

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Held
November 21, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held November 21, 2005 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Hicks, Kaiser and Word were present. Directors Bennett and Baggerly were absent. Also present were John Johnson, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board; and Attorney, Rob Sawyer. There were four staff members and no members of the public in attendance. Director Hicks led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.
None

2. Board of Director comments.

It was reported that the event at Recreation went well and there were only about 500 guests. There was discussion regarding a MOU for fires services using the reservoir. There are concerns about where the planes take the water out of the lake and it would be preferred not to take it out close to the dam. Other concerns are what would happen if a plane goes down into the lake. It would need to be their responsibility to remove the aircraft.

3. Consent Agenda.

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of regular meeting held November 9, 2005.
- b. Resolution authorizing a gauging agreement with U.S. Geological Survey.
- c. Approval of the changes of Capital Work Order 789637.
- d. Approval of Purchase Order #6593 to Vaughan's Industrial Repair for overhaul of unit #3 Ojai Valley and Unit #1 Upper Ojai pump plants in the amount of \$15,480.90.
- e. Approval of Purchase Order #6681 to Pump Check in the amount of \$4,950 for pump testing.
- f. Approval of the Meg Alert System at a cost of \$67,500
- g. Approval of the change in Power Rates.
- h. Recommend approval of change Order No. 2 for the Weir project for a net reduction of \$60,212 to the contract amount.
- i. Resolution entering into an agreement with California Conservation Corps for a not to exceed amount of #35,370 for the one time removal of non-native plant species.
- j. Recommend acceptance of the Interim Weir Project as complete.
- k. Approval payment of \$11,480 to Emily and Bradley Miles for work performed on the access road to the Control Reservoir.
- l. Approval of attendance at the United Water Conservation Meeting on Steelhead that was held on November 16, 2005.

- m. Resolution authorizing membership in the Ventura Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$788.00.
- n. Approval of attendance at the Corrosion Expo 2006.
- o. Authorize a Director or the General Manger to vote in the ACWA election.
- p. Resolution authorizing membership in the Ventura County Special Districts Association for 2005/2006 at a cost of \$100.

Mr. Johnson recommended pulling item k as more information is needed before a decision is made. This item will go back to committee for further review.

Dorothy Fortner was thanked for the work that she did which will result in the district saving a considerable amount of money approximately \$197,000 in the coming years as a result of changing our rates with Edison and catching some of Edison's billing errors.

The Consent Agenda was offered for adoption minus item k by Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed with the following role call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Hicks, Kaiser and Word
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	Bennett and Baggerly

Resolution is numbered 05-79, 05-80, 05-81 and 05-82

- 4. Bills. APPROVED

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

- 5. Committee/Manager Report(s). APPROVED
 - a. Report on specific issues
 - b. Water Resources Committee Minutes
 - c. Executive Committee Minutes

The General Manager call the item on releasing additional water allocations from the water resources committee minutes to the board attention as the district is running out of allocations before the end of the year.

- 6. Discussion of Recreation and Water Park Maintenance items and provide direction on any required CEQA actions. APPROVED

There was discussion regarding drainage maintenance, utilizing backwash water for irrigation, island refurbishment, parking maintenance and structure replacement. The drainage work needs to be done so that the lazy river faults do not fill up again and the temporary ditch is not sufficient. The plan would be to divert the drainage back to Santa Ana. The backwash tank in the back parking lot is not enough to meet the system

demands. Utilizing a larger tank and using the water for irrigation is recommended. Purple pipe for this purpose is already in at Santa Ana. A quarter mile trench would have to be dug. The island refurbishment would include landscaping and irrigating the island and offering the area for rent for parties. It would include shade, tables and lounge chairs. The final item discussed was looking towards the future and replacement of the water playground structure. The existing structure is in its 9th year and is taking a lot of work to keep safe. The manufacturer of our structure was bought out and replacement parts have become difficult to obtain. Replacing the structure would be brought forward in the budget next year. The board asked if an enhanced structure would fit in the existing structures footprint and the Park Services Manager answered yes. It is planned that this would be budgeted for 2006 and ready for the summer of 2007. The cost for the new structure would be between \$400,000 - \$700,000. Rob Sawyer added that CEQA is not needed for maintenance or administrative items.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed the first four items were approved to move forward.

7. Recommend approval of a letter to National Marine Fisheries Service commenting on proposed Steelhead Distinct Population Segment policy and listings. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Word and passed the above recommendation was approved.

8. Information items:

Level of lake –11/16/2005 - -559.21 feet above mean sea level (7.79 feet below spill elevation); present storage is 233,338 acre feet (20,662 acre feet below full capacity of 254,000 acre feet, 106,338 acre feet above half capacity, or 91.86% full capacity.

- a. Investment Report of November 15, 2005.

There was discussion regarding recognition for Dorothy and Ron Merckling explained that her efforts would be featured in the upcoming employee newsletter. Providing an item with Casitas logo was also discussed.

A question regarding the amount of money in LAIF as reported in the treasurer's report was asked. It was determined that this would be looked at during the next Finance Committee meeting.

9. Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Government Code). Name of Case: Casitas Municipal Water District v. United States.

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Government Code). Name of Case: Matter pending before California State Water Resources Control Board, Casitas Municipal Water District and CalTrout.
- c. Conference with Legal Council- Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to Litigation-Facts and Circumstances that might result in litigation against the agency, but which the Agency believes are not yet known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs. Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(A).
Agency Claimed against: Casitas Municipal Water District
- d. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Accounting Technician
Pursuant to Government Code 54957
- e. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Section 54956.8):
District Designated Negotiators: John Johnson, James Word, Russ Baggerly
Property: Appropriative water rights, including future appropriative water rights, to the waters of Matilija Creek, and associated appurtenances including Matilija Conduit.
Negotiating Parties: Ventura County Watershed Protection District, County of Ventura, and California State Water Resources Control Board
Under Negotiation: Price, identification and nature of consideration other than cash, and terms of payment.

President Hicks adjourned the meeting at 3:40 PM with no closed session being held.

Secretary