

Minutes of the  
Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting of  
April 22, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Hajas led the pledge.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Presentation on District related items that are not on the agenda - three-minute limit.

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

6.b Minutes of the April 8, 2026 Board Meeting.  
[4 8 2026 Min.pdf](#)

The Consent Agenda was offered by Director Cole, seconded by Director Hajas, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING USER FEE ADJUSTMENTS AT THE LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA.

7.a Open Public Hearing.  
[Board Memo - Hearing for Proposed LCRA User Fee Adjustments 042226.pdf](#)

President Kaiser opened the hearing at 5:02 p.m.

7.b Receive Staff Report and Recommendation.

GM Flood provided the report and recommendation to increase user fees.

7.c Report of Written Communications.

EA Vieira reported that no written communications were received.

7.d Public Comment.

None

7.e Close Public Hearing.

President Kaiser closed the hearing at 5:04 p.m.

7.f Discussion by the Board of Directors and possible motion to adopt proposed user fee adjustments.

On the motion of Director Cole, seconded by Director Bergen, the above proposed user fee adjustments were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.a Adopt a Closing Resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for a loan/grant pursuant to the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act (ASADRA) of 2019 for the Casitas MWD Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie project in the amount of \$35,815,822.

[Board\\_ASADRA 20260422.pdf](#)  
[Resolution - Financing Agr.pdf](#)

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2026-07.

8.b Review and possible approval of a means of gap funding for the Ventura-Santa

Barbara Intertie Project.

[Board Memo for the Review and possible approval of a means of gap funding for the Ventura-Santa Barbara Intertie Project. 042226.pdf](#)

GM Flood provided information on the need for a solution for a possible gap in funding for the Ventura-Santa Barbara Intertie Project. The board provided direction that the line of credit seemed the favorable option. This item will be brought back for board action possibly on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

- 8.c [Review and possible approval of a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission \(FERC\) requesting denial of Hydro Green Energy, LLC Application for Preliminary Permit for Lake Casitas Pumped Storage Project.](#)  
[Board Memo - Draft Letter to HGE Re Stored Energy Project at Lake Casitas 042226.pdf](#)

The board provided direction to the General Manager to send the letter.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.a [Hydrology Report for March 2026.](#)  
[Hydrology March 2026.pdf](#)

The information item was received.

10. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood reported that the lake is at 566.87, which is below spill level. Diversions have been happening since April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kid's Fishing Day is Saturday, and it is full. We did have a kink in getting California Department of Fish & Wildlife to do the plant as they are concerned about fish going over the spillway so we will have to keep the net up. The plant will happen on Friday.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

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

None

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 5:23 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

- 13.a CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, City of San Buenaventura, et al, and City of San

Buenaventura v. Duncan Abbott, et al, Cross Complaint Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19ATCP01176.

13.b CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

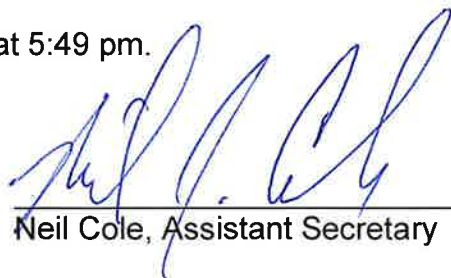
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: Colin Tanner and Diana Impeartrice  
Employee Organization: Supervisory and Professional, General Unit, and Recreation Unit.

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 5:49 pm with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session and there were no actions to report.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 5:49 pm.



Neil Cole, Assistant Secretary