn SDRMA CIPs*

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

### President’s Reception in the Exhibit Hall

(All attendees welcome.)

## Keynote Speakers

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This year’s speaker line-up features the top speakers in their fields.

Discussing core subjects such as relationship building, inspiring and motivating individuals in your workplace, and leadership, these experienced professionals will share the knowledge they’ve gained over their years of experience and how it relates to you.



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# Wednesday, October 12

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

### SDRMA Annual Meeting

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

### SDRMA Sponsored Full Plated Breakfast (All attendees welcome.)



Don McMillan

9:00 – 10:45 a.m.

### SDRMA General Session/Safety Awards/Keynote

Don McMillan – “The 3 Keys to Leadership”

Sponsored by SDRMA - In this time of change, business leaders must demonstrate an unprecedented level of passion, determination, foresight, dedication and fearlessness. In “The 3 Keys to Leadership,” Don will share how to ramp up your leadership style and make effective changes.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (BREAKOUT SESSIONS)

- Understanding the Tort Claims Process – SDRMA, Low, Ball & Lynch Earn SDRMA CIPs
- Understanding Board Member & District Liability (Part 1) – SDRMA Earn SDRMA CIPs
- Workers’ Compensation Updates & Volunteer Coverage – SDRMA, York Insurance Services Group Earn SDRMA CIPs
- Public Works Projects: Minimizing Risks & Reducing Costs – Proven Methodologies – Bergman & Dacey
- Bridging the Gap Between Your District and the Capitol – CSDA Legislative Department
- Funding Mission-Critical Capital Projects: A Panel Discussion – CSDA Finance Corporation

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN



Steve Owens

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

**Optional Lunch & Keynote:** The Significance of Special District Governments in the Local Economy – A Census Perspective – Steve Owens, US Census Bureau (advance registration required)

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

### Exhibitor Showcase Finale - Dessert /Grand Prizes

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. (BREAKOUT SESSIONS)

- Communication Protocols for Board & Staff – Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
- Understanding Board Member & District Liability (Part 2) – SDRMA Earn SDRMA CIPs
- Proposition 26: What it Requires and How to Protect Your Agency – Kronick Moskowitz Tiedemann & Girard and Eco: Logic Engineering
- Risk Identification & Scenario Mitigation Planning – BHI Management Consulting Earn SDRMA CIPs
- Management Discussion & Analysis - Effectively Communicating Results – James Marta & Company, Certified Public Accountants

3:15 – 5:00 p.m.

**Legislative Committee Meeting** – limited seating available for non-committee members.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Chapters Reception.** CSDA Chapter of the Year Award will be presented. (All attendees welcome.)



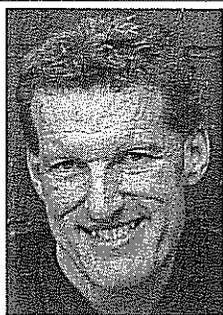
Robert Strong

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### CSDA Awards Banquet and Entertainment

Entertainment by Robert Strong

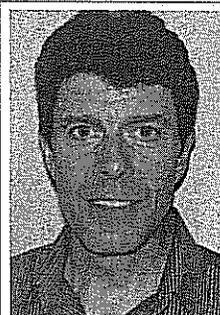
Robert has been crisscrossing the world since 1985, entertaining audiences large and small, formal and casual, and everything in between! Recently voted “San Francisco’s Funniest Prop Comedian” and the “Bay Area’s Best Performer,” Robert has appeared on CBS This Morning, performed for the U.S. Congress, and taken his act to more than 30 different countries.



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#### STEVE OWENS

Join us for an optional luncheon where Steve Owens, with the U.S. Census Bureau, will discuss the significance of special district governments in the local economy.



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## **SB 931: Call to Action to Defend Right to Use Legal Counsel**

Any special district that has union representation is at risk of losing the ability to seek outside legal counsel for advice on public employee union activity. Outside legal counsel or consultants may provide a variety of different services to a special district relative to the various stages of collective bargaining.

Portrayed as a bill to stop "union busting," specifically, Senate Bill 931 prohibits special districts and other public agencies from using public dollars to pay for outside legal counsel or consultants for the purpose of counseling the public employer about ways to minimize or deter the exercise of public employee union rights. However, because the bill uses such broad terms, the result is an unprecedented violation of the attorney-client relationship as it relates to consultation and advice. Consequently, if this bill were to be signed into law, special districts could expect an increase in challenges by labor that their relationship with outside counsel or consultants was to minimize or deter their exercise or collective bargaining rights, forcing districts to disclose confidential attorney-client communications in order to prove that the law was not violated.

