

Minutes of the
Casitas Municipal Water District
May 28, 2025, Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Hajas, Cole, Brennan, Bergen, and Kaiser are present. Also present are GM Flood, AGM Dyer, EA Vieira, and Counsel McNulty.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Agenda is confirmed as submitted.

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 23, 2025 Board Meeting.
[4 23 2025 Min.pdf](#)

6.c Minutes of the May 21, 2025 Special Board Meeting.
[5 21 2025 Special Meeting Min.pdf](#)

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

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA USER FEE ADJUSTMENTS

7.a Open Public Hearing.

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

7.b Receive General Manager's Report and Recommendations.
[Board Memo - Proposed LCRA User Fee Adjustments 052825.pdf](#)

GM Flood explained that the proposed adjustment to fees include fees for the new camping cabins and the clubhouse at Casitas Water Adventure.

7.c Receive Report of Communications by the Clerk of the Board.

Clerk of the Board Vieira reported there were no communications.

7.d Public Comments.

None

7.e Close Public Hearing.

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

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

Director Brennan mentioned that the Recreation Committee reviewed the proposed fees and are comparable to fees being charged at nearby facilities.

On the motion of Director Brennan, seconded by Director Bergen, the adjustment to fees was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE STATUS OF CASITAS MWD JOB VACANCIES, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION IN CONFORMANCE WITH GOV. SECTION 3502.3 (ASSEMBLY BILL 2561)

8.a Open Public Hearing.

President Kaiser opened the public hearing at 5:06 p.m.

8.b Receive Staff Report and Recommendations.
[Board Memo regarding AB 2561 Hearing 052825.pdf](#)

HR Manager Impeartrice provided a presentation on the status of vacancies, recruitment, and retention for calendar year 2024.

8.c Receive Report of Communications by the Clerk of the Board.

Clerk of the Board Vieira reported there were no communications received.

8.d Public Comments.

None

8.e Close Public Hearing.

President Kaiser closed the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

8.f Discussion by Board of Directors.

Director Bergen appreciated the presentation, adding that it showed the good job staff is doing.

On the motion of Director Brennan, seconded by Director Cole, the information was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

9. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET

9.a Open Public Hearing.

President Kaiser opened the public hearing at 5:13 p.m.

9.b Receive General Manager's Report and Recommendations.
[Board Memo for the Draft FY26 Budget Hearing 052825.pdf](#)
[Revenue FY25-26 v4.pdf](#)

GM Flood provided a presentation on the proposed budget, explaining the changes to revenue and expenses compared to what was presented in the budget workshop. Also, the State Water allocation has increased to 50% from 40% and that is also reflected in the budget.

9.c Receive Report of Written Communications by the Clerk of the Board.

Clerk of the Board Vieira reported there were no communications.

9.d Public Comments.

None

9.e Close Public Hearing.

President Kaiser closed the public hearing at 5:18 p.m.

- 9.f Discussion by Board of Directors and Possible Adoption of the Resolution Approving the General Fund Budget, and Debt Service Fund Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

[Resolution Adopting General Fund Budget 2025-2026 052825 ATT1.pdf](#)

Director Brennan mentioned the contract with United for the State Water allocation and GM Flood answered his questions.

President Kaiser asked about potential FEMA reimbursement with GM Flood explaining that we were obligated for \$1.3 million. It may take over a year to get and are not sure about the impact of the turmoil at the federal agencies.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2025-10

10. ACTION ITEMS

- 10.a Adopt Resolution fixing a tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and authorizing the President of the Board to execute a certificate requesting the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to levy such a tax.

[Resolution for Tax Rate State Water 2025-2026.pdf](#)

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2025-11

- 10.b Adopt Resolution authorizing the levy of a special tax for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for Community Facilities District No. 2013-1 (Ojai).

[Casitas MWD CFD No. 2013-1 \(Ojai\) Reso Auth FY 2025-26 Levy.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 1 \(Special Tax Levy\) - FY 2025-26 Approval.pdf](#)

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2025-12

- 10.c Adopt Resolution to authorize, under Proposition 4, the 2025-2026 Establishment of Appropriations Limit of \$19,259,407
[Memo - Proposition 4 2025-2026.pdf](#)
[Resolution for Prop 4 - 2025-2026.pdf](#)

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2025-13

11. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood advised the board of a plant shutdown for 36 hours beginning June 12th. Letters are being sent to our large customers in the Casitas system so they can adjust their irrigation. The purpose of the shutdown is to do a condition assessment of the intake pipe. He also reported that the June 10th Recreation Committee is being cancelled.

12. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Brennan attended the ACWA Conference, hearing information on the increase in costs for medical insurance and employee benefits, water allocations and the clean water act.

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

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 5:32 p.m.

14. CLOSED SESSION

14.a Conference with Labor Negotiators (Govt. Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Colin Tanner and Diana Impeartrice
Employee Organization: Supervisory & Professional, General Unit and Recreation Unit.

14.b CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Govt. 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.

- 14.c CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).
Catherine Gwynn v. Casitas Municipal Water District
Superior Court of California, County of Ventura, Case No. 2025CUPP043101.

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 6:02 p.m. with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session and there was no action taken.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.



Brian Brennan, Secretary