

Minutes of the
Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting of
January 14, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Bergen led the pledge.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

None

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 December 10, 2025 Board Meeting.
[12 10 2025 Min.pdf](#)

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

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.a Recommendation to hear the appeal of ARC of Ventura County regarding the denial of their claim in the amount of \$2,075.01.
[Board Memo - Arc of Ventura County Claim Denial 011426.pdf](#)

The board heard the appeal of Andy Mack of ARC of Ventura County regarding water damage.

Director Brennan moved to split the amount of the claim and pay \$1,037.51 to ARC of Ventura County, this was seconded by Director Bergen and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

7.b [Board Committee Assignments/Discussion.](#)
[board committee dates 2026.pdf](#)

On the recommendation of President Kaiser to reaffirm the committee assignments as is, a motion was made by Director Brennan, seconded by Director Bergen, the board adopted items 7 b, c, and d by the following roll call vote:

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

7.c [Resolution authorizing Casitas MWD Memberships for Calendar Year 2026.](#)
[Board Memo Calendar Year 2026 District Memberships 011426.pdf](#)
[Membership_ResolutionATT1.pdf](#)

The resolution was adopted in the action listed above and is numbered 2026-01.

7.d [Discussion, approval and assignment of representatives, if necessary, of meetings that will be considered authorized meetings for the Board of Directors.](#)
[Outside Affiliations Approvals for 2026.pdf](#)

The Outside Affiliations for 2026 were approved in the action listed in item 7b.

7.e [Grant a non-exclusive permanent easement to Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company on Assessor's Parcel Number \(APN\) 030-0-010-070 for the purchase price of \\$3,780.](#)
[Board Memo_20260114_Senior Canyon.pdf](#)
[Casitas Senior Canyon Easement Agreement Final.pdf](#)

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

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

- 7.f Authorize the General Manager to enter into an Agreement with The Solis Group in an amount not to exceed \$33,600 for Labor Compliance services for the Ventura Santa Barbara Counties Intertie, Specification No. 22-451.
[Board Memo_20260114_Labor Compliance.pdf](#)
[Ventura - Santa Barbara Counties Intertie.pdf](#)
[Labor Compliance Services - Consultant Agreement_Federal_2025.pdf](#)

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

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

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.a State Water Project Intertie Report.
[SWP Intertie Project Cost 12-31-25.pdf](#)
- 8.b Investment Report.
[Investment Report FY2026 December.pdf](#)
- 8.c Consumption Report.
[Consumption 2025-2026.pdf](#)

The Information items were received.

9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood reported that Lake Casitas is at 99% capacity with 1,800 AF of room left. It is 7.08 inches from spillway crest. We are no longer diverting and expect the creeks to fill it up, but their flow has dropped off quickly. It is gaining at the rate of 52 AF per day and that will continue to decline. We will be able to top off even if we don't have any additional rain, but we would need rain for any significant spill.

The Villanova shut down last week was successful replacing a large gate valve from the 50's that was stuck with a butterfly valve that we can control.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Brennan attended the AWA Board meeting where they were putting together the programs for this year and will be attending the WaterWise meeting tomorrow.

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

None

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 5:34 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.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.

12.b CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code 54956.9(d)(4)).

- Potential Initiation of Litigation (one case)

President Kaiser moved the meeting back to open session at 6:08 p.m. with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session. On item 12 a there was no reportable action taken. On item 12 b, the directors unanimously decided to initiate litigation. Once commenced, details will be disclosed to any person who inquires.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.



Brian Brennan, Secretary