

Minutes of the
Casitas Municipal Water District
Board of Directors Meeting Held
June 25, 2025

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.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Bergen led the Pledge.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Confirmed.

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

Becca, on behalf of APWA, recognized Julia Aranda as the 2025 Professional of the Year.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.a Accounts Payable Report.
[Board Documents - 06-25-25.pdf](#)

6.b Minutes of the June 11, 2025, Board Meeting. [6 11 2025 Min.pdf](#)

On the motion of Director Cole, seconded by Director Brennan and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.a Approve Casitas MWD 2025 10-Year Capital Replacement/Improvement Plan.
[Board Memo for Casitas MWD 2025 10-Year CIP 062525.pdf](#)

On the motion of Director Brennan, seconded by Director Bergen and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

7.b Review Casitas MWD 2025 Rate Study Update.
[Board Memo 2025 Rate Study Update 061825.pdf](#)

A presentation on the Rate Study Update was provided by Michael Degroot of Bartle Wells. Director Cole expressed concern about the methodology for the fixed meter charge.

Gina Dorrington, GM of Ventura Water said we are going through the same thing and a lot of water agencies are looking at rates. We understand the need and the need to work together for stabilization and justification. Water usage has changed, and we see the same issue. Usage of Casitas has changed, and we need to work together on how that can still meet the needs of both of us. We have the same concerns with methodology as we did last time. Increase to Ventura is over 70% of what we budgeted, and I fear that it is pricing out Casitas.

Director Cole suggested getting the fixed cost under the meter costs. GM Flood said we can bring back a more flushed out version of that. Director Cole suggested the three years because we are only in the second year of this one. Director Kaiser mentioned the need to replenish our reserves. Director Hajas suggested going for five years and negotiating an agreement with the City of Ventura. Director Bergen and Brennan supported a five-year plan. GM Flood stated this will come back to the July 23rd meeting.

7.c Award a contract to MPK Solutions in the amount of \$84,999.00 for Filter #6 Media Cleaning.
[Contract Award - Filter #6 Media Cleaning 6-29-2025.pdf](#)

On the motion of Director Hajas, seconded by Director Cole and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

7.d Award a contract for Asphalt Paving FY 25-26, Specification No. 25-474 to J&H Engineering General Contractors and BSN Construction, Inc.
[Award Memo- FY 2025-26.pdf](#)

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

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

ABSENT: Directors: None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.a Hydrology Reports for February - May 2025.
[2502 February 2025.pdf](#)
[2503 March 2025.pdf](#)
[2504 April 2025.pdf](#)
[2505 May 2025.pdf](#)
- 8.b Special Finance Committee Minutes.
[Finance Committee Minutes 061325.pdf](#)
- 8.c Casitas MWD General and Special Counsel Recommendation on AB 1466 and AB 1413.
[AB 1466 & 1413 Counsel Recommendation 062525.pdf](#)

The Information Items were received.

9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood reported the plant shutdown went well; we had Carpinteria Valley Water District on a mini tour at the dam. We are partnering with them on the Santa Barbara Intertie. They had lunch at the lake. Most people do not understand that the dam does not straddle the river. Water Security Tours are planned for the end of October/beginning of November.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Hajas attended the AWA meeting on the Matilija Dam Removal. Director Bergen and Director Brennan also attended. Director Brennann also attended the City Water Commission meeting on Monday. Yesterday, I represented the District at the Chamber of Commerce.

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

Director Hajas congratulated Julia on her award. She is a professional. I attended the Wine Festival; it was not crowded.
President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 5:56 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION

- 12.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.

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 6:07 p.m. with GM Flood stating the board met in closed session and no action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Brennan", written over a horizontal line.

Brian Brennan, Secretary