

Minutes of the
Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting of
April 8, 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 is absent. Also present are GM Flood, EA Vieira, and counsel McNulty.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Bergen led the pledge.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

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 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Single Audit Report on Federal Awards.
[PDF Signed Final Report and Financial Statements.pdf](#)

6.c Minutes of the March 25, 2026 Board Meeting.
[3 25 2026 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, Bergen, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	Brennan

7. ACTION ITEMS

- 7.a Authorize an Agreement with MNS Engineers, Inc., to prepare the 2026 Watershed Sanitary Survey in an amount not to exceed \$64,795.
[Board Memo 2026 Watershed Sanitary Survey Update.pdf](#)
[CASWD.260079 Proposal Watershed Sanitary Survey 2026 \(1\).pdf](#)
[2026 Watershed Sanitary Survey_MNS Agreement.pdf](#)

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

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

- 7.b Adopt a Resolution setting a public hearing for the status of Casitas MWD job vacancies, recruitment, and retention for the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2026, pursuant to Gov. Code Section 3502.3 (AB 2561).
[Reso Public Hearing per AB2561.pdf](#)

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2026-05.

- 7.c Adopt a Resolution setting a public hearing for the draft Casitas MWD Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget for the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2026.
[Board Memo - Set FY 2027 Budget Hearing 040826.pdf](#)
[Reso budget hearing FY 2026 2027.pdf](#)

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

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

Resolution is numbered 2026-06.

- 7.d Approve an Easement Deed from Brown Investments, Inc., a California corporation on Assessor's Parcel No. 008-0-160-365.
[Board Memo Easement 20260408 Sanchez.pdf](#)
[Deed Easement - owner signed - Brown-Sanchez.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

- 7.e Approve the Easement Deed from Richard Palato and Betty Palato, Trustees of the Palato Family Revocable Trust on Assessor's Parcel No. 008-0-190-430.
[Board Memo Easement 20260408 Palato.pdf](#)
[Deed Easement - owner signed - Palato Trust.pdf](#)

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

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

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.a State Water Project Intertie Report.
[SWP Intertie Project Cost 3-31-26.pdf](#)
- 8.b Investment Report.
[Investment Report FY2026 March.pdf](#)
- 8.c Consumption Report.
[Consumption 2025-2026.pdf](#)

The Information Items were received.

9. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood reported that the lake has dropped to 566.85 and is no longer spilling. Diversions began last Friday, taking in 80.4 AF and there is 48 CFS though the ladder right now. Weekly meetings are continuing on the Intertie project with Caltrans permitting taking additional time.

10. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

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

Director Hajas mentioned the major encampment on highway 150 on both sides of the road along the lake. He encouraged contacting whoever is responsible regarding rectifying the issue. GM Flood responded that the district sent a letter to the sign coordinator at

district 8 for Cal trans asking for signage and we will follow up. President Kaiser added we have tried to address this in the Recreation committee meetings. It is a health, safety, and pollution issue.

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 5:12 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 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 into open session at 6:02 p.m. with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session and there were no actions taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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



Neil Cole, Assistant Secretary