This bill is expected to be sent to the governor within the next few weeks. The more districts show their concern and opposition with SB 931, the greater pressure will be on the governor to veto the bill.

Please visit CSDA's [Grassroots Action Center](#) to download a sample oppose letter and to view other materials and information regarding SB 931. Your participation on this issue will help protect your right to seek outside advice and counsel on public employee union issues.

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CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE: August 10, 2011

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Ron Merckling, Water Conservation and Public Affairs Manager

RE: SB 931 – Legislation infringing upon local decision making

**Recommendation**

Oppose SB 931 (Vargas) legislation that will prevent the board from using agency funds to pay for outside legal counsel or consultants for the purpose of minimizing or deterring the exercise of public employee union rights. Authorize staff to take appropriate action to include forwarding communication stating opposition to this bill to all appropriate parties and elected officials.

**Background**

Public employers are presently prevented by state law to interfere with, intimidate, restrain, coerce or discriminate against public employees who exercise their collective bargaining rights. There is a concern that special district boards will be unnecessarily limited by the proposed language of SB 931 in seeking advice regarding labor relations. For example, a board would be prevented from hiring outside counsel to seek advice if a union were threatening to strike because it could be argued that if counsel provided a recommendation to seek an injunctive relief from the Public Employment Relations Board that such advice would constitute an effort to “minimize or limit” the unions exercise of its right to strike. Special district boards will be discouraged to seek the best advice on employee relations because any such advice could face a challenge that it could “minimize or deter” the exercise of union rights, which could force the district to disclose confidential attorney-client communications.

August 11, 2011

The Honorable Jeff Gorell  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4208  
Sacramento, California 94249-0037

**RE: Senate Bill 931 (Vargas)—Oppose  
ASSEMBLY FLOOR VOTE**

Dear Assembly Member Gorell:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Casitas Municipal Water District, we respectfully oppose Senate Bill 931 by Senator Juan Vargas.

The Meyers-Milias-Brown Act protects the rights of public employees to “form, join and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing” as well as the right to “refuse to join or participate in the activities of employee organizations.” Given these existing protections, it is not clear what SB 931 is actually attempting to remedy.

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We are extremely concerned about how the bill would be enforced. If and when a public employee union challenges whether an agency hired outside counsel to minimize or deter union rights, the agency would be forced to disclose confidential attorney-client communications to prove they did not violate the law. This threatens both attorney-client privilege and the confidentiality of closed session discussions that is protected by the Brown Act.

It is essential that Casitas continue to be able to access outside legal counsel or consultants without the threat of breaching attorney-client privilege or Brown Act closed session communications. Hiring outside legal counsel allows our agency to negotiate on employment issues and fully understand the law and our options, which is beneficial to our agency, customers, constituents and employees. For the above reasons, the Casitas Municipal Water District respectfully opposes SB 931 and requests a “no” vote when the bill is before you on the Assembly Floor.

Sincerely,

Pete Kaiser,  
President

CC: The Honorable Juan Vargas [916-327-3522]  
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Association of California Water Agencies

August 11, 2011

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State Capitol, Room 6011  
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# Casitas Municipal Water District

## Monthly Cost Analysis

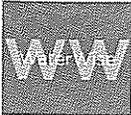
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	<u>Marzula &amp; Marzula</u> <i>11-5-21-5049-12</i>	<u>Operation of Robles</u> <i>11-5-??-????-14</i>	<u>Fisheries</u> <i>11-5-28-50??-??</i>	<u>Project Name</u> <u>Fish Passage</u>	<u>Cost of the</u> <u>Fish Passage</u>
2003/2004	0.00	132,143.20	6,066.93		
2004/2005	0.00	298,006.35	39,124.63		8,079,888.06
2005/2006	274,270.75	144,052.92	93,406.52		0.00
2006/2007	194,409.73	110,707.78	188,651.75		114,790.04
2007/2008	21,111.90	117,299.80	272,644.56		0.00
2008/2009	1,207.75	88,201.00	307,739.00		0.00
2009/2010	216,797.47	124,874.54	342,756.94		0.00
2010/2011	<u>169,932.80</u>	<u>148,506.23</u>	<u>373,535.60</u>		
<b>Expenditures</b>					
July	691.67	5,316.70	20,868.95		
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
January					
Feburary					
March				<b>Less: Grants</b>	
April				CA Coastal Conservancy	-1,750,000.00
May				CA Dept of Fish & Game	-1,500,000.00
June				CA Dept of Fish & Game	-1,000,000.00
				Pacific States Marine	-8,988.86
				(Timber Debris Fence)	
				Pacific States Marine	-18,980.00
				(Vaki Shroud)	
<b>Total Cost YTD</b>	<u>691.67</u>	<u>5,316.70</u>	<u>20,868.95</u>	<b>Total Cost TD</b>	<u>8,194,678.10</u>
				<b>Less: Grant Funding</b>	<u>-4,277,968.86</u>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<u>878,422.07</u>	<u>1,169,108.52</u>	<u>1,644,794.88</u>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<u>3,916,709.24</u>

