

Minutes of the
Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting of
March 25, 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 joined the meeting a bit later via Zoom. Also present are GM Flood, EA Vieira, and Counsel McNulty.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Kaiser led the pledge.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

GM Flood informed the board that item 13 b in closed session would be pulled from 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 March 11, 2026 Board Meeting.
[3 11 2026 Min.pdf](#)

The Consent Agenda 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

7. HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR A PORTION OF PARCEL NO. 008-0-190-105.

7.a Open Hearing.

[Board Memo Resolution of Necessity Morgan 20260325.pdf](#)
[Resolution of Necessity \(Morgan\).pdf](#)
[L MORGAN-CASITAS – 3.13.26 RON Objection Letter.pdf](#)

President Kaiser opened the hearing at 5:03 p.m.

7.b Receive Staff Report and Recommendation.

AGM Aranda provided a presentation on the project and the need for the property.

7.c Report of Written Communications.

EA Vieira reported that the only written communication was the letter that was in the board packet.

7.d Public Comment.

Mr. Morgan spoke about receiving the offer from Casitas and after doing their own investigation felt that some of the comps used in the appraisal were seven years old. Properties sold more recently were not included in the formula for compensation. He expressed that he is not opposed to the project but is seeking fair compensation and asked for more time to get his attorney involved and get a counteroffer as it has not even been three months since the offer was received.

Christopher Washington, attorney for the Morgans, requested the item be removed or deferred until there is a sufficient offer and good faith negotiation adding that the district has not shown necessity and that the offer and appraisal does not comply with government code and does not meet statutory requirements.

Counsel McNulty added that the resolution does not preclude negotiations on price and working with the property owner.

Director Brennan is present remotely at 5:37 p.m. stating he is in DC for another entity.

7.e Close Hearing.

Director Kaiser closed the hearing at 5:46 p.m.

7.f Discussion by the Board of Directors.

The board discussed the comments received and need for the process to continue as there are stringent funding deadlines. GM Flood added that the court process can be stopped at any time in the process.

At 5:39 p.m. the Zoom connection was lost, and it was re-established by 5:41 p.m.

7.g Possible Board Action to Adopt the Resolution of Necessity to Acquire Property by

Eminent Domain for a Portion of Parcel No. 008-0-190-105.

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

AYES: Directors: Hajas, Cole, Bergen, Kaiser
NOES: Directors: None
ABSENT: Directors: Brennan as he had not re-joined the meeting

Resolution is numbered 2026-03

8. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.a Schedule a public hearing for the Regular Board Meeting of April 22, 2026, for the review and possible approval of an adjustment to User Fees at the Lake Casitas Recreation Area.
[Board Memo – Proposed LCRA User Fee Adjustments 032526.pdf](#)

On the motion of Director Cole, seconded by Director Hajas, the above recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

- 8.b Approve an agreement with Vista Punta Gorda LLC regarding Voluntary Agricultural/Agricultural-Domestic Pricing.
[Memo for Voluntary Ag-AgDom Pricing Agreement Water Rates 032526.pdf](#)
[Draft Voluntary Water Service Agreement 032526.pdf](#)

At 5:53 p.m. Director Brennan was back in the meeting on Zoom.

On the motion of Director Hajas, with an amendment to the agreement of a five-year term, seconded by Director Cole, the above recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.a Hydrology Report February 2026.
[Hydrology Report.pdf](#)
- 9.b Special Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

The Information Items were received.

10. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood reported that the lake level is 566.97 with some splashing going over. It sits at 273,681 AF. The Intertie project is moving along as they get ready for the bore, and we have had discussions regarding welding requirements.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Brennan attended the AWA Water Issues meeting and the AWA Water Wise meeting where the installed new officers.

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

None

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 5:58 pm on 13 a.

13. CLOSED SESSION

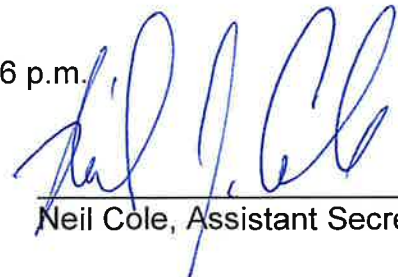
13.a CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, City of San Buenaventura, et al, and City of San Buenaventura v. Duncan Abbott, et al, Cross Complaint Superior Court of the State of California, 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 to open session at 6:26 p.m. with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session on item 13 a, and there is nothing to report.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.



Neil Cole, Assistant Secretary