

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board meeting of
August 14, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VP Kaiser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

No Changes

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 July 10, 2024 Board Meeting.
[7 10 2024 Min.pdf](#)

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

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED UPDATES TO SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES IN CASITAS RATES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE.

7.a Open Public Hearing.

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

- 7.b Receive Manager's Report and Recommendations.
[Rates and Regs Memo 08-14-2024.pdf](#)
[ATT1_Draft Ordinance Revising Rates and Regulations_24-XXX_06.21.2024.pdf](#)
[ATT2. Redline of Draft Revisions to Rates and Regulations 06.21.2024.pdf](#)

AGM Dyer provided a presentation on the updates to the one-time fees in appendix B in the Rates and Regulations for Water Service. Effects on revenue are estimated to be \$33,000 in revenue.

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

Clerk of the Board Vieira reported that there were none.

- 7.d Public Comments.

None

- 7.e Close Public Hearing.

VP Kaiser closed the public hearing at 5:07 p.m.

- 7.f Discussion by Board of Directors and possible adoption of the Ordinance amending Appendix B: "Schedule of Other Fees and Charges" and related sections in the Casitas Rates and Regulations for Water Service.

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

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

Ordinance is numbered 2024-01.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.a Approve forgiveness of the City of Ventura water service billing late charge in the amount of \$20,434.22.
[Board Memo for City of Ventura Late Fees 081424.pdf](#)
[Letter from City of Ventura re Late Fees 081424 ATT1.pdf](#)

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

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

- 8.b Approve an Agreement with GHD for electrical engineering design services for the MWFPF Emergency Generator, Specification No. 24-471 for a fee not to exceed \$42,170.00, authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$142,474.53 for a diesel standby generator set and authorize additional budget of \$35,000.
[24-471 -MWFPF Emergency Generator Replacement_GHD.pdf](#)
[AWA14823-01 Casitas Municipal Water Dist Caterpillar D450-GC Essential grade generator set 450 Kw 8-5-24 Sourcewell.pdf](#)
[Agreement_GHD MWFPF Emergency Generator and ATS Replacement Spec. 24-471.pdf](#)

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

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

- 8.c Authorize the General Manager to issue Amendment No. 8 to Rincon Consulting, Inc., for professional engineering consulting services for the Ventura-Santa Barbara Counties Intertie for a total fee not to exceed \$66,112.80.
[Board Memo_Intertie.pdf](#)
[Additional Services_Permitting_August 2024.pdf](#)

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

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

- 8.d Approve the following requests for a time extension for temporary water service.

- Approve the request from Sam Hill and Sons for a time extension for temporary water service, Account No. 97-91318-00.
- Approve the request from Staples Construction for a time extension for temporary water service, Account No. 97-91319-00.

[BoardMemo_20240814.pdf](#)
[Sam Hill temp app.pdf](#)
[Staples temp app.pdf](#)

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

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

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.a Hydrology Reports
[2404 April 2024.pdf](#)
[2405 May 2024.pdf](#)
[2406 June 2024.pdf](#)
- 9.b State Water Project Intertie Report.
[SWP Intertie Project Cost 7-31-24.pdf](#)
- 9.c Final CFD 2013 Report.
[CFD 2013-1 Project Cost 7-31-2024.pdf](#)
- 9.d Investment Report.
[Investment Report FY2025 July.pdf](#)
- 9.e Adjudication Charges Report.
[Adjudication Charges YTD 7.31.24.pdf](#)
- 9.f Consumption Report June.
[Consumption 2023-2024.pdf](#)
- 9.g Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) 'Oppose-Unless-Amended' (OUA) Coalition letter regarding California Senate Bill 1255 (SB 1255 - Durazo).
[Updated August 5 SB 1255 Asm Approps OUA Coalition Letter.pdf](#)

The information items were received.

10. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM Flood reported that the Water Adventure will be moving to weekends until it closes on September 14th. They had excellent attendance, and it was a wise investment.

There were two main breaks in Ojai Water System last week and in both cases, it was pre 1950 cast iron with a longitudinal crack. Staff are commended for their excellent job getting those repaired.

We ceased diversions on August 6th and have 20 cfs running through the ladder. We have a list of things that need to be done with the screen bay. The pond weeds are growing, and we may have to do an emergency cleanout on the screen bay.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

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

Director Brennan congratulated the recreation staff and asked if we market to school. GM Flood responded that we put ads in various places and seasonal magazines.

VP Kaiser commented on the recent earthquakes and asked if there is any possibility of a return of the Olympics in 2028 since the lake is full. GM Flood responded that the rowing events are slated to be held in Long Beach.

VP Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 5:29 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.a CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a) 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. 19STCP01176.


13.b Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 9)
Case No. 2024SC021367
Name of Case: Feiss MD vs Casitas Municipal Water District.

13.c Conference with Real Property Negotiations (Gov. Code 54956.8)
Property: APN 060-0-240-120, 060-0-240-240, 060-0-252-230, 060-0-252-33
Agency Real Property Negotiator: Mike Flood
Negotiating Parties: Mike Flood and Steve Kokotas
Under Negotiation: Price and terms.

VP Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 6:02 p.m. with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session and no actions were taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

PK adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.



Mary Bergen, Secretary