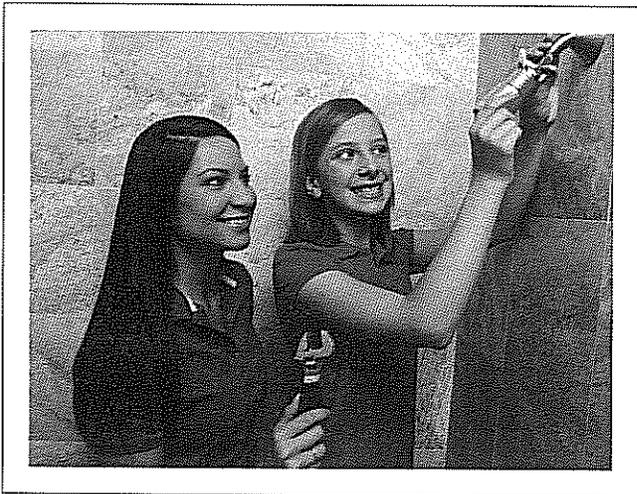
**Total: Operation of Robles, Fisheries and Fish Passage** **6,730,612.64**



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarizes the 2010-2011 Casitas WaterWise Program which was implemented by teachers at Meiners Oaks Elementary, Oak Grove School, San Antonio Elementary, and Sunset Elementary. The program was used by one-hundred forty-eight (148) fifth-grade students, teachers, and their families, and was funded by Casitas Municipal Water District.

The program is a fully implemented, multi-resource efficiency-education program designed to facilitate installation of efficiency measures in homes and build knowledge about water and energy. The design yields a variety of measurable water and energy savings results using the best messengers – students. A proven blend of teacher-designed classroom activities with hands-on home projects to install high-efficiency devices introduces resource-



*The program delivered a proven blend of teacher-designed classroom activities with hands-on home projects to install high-efficiency devices.*

conscious behavior to students and their families. Both educational studies and utility evaluations prove the importance of addressing various learning styles to maximize learning and the adoption of new behaviors. A critical element of this approach is the actual use of the new knowledge through reporting. The reporting function provides reinforcement of new concepts while increasing participation and persistence. An overview of the results from the program appears below, with greater detail in the appendices.

*"The aspect of the program that I liked the best was that the lessons reinforce our curriculum."*  
  
Caroline Stubbs, Teacher  
San Antonio Elementary School

**Participant Satisfaction:** Successful programs excite and engage participants. Students, teachers, and parents/guardians are all asked to evaluate the program and provide personal comments. A sample of the feedback is below:

- **100% of participating teachers indicated that parents supported the Program.**
  - **100% of participating teachers indicated they would recommend this Program to other colleagues.**
  - **100% of participating teachers indicated they would conduct this Program again.**
- (A summary of responses can be found in Appendix C)



**Knowledge Gained:** Identical tests were taken by students prior to the program and again upon program completion to measure knowledge gained. Scores and subject knowledge improved from **69% to 87%**.

**Data Obtained:** A home survey was performed by students and their families, collecting household demographic and consumption data along with program participation information. A sample of that data is below:

- **59% reported that their family homes were owned.**
  - **33% reported that their home did not have a dishwasher.**
  - **56% reported that their homes had an automatic sprinkler system.**
- (A summary of responses can be found in Appendix B)

**Water and Energy Savings Results:** In addition to educating students and their parents/guardians, the primary program goal for utility sponsors is to generate cost effective water and energy savings. Student home surveys not only provided the data used in Projected Resource Savings, but also reinforced the learning benefits.

