

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
February 27, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held February 27, 2008 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Word, Hicks, Handley, Kaiser and Baggerly were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were two staff members and four members of the public in attendance. Director Word led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. Board of Director comments.

Director Baggerly asked about the progress of having some of his suggested speakers attend the March 4th meeting. Mr. Wickstrum explained that a colleague may be able to attend and there will be someone from DFG there, perhaps Susan Ellis and Mike Guisti. Director Kaiser asked we had obtained results from the sampling of the water. Mr. Wickstrum replied that it will be mid to late March before we have the results.

Director Baggerly mentioned that he would need to reschedule the Personnel Committee meeting. It was decided to hold the meeting on Monday, March 10th at 4:30.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that John Rupp, a former employee passed away yesterday. His family desires to have a memorial pot luck at Coyote Creek at the boat ramp on March 15th at 11:00.

3. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the February 13, 2008 Board Meeting.
- b. Recommend declaring the IC Pump as surplus equipment.
- c. Resolution awarding a contract to Consolidated Electrical Distributors in the amount of \$257,000 for Rincon Pump Plant motor controllers.
- d. Resolution extending the terms of resolution 06-23 to waive the standby charges for 6935 San Fernando in La Conchita.

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

AYES:	Directors:	Baggerly, Kaiser, Handley, Hicks, and Word
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

Resolutions are numbered 08-06 and 08-07.

President Word informed the Board that item 7 the appeal of Rick Raine would be heard following the Consent Agenda.

4. Bills APPROVED

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Handley and passed, the bills were approved.

5. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Personnel Committee Minutes
- b. Executive Committee Minutes
- c. Water Resources Committee Minutes
- d. Recreation Committee Minutes
- e. Finance Committee Minutes

Mr. Wickstrum requested that item a be pulled from the action and it would be submitted at the next meeting.

Director Kaiser provided an update from the Finance Committee and summarized that we are approximately 59% through the fiscal year as of January 31st. Right now we have spent \$917

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed the Committee/Manager reports minus item a, were approved for filing.

Director Kaiser provided an update on the Finance committee and gave a summary of where we are to date. We are approx 59% through the fiscal year through Jan 31st. Right now budget capital \$2.6 million and we have spent \$917,000 of budgeted capital and have \$1.7 million left to be spent. Currently we have \$718,000 available for non budgeted items. In light of the \$16.4 billion dollar deficit of the state there is a possibility that the state property taxes may be affected again as it had been in previous years. President Word added that the net affect is it looks like we have money but it is committed.

6. Request by Valley Oak Charter School requesting the use of CRW lands for a model airplane event for students.

APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum explained that use of CRW lands has occasionally been done for UCSB and there is an area north of Santa Ana Road that was cleared off by the Forest Services for the Zaca fire. If the board is favorable to this request we will forward it to the Bureau for approval.

Brice Pace of Valley Oak Charter School explained that they have about ten kids in the club and they fly remote control planes that are battery powered. They only send a parent out to retrieve down planes and there is a five kids to one adult ratio. He added that we have a hold harmless agreement and \$6 million dollars of insurance and can provide a certificate of insurance.

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed the above recommendation including notification of the Bureau of Reclamation was approved.

7. Appeal of the 28 day quarantine of Rick Raine who was denied entry to Lake Casitas Recreation Area.

APPEAL DENIED

Rick Raine thanked the board for hearing the appeal and for moving it forward. He submitted a letter regarding his appeal to the Board. President Word asked if any appeals had been granted to date. Mr. Wickstrum replied to my knowledge we have been consistent with the 28 days.

Rick Raine continued as you can see from what was written in the agenda was very brief and did not include the facts. It is important to include that I have a claim that was substantiated that evening with my fiancée. I have been to Clear Lake. Since then the only lake I have gone to is Lake Casitas. That is substantiated by Mr. Hollebrands letter. It has been 64 days since that boat has been in the water. I have pulled all kinds of documentation and recommendations from the California Science Advisory Board. It does not say anything about the boat as a risk if not in waters that have been infected. National Parks Service and 100th meridian state boats known to be moored in infested Quagga waters should receive a 28 day ban. My boat does not meet that criteria. It has not been launched in a lake that has Quagga mussels. The 28 day ban that my boat has been given is over the top for the circumstances. He drew a correlation to a sports official refusing to reverse a bad call and thought this was not good leadership.

Director Handley explained that it is difficult for anything to be done at this time before the meeting of March 4th. It is very difficult to rescind this at this point while in the middle of the process gathering information and setting policy. Director Hicks added we have to set some parameters and set policy for our people. We have to draw some hard lines. That is changing the rules. I feel bad for you but I don't see how we can change that.

Director Baggerly added that you have to look at the inconvenience against the possibility of the lake being infected with invasive species and changing the water quality and costing us multiple millions of dollars over the year and they don't add up. That is not our largest concern. The policy is that you arrive at the gate clean and dry and you didn't, end of story.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the appeal was denied with Director Baggerly stating this is an affirmation of the current policy.

8. Request of Ben Pitterle of Santa Barbara Channelkeeper to sign a letter regarding the Ojai Quarry.

Direction Provided to Staff

Ben Pitterle with Santa Barbara Channelkeeper asked Casitas to join them in signing a letter regarding concerns with the Ojai Quarry.

Director Baggerly suggested that the direction to staff be to draft a letter outlining our issues related to the quarry in support of Channelkeepers letter.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed direction was provided to staff to issue a letter in support of the efforts Channelkeepers is taking.

9. Information Items:

- a. Casitas Reservoir Water Inventory
- b. Recreation Area Report for January, 2008.
- c. Casitas Fish Management Plan Update
- d. Various letters from State and Federal entities regarding the Quagga Mussel.
- e. AWWA Spring Conference
- f. News Articles of interest
- g. Investment Report

Director Baggerly commented on the fisherman jigging over bass nests and landing pregnant females or females that have just laid their eggs. He also suggested that more coves should be closed during spawning and asked that a study be done to determine the best spawning areas. He was concerned that we do not enforce these things. Regarding Whirling disease he suggested that he is pretty sure lake trout do run upstream to spawn and he suggested checking the creeks to find out if there is any problem up there. He added we need a policy to do something. President Word added it is hard to develop a policy to support something when there is already a law to do it. Director Kaiser asked if we enforce DFG regulations on the lake. Brent answered no. Director Kaiser commented we are dependent on when a warden is on the lake.

Director Hicks then commented about the investment funds being so heavily into LAIF instead of t-bills. He added that LAIF funds are not backed by the government. President Word said he would pose that to the Finance Committee.

President Word adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Secretary