

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
March 24, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 24, 2010 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Word, Baggerly and Hicks were present. Directors Handley and Kaiser were absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There was four staff members and seven members of the public in attendance. Director Baggerly led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that we received the trout plant from Oregon. Some of the fish are being held for the kids fishing event on Saturday.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks stated he was surprised to turn the tap on this afternoon and not have water but that it was fixed in a couple of hours. He suggested possibility of e-mail notification. Mr. Wickstrum added that with our website updates we are discussing use of technology for notifications. Director Hicks then asked how we know how many fish we are getting. Mr. Wickstrum replied it is by weight.

Director Baggerly mentioned the Watershed U event April 22 – May 27 on Saturdays.

4. Consent Agenda

APPROVED

- a. Minutes of the March 10, 2010 Board Meeting.
- b. Recommend approval of letters of support for AB 2776 and SB 1478 Water Conservation Urban Water Management.
- c. Resolution nominating Jack Curtis to fill the vacancy for the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission.

Director Baggerly asked for item c to be pulled from the consent agenda.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, consent agenda items a and b were approved.

Director Baggerly suggested changing the resolution for the nomination for LAFCO to Moira Baron as Jack Curtis is not interested.

The modified resolution was offered by Director Hicks, seconded by Director Word and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 10-05.

5. Bills APPROVED

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Water Resources Committee Minutes
- b. Finance Committee Minutes

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the Committee/Manager Reports were approved for filing.

7. Recommend execution of the agreement with Luz Solar Partners, LTD for the temporary sale of the available State Water Project Table A water entitlement for years 2010 and 2011. APPROVED

Mr. Wickstrum reported that it is an honor to be a part of this agreement. This one is for the main Mojave solar plants that are being installed.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

8. Recommend approval of modifications to the Ordinance establishing Rules and Regulations for the Public Use of the Lake Casitas Recreation Area. ADOPTED

Carol Belser proposed changes to the Ordinance in response to Park Services Officer concerns and issues of customers under the age of 21 and use of alcohol in the park. Young adults can rent a campsite but we have not had the ability in our ordinance to cite these individuals for ordinance violations. We will continue to contact sheriff if we suspect driving under the influence. All ordinance violations are a civil fine. If approved, the fine for cite and release for underage consumption would be \$75. This is in line with other violations. An amendment in the ordinance would allow staff to ask for age through proof of id.

Director Word expressed some concern that this action might put staff at risk. Mr. Wickstrum explained that under the new ordinance when there are incidents of underage drinking there will be an internal Lake Casitas citation

written and a fine assessed. Carol Belser added that we currently can not write for underage adults. Park Services Officer Faddis stated this would be a deterrent for the 18-20 year old visitors who come on the weekends. This would be a stiffer penalty rather than just pouring out the alcohol. Mr. Wickstrum added the ordinance would be effective immediately upon adoption.

Director Word asked if there would be additional staff training. Ms., Belser will have training with the staff and go over the process.

The ordinance was offered by Director Hicks, seconded by Director Word and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Ordinance is numbered 10-01.

9. Board consideration of action on Park Store and Water Adventure Food Services Concessionaire agreement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: At Board's discretion

John Mathews reported this is the opportunity for the owner of the park store to have the board consider circumstances relating to a decision of the General Manager regarding a breach of the contract and termination of that contract.

Peggy Parry, an employee of Casitas Park Store requested the board to reconsider the decision and allow Norm Smith to continue to operate the Park Store. She has worked there for five years and the store runs smoothly; it is neat, clean and well stocked. She asked for information of the situation

Mr. Mathews stated the General Manager made a determination to terminate and cancel the concessionaire agreement. This is an opportunity for the public and owner to address the board.

Mark who lives on Creek Road asked to hear what Norm has done. He asked for an explanation of what rule he has breached. Mr. Mathews stated he the General Manager made a decision that certain actions of Mr. Smith resulted in this action. The question is if there are things the board should consider. Mark stated Mr. Smith has worked with him for eight months as his sponsor. He is an excellent guy, good man, involved in the community, good job at the lake and has made a serious mistake. He asked the board to reconsider or reduce the penalty.

Director Baggerly added that it was a serious enough for Casitas to take action. Mr. Mathews added there is no action for the Board to take today. If the

Board has any questions of the General Manager they could ask them at this time. If you feel there are mitigating circumstances you could make a motion to revoke the managers action. Mr. Smith had the opportunity to ask for an appeal by March 18th. He did so on March 19th. While the word appeal was not used he requested a 30 day extension and the board decided not to grant the extension.

Director Word stated as I understand the situation and circumstances I can do nothing else but support the General Manager's action. I could not support anything else. Director Hicks added when I first heard it I thought it was a bad joke. Director Baggerly stated the board is taking no action and the General Manager's notice of cancellation stands.

10. Information Items:

- a. Casitas Reservoir Water Inventory Summary
- b. Recreation Area Report
- c. Letter from ACWA Health Benefits Authority regarding Anthem Blue Cross
- d. Investment Report

11. Adjournment

Director Baggerly adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Secretary