### Projected Resource Savings

(A list of assumptions and formulas used for these calculations can be found in Appendix A)

<i><b>Projected Annual Savings</b></i>		<i><b>Projected Ten Year Savings</b></i>	
<b>286,036</b>	gallons of water saved	<b>2,021,657</b>	gallons of water saved
<b>0.88</b>	acre-feet of water saved	<b>6.20</b>	acre-feet of water saved
<b>10,069</b>	kWh of electricity saved	<b>75,215</b>	kWh of electricity saved
<b>1,083</b>	therms of gas saved	<b>8,056</b>	therms of gas saved
<b>286,036</b>	gallons of wastewater saved	<b>2,021,657</b>	gallons of wastewater saved
<i><b>Projected Average Annual Savings per Home</b></i>		<i><b>Projected Average Ten Year Savings per Home</b></i>	
<b>1,933</b>	gallons of water saved	<b>13,660</b>	gallons of water saved
<b>0.01</b>	acre-feet of water saved	<b>0.04</b>	acre-feet of water saved
<b>68</b>	kWh of electricity saved	<b>508</b>	kWh of electricity saved
<b>7</b>	therms of gas saved	<b>54</b>	therms of gas saved
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## GSWC to speak at Casitas meeting

Logan Hall  
[logan@ojaivalleynews.com](mailto:logan@ojaivalleynews.com)

The public will have an opportunity to hear a presentation by Golden State Water Company today at 3 p.m. during the Casitas Municipal Water District board meeting.

Golden State requested to make a presentation to Casitas regarding a plan by Ojai Friends of Locally Owned Water that urges CMWD to take over Golden State's operations in the Ojai Valley. Due to its increasing rates and a failing infrastructure, Golden State has come under fire from F.L.O.W. and other members of the public, who are concerned with the perpetually rising costs of their monthly water bills.

According to its rate application documents, Golden State has filed for a rate increase of 14.8 percent for 2013. That would increase the water bills to Golden State's average residential Ojai customers by almost \$11 a month. GSWC has also already filed for rate increases in 2014 and 2015.

F.L.O.W. representatives urge people to attend the CMWD board meeting to voice their opinions. The meeting will be held today at 3 p.m. at the Casitas Municipal Water District office at 1055 Ventura Ave., Oak View. See details in an upcoming edition of the OVN.

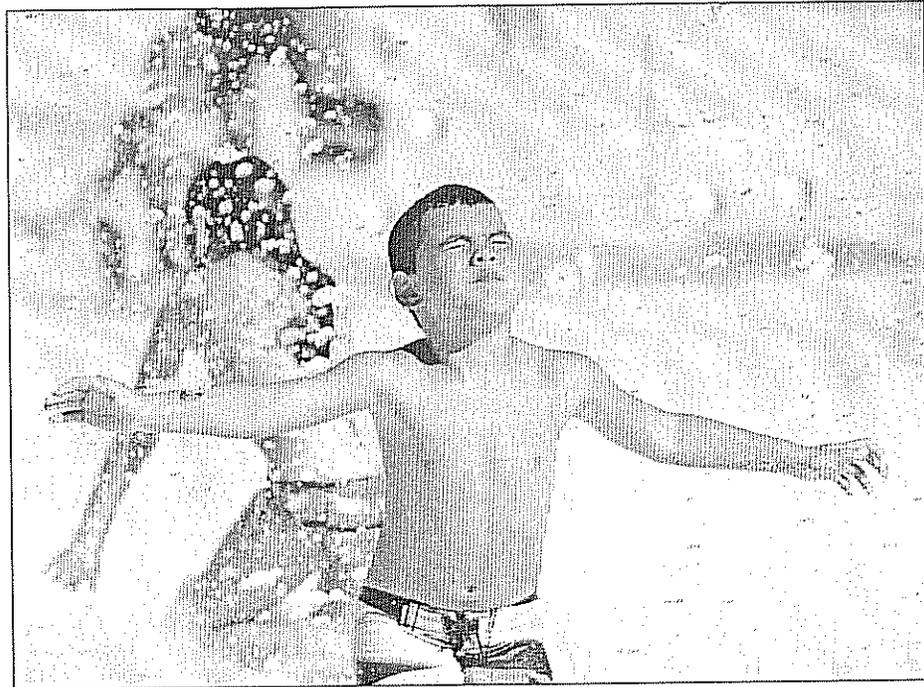


Photo by Logan Hall

## Getting Cool in the Pool

After a brief respite from the heat last week, temperatures are back up as valley residents scramble to find ways to cool down. Above, 4-year-old Sam Garcia shuts his eyes as large drops of water rain down from a spout at the Casitas Water Adventure Park on Monday. Temperatures will continue to rise throughout the week and may reach close to 100 degrees on the weekend according to the National Weather Service.

## River:

Continued from Page A1

worked with the previous owners on a bank stabilization project, called the purchase a win for both the community and river wildlife, providing more space for the critters to exist.

OVLC executive director Greg Gamble says it was the trust's project partners like Thiel and Larson who proved so critical in purchasing the land and old stone buildings, and gave particular credit to Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett for "greasing the skids of county government."

"This is certainly a joyful day," said Bennett, "when you can permanently protect something on the river."

