

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
August 13, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held August 13, 2008 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Word, Hicks, Handley, and Baggerly were present. Director Kaiser and Steve Wickstrum were absent. Also in attendance was Neil Cole sitting in for the General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were four staff members and one member of the public in attendance. President Word led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks asked about the yellow jackets. Brent Doan explained that it seems like they are going away.

Director Baggerly reported his attendance at the Tri County Fish Team Meeting. They are discussing reorganization, goals, objectives and actions for the TCFT. The Central Coast Salmon Enhancement Group will take over the administration of the TCFT. A new MOU will be introduced to the agencies to accept the changes in direction. The TCFT is looking for a funding mechanism to establish a secure fund of money for matching grants and to pay for the staff time for the Central Coast Salmon Enhancement. It was decided that we are going to amend the Purpose and Procedures document and the primary change will be that TCFT will align itself with the needs and processes for the steelhead recovery plan.

3. General Manager comments.

Neil Cole mentioned the Matilija Dam design oversight meeting he attended last week and also explained that we have received approval to do fish rescue at Robles. This will be coordinated with DFG and NMFS.

4. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED minus
item c

- a. Minutes of the July 23, 2008 Board Meeting.
- b. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Ernst and Young for audit services for the State Water Project.
- c. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Water Resource Engineering Associates for the Senior Canyon Upgrades and Automation Project.

President Word explained that 4c will be removed because of some additional work along with item 7 because Brian is on vacation.

The consent agenda minus item c was offered by Director Handley, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Baggerly, Handley, Hicks, Word
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	Kaiser

Resolution is numbered 08-31.

5. Bills APPROVED

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Recreation Committee Minutes
- b. Personnel Committee Minutes
- c. Finance Committee Minutes

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

7. Resolution expressing appreciation to Brian Taylor for his 20 years of service to Casitas Municipal Water District.

ITEM PULLED

8. Verbal Staff Report regarding algae growth concerns in Lake Casitas and Board consideration of emergency funding for treatment if necessary.

APPROVED

Neil Cole explained that we are seeking approval for additional funding for emergency treatment if the algae bloom gets any worse. This could cost as high as \$80,000 to use a liquid form of copper sulfate. \$22,000 is included in the current budget. We are waiting for additional information and are working with the department of health. The algae bloom has not gotten worse but it could last for several months and we could experience an inability to meet demand because of clogged filters, additional backwashes and we could violate dept public health regulations. We may also have increased utility costs. The vessels that would do this also operate on other water bodies and are not able to be quarantined. The firm is knowledgeable about Quagga and the vessel will not have been operated on identified lakes with Quagga Mussels. President Word added that there is some concern about the boats. Mr. Cole explained that we would be contracting with a firm to spread the treatment and they use their boats on other water bodies. They are not able to quarantine it for ten days but will be subject to

our clean and dry inspection and they are well aware of the Quagga mussel issue.

Bob Monnier explained that we have gone down with the intakes as deep as we can go and we are working from 5:00 – 7:00 at night backwashing at 100%. We have no more options and are barely holding our head above water. If we have a warm spell, with typical high ag irrigation times we won't be able to meet that demand. Susan McMahon added that by the end of this week or early next week we hope to know what treatment will be best.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the expenditure for treatment of the lake up to an amount of \$80,000 was approved.

9. Discussion regarding scheduling of a special meeting to review and discuss Lake Casitas Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

The Board suggested a special meeting for Monday, August 18th at 4:30 p.m. to discuss this issue.

10. Information Items:

- a. Fisheries Report for June.
- b. Letter of appreciation from AWA.
- c. Letter from State of California Resources Agency regarding Quagga and Zebra Mussels.
- d. News Articles of Interest
- e. Investment Report

President Word adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Secretary