

Casitas Municipal Water District  
RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Agenda  
Brennan/Kaiser

**June 9, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

This meeting will be conducted in person at the District Office and also  
via teleconference.

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1. Roll Call
2. Public comments.
3. Board/Management Comments.
4. Discussion of a letter received from George Boston of the Ventura County Comets RC Model Airplanes Club about a Float Fun Flies event at the Lake Casitas Recreation Area.
5. Lake Casitas Recreation Area Updates from the General Manager.

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.

If you require special accommodation for attendance at or participation in this meeting, please notify our office 24 hours in advance (805) 649-2251 ext. 113. (Govt. Code Section 65954.1 and 54954.2(a). Please be advised that members of the Board of Directors of Casitas who are not members of this standing committee may attend the committee meeting referred to above only in the capacity of observers, and may not otherwise take part in the meeting. (Govt. Code Sections 54952.2(c)(6)

Lake Casitas Water District  
1055 Ven Oak Ave  
Oak View, CA 93022  
Attn Mr. Michael Flood

13 May, 2026

Subj. Requirement to quarantine RC model airplanes prior to, and during scheduled VC Comets Fun Float Flies

Dear Mr. Flood

I am writing to you to request the following be added to the Lake Casitas Recreation Committee Meeting agenda:

Background.

The Ventura County Comets have been hosting fun float flies at the lake for well over 40 years. They are scheduled annually in April and October. We coordinate closely with the lake management staff (Joe Martinez) securing the event dates (Friday through Sunday), reserving campground sites, flying site location, Quagga Mussel inspections, and safety issues/concerns (pilots and spectators). Each event is sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), securing required liability insurance and approval from the FAA to operate our RC planes outside of the approved airspace at the model airplane field.

Prior to 2026 all airplanes were inspected by a Casitas ranger to ensure there was no evidence of Quagga Mussels. The planes that passed the inspection were tagged by the ranger with a sticker indicating they could fly off the water. The inspections occurred each day immediately prior to the start of flying, and throughout the day as pilots arrived at the event with planes that had not been inspected. All planes were checked to have the required sticker before they were allowed to fly.

In February 2026 the Club was informed by Mr. Martinez that beginning with the scheduled April Float Fly all planes had to be placed in quarantine for 35 days before they could fly off the water. In essence, the same requirement as watercraft entering the lake the first time. We met with Mr. Martinez and developed a strategy to comply with the quarantine requirement.

There was a misunderstanding. The Club assumed that when the planes came out of quarantine the Club members could transport the planes and/or floats to our homes prior to the start of the event to ready them for flight (assembling the floats, charging batteries, programming components, etc.). There are no facilities at the lake to perform these tasks. We were informed that after serving quarantine the planes and/or floats could not be removed from the lake grounds, and if they were, they could not be flown. As a result of this requirement, the April Float Fly was cancelled because we could not prepare the planes for flight.

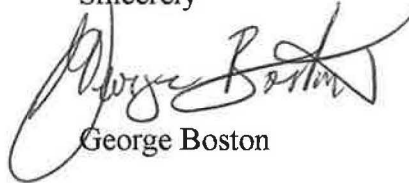
Discussion.

We understand the concern and consequence of Quagga Mussel introduction into Lake Casitas. We also understand and endorse the LCRA policy of inspecting, quarantining and cabling watercraft to their trailers to preclude the possible introduction of Quagga Mussels into the lake. However, applying this same control mechanism to RC model float planes fails to acknowledge the significance difference between the two, and does not take into consideration the mitigating factors that eliminate the possibility of Quagga Mussels being present on our planes and/or floats.

We request approximately 15 minutes of time on the agenda to present a comprehensive examination of the exposure of our planes and/or floats to transporting Quagga Mussels, with a recommendation to rescind the requirement to quarantine our planes and/or floats.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have questions. We sincerely appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Boston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "B".

George Boston

George Boston  
VC Comets Liaison Officer