It's not just the steelhead that will feel the benefit of the new preserve, but also 29 other rare, threatened or endangered species. The preserve also offers historic

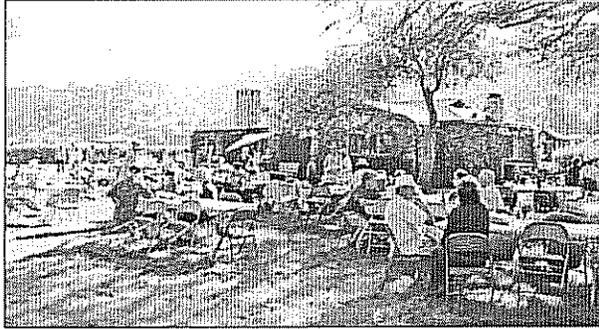


Photo Perry Van Houten

The historic Hollingsworth Ranch is now part of the OVLC's Ventura River Steelhead Preserve. Last weekend, the OVLC hosted a sneak peek barbecue and hike into the reserve.

buildings, which will be used as a conservation center, hosting scientists, schoolchildren and the public. Gamble told the OVN he thinks it will be a year or two before the preserve is ready for public use, as an additional

5250,000 is needed to build a new access road, trails, signage and fencing and to make the necessary modifications to the buildings and landscaping. "It's like we have a shiny new car, but still need the keys," he said.

Another matter still unresolved in the preservation of the river is the removal of the Matilija Dam, which Gamble calls "a complicated issue" due to problems like money and the effects the silt buildup behind the dam could have

on the river and Lake Castitas. "The main vision," he says, "is connecting people to a healthy river."

Music for the evening's festivities was provided by local bands The Zen Cats and The Three Rivers Band, featuring OVLC's Brian Stark on bass. The Ojai Vineyard donated wine for the party.

But the real stars of the show were the steelhead themselves. A handful of party-goers were lucky enough to spot two large fish, one of them almost 2 feet long, in one of the deep, shaded pools.

"They're here," said Gamble, "and we're so excited to be able to protect this special place."

The Ojai Valley Land Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust which has been working to preserve the valley's views, trails, water and wildlife for nearly 25 years. It has protected roughly 2,000 acres in the area, which is about two-thirds the size of the city of Ojai.

## Land Conservancy protects 45 acres in Ventura River

Perry Van Houten  
*OVN contributor*

The Ojai Valley got its first look at the new Ventura River Steelhead Preserve on Friday at a sneak peek party hosted by the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy and attended by more than 250 guests that included OVLC members and their friends, along with state and local officials.

The new 45-acre preserve for the federally

endangered fish was purchased on June 17 and includes one and one-third miles of the Ventura River beside the historic Hollingsworth Ranch on Santa Ana Road.

The preserve provides perhaps the best habitat on the entire river for the Southern California steelhead, which rely on the cool, deep, shaded pools on this section of the river as a staging area on their migration to the ocean. It also adds another mile to

the roughly six miles of the river already preserved.

It's all part of a larger plan "to protect a continuous greenway from Los Padres Forest all the way down to the estuary on the Ventura River," says project director Bob Thiel of the California Coastal Conservancy. The organization stepped in to provide \$500,000 toward the acquisition of the Steelhead Preserve, a key component of the Ventura River Parkway Project, which will some day include open space habitat, recreational trails and natural floodplains.

It's a huge step in protecting the entire 16 miles of the Ventura River, and a rare acquisition, especially in Southern California, says Mary Larson of the California Department of Fish and Game. Her work was crucial in securing most of the \$2 million needed to purchase the property. "It's a vital part of the river and means so much to the fish and wildlife," she said. Larson, who first visited the ranch in 2002 and

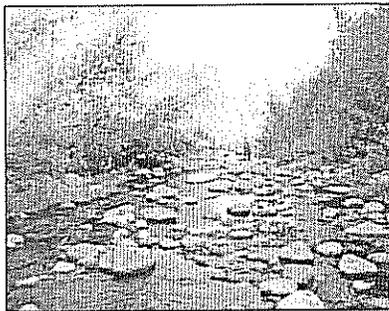


Photo by Perry Van Houten

OVLC seeks to protect this stretch of the Ventura River.

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# Overflow crowd postpones Casitas Water meeting

*Fire safety concerns leave sizeable crowd standing outside*

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A major showing of the public forced the Casitas Municipal Water District board of directors to postpone a scheduled presentation by Golden State Water Company at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

With the board's meeting room seats packed, Casitas officials had to turn people away at the door, most of whom waited outside to hear results from the meeting. After the board began to realize the sheer amount of concerned citizens who were trying to attend the meeting, John Mathews, the board's legal counsel, informed board members that there were concerns about the meeting room's fire safety capacity.

Board member Pete Kaiser notified the more than 40 people who had made it into the room that Golden State's presentation would need to be continued at a later date. The

board seemed to agree that a much larger venue was necessary to accommodate public attendance. "We need to find a place that can fit the city of Ojai," said Kaiser as dozens of eager Golden State customers chuckled at the exaggeration.

Some who had driven to CMWD's office to attend the meeting couldn't find parking due to the high volume of traffic entering the facility. "I came around the corner and there were lines of cars on all sides," said Stephanie Midgett, former president of the Rotary Club of Ojai-West. "I couldn't believe how many people were there. There was absolutely no parking there."

Although it will take time for CMWD to find a proper venue and reschedule the public meeting, they assured those present that they would get the ball rolling as soon as possible. The board's postponement announcement evoked a few groans from attendees, but morale among

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— Stephanie Midgett

the people seemed high as groups gathered outside the meeting room to discuss their cause.

The board did allow members of the public to speak on the matter, but Mathews urged the public to keep their comments on track with the remaining items on the board's agenda, saving comments about Golden State for the future meeting. "We don't want to have comment after comment that is bashing Golden State," said Mathews

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Photo by Logan Hall

Throng of people filled every available seat at Casitas Municipal Water District's board meeting on Wednesday to hear a presentation by Golden State Water Company. At least 20 attendees had to wait outside due to fire safety capacity concerns regarding the meeting room. The board ultimately decided to continue the meeting at a later date to better accommodate the masses.

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after the second public speaker ripped into GSWC.

Representatives from GSWC were unwilling to comment on the postponement of the meeting but according to spokesman John Dewey Golden State is "looking forward to presenting to the CMWD and answering any questions the board may have."

GSWC had requested

making a presentation to Casitas to address the proposal by Ojai Friends of Locally Owned Water that suggests that CMWD buy out Golden State's Ojai area coverage through eminent domain. Because of Golden State's rising rates and what many locals believe to be a failing infrastructure, F.L.O.W. reached out to convince Casitas that Golden State needs to relinquish control of Ojai's water system.

The meeting with Casitas was set up after Golden

State announced another round of rate hikes for upcoming years. According to a rate increase application that Golden State submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission, GSWC requested an increase of 25 percent by 2015. That would increase the average Ojai residential water bill by almost \$20 a month. Golden State's rate application documents show that 2,860 Golden State customers in Ojai are projected to pay \$6,816,000 for water in the year 2015.

Two years ago, according to F.L.O.W., Golden State's Ojai customers were paying \$4.1 million.

An analysis by F.L.O.W. showed that GSWC's rates are substantially higher than those of other water purveyors in the valley. According to F.L.O.W.'s data, Golden State is charging Ojai customers 372 percent more for water than Casitas charges their customers.

CMWD has not yet given a timeline for the continued meeting.

# Opinion

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## Wildlife remains at risk

Sholom Joshua, Suza Francina  
and Sue Williamson  
Guest editorial

The Ojai Wildlife League has submitted a second Request for Permit Review to the Bureau of Reclamation, the agency responsible for approving the new chain-link fence along Santa Ana Road. This letter follows our guest editorial, "Lake fence for the birds," June 22, 2011:

To: Mr. Chuck Siek,  
Bureau Of Reclamation  
Re: Fence Project at Lake  
Casitas, Second Request for  
Permit Review  
July 28, 2011

Dear Mr. Siek,  
The Ojai Wildlife League (O.W.L.) appreciates the reply from the Bureau of Reclamation (letter, May 19, 2011) in response to our request for a permit review (letter, February 22 and May 13, 2011) regarding the new fence on the north shore of Lake Casitas (Santa Ana Road).

This new fence is a one-mile-long, 6-foot-high-chain-link fence with three tiers of slanting barbed wire on top, no opening at the bottom, and isolated spots of old fencing called passages.

We trust that it is not BOR's intent to endanger the wildlife in the lake area, and are aware that certain steps have been taken to lessen public concern.

The issue is the fence-as-barrier to wildlife who need to cross to the lake to drink water. We understand that BOR, and yourself as supervisor, view the fence as a security structure that still allows animals such as deer and bobcat to access the lake via passages along the fence's mile length.

We note the points BOR cited as being germane to the issue of wildlife lake access. Those points are:

- Wildlife will find a way to make use of the passages.
- Permeable fencing (suggested by O.W.L.) will have little security value.
- Cameras have been installed to monitor wildlife movement and deer, coyote and bobcat have been seen.
- There is a minimum 20-foot buffer zone running parallel with the fence which provides wildlife safety.
- The north shore uplands are considered low-quality habitat and consequently

the presence of wildlife is limited and is not part of what is known as the Least Cost Corridor for the species.

• There are new road signs alerting drivers to animals crossing along the length of the fence.

As you are aware, O.W.L. has contacted BOR several times regarding the fence, both prior to its installation and afterwards. Our Feb. 22, 2011 letter requested a review of the permit given for the fence and gave specific reasons why it is impassable for larger wildlife. While we will touch on those reasons here, we sincerely ask you to reacquaint yourself with that document as its issues were not addressed in your letter of May 19, 2011.

The passages, short stretches of the old 4-foot-high open barbed-wire fencing, are all located at spots where deer and other wildlife cannot get across. The ground either slopes down abruptly or climbs steeply. It may sound good to claim there are a number of these wildlife friendly passages, but, in reality, it is a misleading assumption. The one larger "creature" that can make good use of the passages is man, nullifying the idea that the fence is up for security.

The monitoring cameras apparently show different things to different people. To date, Casitas Municipal Water District has reported the sighting of a lone deer and an occasional coyote within the range of the cameras. This is a moot point anyway, since some wildlife have always lived on the lake side of the fence. The origin of any filmed wildlife cannot be determined by monitoring inside the fence. The cameras need to be monitoring the outside of the fence, so we can see the actual reaction of wildlife to the fence.

While the cameras have future potential for documenting movement, O.W.L. has received ongoing reports from observers who walk around the fence area and who are familiar with deer movement both in the past and present. To the best of our knowledge, the herds of deer on the lake side of the fence have disappeared

whereas prior to this new fence they easily accessed the lake directly from the open space on the other side of Santa Ana Road.

We have seen the new road signs warning motorists that animals are in the area. There are two signs on Santa Ana Road. They show a deer in the midst of jumping. The signs are ironic, in a sad way, because there is no way for deer to jump without being mortally wounded by the barbed wire on top of the fence.

As to the 20-foot buffer zone, that is actually a shoulder for cars and pedestrians to use. It's good to have it there, but it does not help wildlife reach the lake.

The references to least cost corridors and poor habitat is interesting. Please explain how this designation changes the issues for the numerous deer that have been seen on the north shore — until this year. We are also interested in how these determinations were made, and by whom, and when.

We have read the same Categorical Exclusion Checklist (CEC) that you refer to and which is apparently a central document used in your approval process. The CEC barely mentions wildlife at all, other than endangered species and birds.

BOR's letter to O.W.L. states that BOR "... has taken this time to make a thorough assessment of O.W.L.'s request." This is puzzling. The key points we put forth in our Permit Review letter of Feb. 22, 2011, have yet to be responded to.

The last paragraph of BOR's letter states that your staff has been and will continue to periodically make site visits to assess impacts to wildlife. We are now in the hottest part of the summer and water sources outside of the lake are drying up. We urge you to assess the true impact of the fence at this point in time, rather than later when animals have suffered the consequences of restricted access to water.

We each have a responsibility in this matter. O.W.L.'s role is to research, educate and provide outreach on local wildlife issues. We have objected to this fence all along. BOR, as administrator of federal land, has a duty not to harm wildlife.

### OVN Blog Comment

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Blog comments are not corrected for grammar or spelling

#### In response to Golden State Water/CMWD meeting

When is the City going to take those guys out. The City should take over the water, they have the Franchise. They could make a lot of money, what was said at City Hall tonite that we could afford a Libby Bowl each year. How about filling some pot-holes? Time for everyone to put in a well and starve out the water company.

Not an Old Guy From Ojai

Everywhere one turns, costs are rising. Yet salaries, social security, etc. do not keep up. Justification of price/rate increases for products, services, utilities and so forth should be paramount. Our society is broken. :-)

Condor

Did Golden State recently rent out a huge space across from Sacred Space Yoga Studio on Bryant Street for \$5,000 a month? If true, that's a pretty big F.L.O.W. of our money.

Kevin Schmidt

I think Casitas Water now realizes that the victimized customers of G.S. Water are serious. I would drill a well but with all the septic tanks in my area it would not be too wise. Imagine how many people would show up if it was after working hours, like 7:00 PM.

Middleman

Excellent idea, MiddleMan. Why not schedule such meetings at a time when their "customers" can attend? Libby Bowl is available and has lights, PA system, etc..

Higotes

Comment on the 100 most recent news reports at [feed://ovnblog.com/?feed=rss2](http://feed://ovnblog.com/?feed=rss2)

The fence needs to return to its original wildlife-friendly form, which has worked well since the 1960s. Thank you for your timely response to this urgent mat-

ter. Sholom Joshua, Suza Francina and Sue Williamson are founding members of the Ojai Wildlife League. Francina is a former mayor of Ojai. For more information visit [ojai-wildlifeleague.com](http://ojai-wildlifeleague.com). You can also find us on Facebook at Ojai Valley Animal Kingdom.

**CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENTS  
08/04/11**

Type of Invest	Institution	CUSIP	Date of Maturity	Amount of Deposit	Current Mkt Value	Rate of Interest	Date of Deposit	% of Portfolio	Days to Maturity	Weighed Average Days to Maturity
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	3133XS4S40	09/16/11	\$726,316	\$702,954	3.625%	07/01/10	5.57%	42	2
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	3133XSP930	12/13/13	\$743,750	\$741,699	3.125%	07/01/10	5.88%	849	50
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	3133XWNB10	06/12/15	\$729,603	\$747,789	2.875%	07/01/10	5.93%	1388	82
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	3133XWW470	03/09/12	\$707,315	\$703,528	1.125%	06/30/10	5.58%	215	12
*TB	Federal Home Loan Bank	3134A4VG60	11/17/15	\$807,683	\$802,172	4.750%	07/19/10	6.36%	1543	98
*TB	Federal Home Loan MTG Corp	3137EABS70	09/27/13	\$766,605	\$754,110	4.125%	07/01/10	5.98%	773	46
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*TB	Federal Home Loan MTG Corp	3137EACE70	09/21/12	\$723,646	\$714,273	2.125%	06/30/10	5.66%	407	23
*TB	Federal Home Loan MTG Corp	3137EACF40	12/15/11	\$706,398	\$702,611	1.125%	06/30/10	5.57%	131	7
*TB	Federal Natl MTG Assn	31398AYY20	09/16/14	\$739,123	\$747,789	3.000%	07/01/10	5.93%	1122	67
*TB	US Treasury Inflation Index NTS	912828JE10	07/15/18	\$1,055,030	\$1,169,607	1.375%	07/06/10	9.27%	2501	232
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*TB	US Treasury Inflation Index NTS	912828MF40	01/15/20	\$1,041,021	\$1,158,824	1.375%	07/01/10	9.19%	3041	279
*TB	US Treasury Notes	912828ML10	12/31/11	\$707,191	\$702,541	1.000%	06/30/10	5.57%	147	8
	Accrued Interest			\$58,062	\$58,116					
	<b>Total in Gov't Sec. (11-00-1055-00&amp;1065)</b>			<b>\$12,388,838</b>	<b>\$12,612,287</b>			<b>85.48%</b>		
*CD	CD -			\$0	\$0	0.000%		0.00%		
	<b>Total Certificates of Deposit: (11.13506)</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>			<b>0.00%</b>		
**	<b>LAIF as of: (11-00-1050-00)</b>		N/A	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	0.46%	Estimated	<b>0.00%</b>		
***	<b>COVI as of: (11-00-1060-00)</b>		N/A	<b>\$2,142,005</b>	<b>\$2,142,005</b>	0.89%	Estimated	<b>14.52%</b>		
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS INVESTED</b>			<b>\$14,530,844</b>	<b>\$14,754,292</b>			<b>100.00%</b>		
	Total Funds Invested last report			\$14,530,844	\$14,685,241					
	Total Funds Invested 1 Yr. Ago			\$16,171,765	\$16,190,826					
****	<b>CASH IN BANK (11-00-1000-00) EST</b>			<b>\$1,777,076</b>	<b>\$1,777,076</b>					
	<b>CASH IN Western Asset Money Marke</b>			<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$30</b>	0.470%				
	<b>CASH IN PIMMA Money Marke</b>			<b>\$500,702</b>	<b>\$500,702</b>					
	<b>TOTAL CASH &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>			<b>\$16,808,653</b>	<b>\$17,032,101</b>					
	TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS 1 YR AGO			\$16,514,885	\$16,533,946					

- \*CD CD - Certificate of Deposit
- \*TB TB - Federal Treasury Bonds or Bills
- \*\* Local Agency Investment Fund
- \*\*\* County of Ventura Investment Fund
- Estimated interest rate, actual not due at present time.
- \*\*\*\* Cash in bank

No investments were made pursuant to subdivision (i) of Section 53601, Section 53601.1 and subdivision (i) Section 53635 of the Government Code.  
All investments were made in accordance with the Treasurer's annual statement of investment policy.