

Casitas Municipal Water District
RECREATION COMMITTEE
Agenda
Brennan/Kaiser
September 10, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

This meeting will be conducted in person at the District Office and also
via teleconference.

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1. Roll Call
2. Public comments.
3. Board/Management Comments.
4. Review and Discussion of Lake Casitas Recreation Area Guest Noise.
5. Review of Recreation Area Report for June and July 2024.
6. Review of Incidents and Comments.

Right to be heard: Members of the public have a right to address the Board directly on any item of interest to the public which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The request to be heard should be made immediately before the Board's consideration of the item. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of §54954.2 of the Government Code.

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CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
Committee Memo

DATE: August 9, 2024
TO: Recreation Committee
FROM: Michael Flood; General Manager
SUBJECT: **Review and Discussion of Lake Casitas Recreation Area (LCRA) Guest Noise**

Recommendation:

No recommendation at this time.

Background:

The Committee asked that an item be placed on the Recreation Committee agenda regarding guest noise at the LCRA for review and discussion.

Discussion:

Guest noise at the LCRA is covered by the following ordinances within Casitas Municipal Water District Ordinance 2020-1 (adopted August 12, 2020):

- **10. Closed Areas** – It shall be unlawful for any person:
 - 10.7 – *To use a loud speaker, public address system, or amplifier without a valid event permit or written permission from the General Manager.*

- **11. Camping**
 - 11.6 – *It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb the peace and quiet of another.*

Additionally, camping guests are informed that quiet hours are from 10:00PM to 8:00AM every day.

Casitas LCRA Staff will be available at the meeting to provide additional details on this subject and answer questions.

**CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA**

DATE: Aug 9, 2024
 TO: Recreation Committee
 FROM: Michael Flood, General Manager
 SUBJECT: Recreation Area Monthly Report for June 2024

Visitation Numbers

The following is a comparison of visitations for June 2024

| | June 2024 | June 2023 | May 2024 |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Visitor Days | 124,144 | 110,188 | 100,404 |
| Camps | 7,774 | 8,315 | 7,454 |
| Cars | 31,036 | 27,547 | 25,101 |
| Boats | 169 | 236 | 159 |
| Kayaks & Canoes | 3 | 0 | 9 |

| Visitor Day Totals for Fiscal Year through June 2024 | |
|---|-----------|
| 2022/2023 | 996,574 |
| 2023/2024 | 1,215,582 |
| Difference | 219,008 |
| %Change | +22.0% |

The formulas for calculating the above attendance figures derived from the daily cash reports are as follows:

Visitor Days = Daily vehicles + 30-minute passes X 3 + café passes + attendance at special events + annual vehicle decals + replacement decals + campsites occupied + extra vehicles X 4

Camps = Campsites occupied + extra vehicles

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Boats = Daily boats + overnight boats + annual decals + replacement decals

Kayaks & Canoes = Daily kayaks and canoes + overnight kayaks and canoes + annual kayaks and canoes

The month of June kicks off the summer season with full campsites, a busy water park, and special events. The off-season preparations are completed, and staff are prepared for busy gates, phone calls, and ticket sales.

The month began with an ABA fishing tournament on June 1st and a second on the 23rd, which is one of two-night tournaments scheduled this season. There was a total of 38 teams between the two tournaments. Boating / fishing continues to rise as does inspections for new vessels. There were 857 vessel tags issued and a total of 74 vessels scheduled for inspections, with 23 passing, 14 failures, 7 cancelled/rescheduled. The monthly night fishing from the shoreline was held on the weekend of June 21st.

The LCRA was a pit stop for Bike MS on June 2nd, where cyclists rode from Santa Monica to Ventura. Bike MS is the largest fundraising cycling series in the world, and this year's event had over 450 participants and raised over \$620,000 for MS.

The LCRA was host to the annual Wine festival sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ojai West Foundation on June 15th. This annual festival is a staple for the LCRA, was a well-attended and guests were excited to view the lake at full capacity.

Maintenance and Operations staff completed numerous projects in and around the water park and pump house during the off-season. The restructuring of vaults, electrical panels, water pumps, and fencing will prolong equipment as well as provide a safer environment for all. The new Filtration system is operational, saving water, providing better water quality, less maintenance and occupying less space.

This season's lifeguards were excited for the season to begin. We were fortunate to have many of our experienced lifeguards return and train our new lifeguards. This is the trend we expect to have for many years to come. The opening of the water park also included our water aerobics classes extending from three days a week to five days and two evenings. The turnout has been better than expected. LCRA Park Host Tami updated the CWA signs and they look great.





Day 1 Water Aerobics 2024



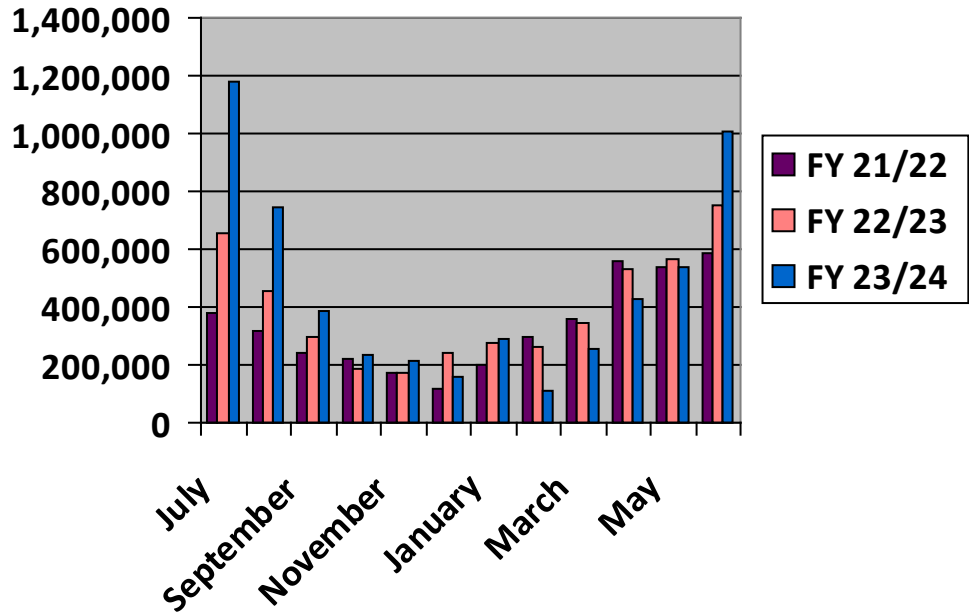
Day 1 Evening Water Aerobics



2024 CWA Lifeguards

Revenue Reporting

The unaudited 23/24 FY figures for the month of June were up 61.27% from May (operations, concessions, Casitas Water Adventure, etc.) per the District's Financial Summary, generated by the Chief Financial Officer.



CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA

DATE: September 5, 2024
 TO: Recreation Committee
 FROM: Michael Flood, General Manager
 SUBJECT: Recreation Area Monthly Report for July 2024

Visitation Numbers

The following is a comparison of visitations for July 2024

| | July 2024 | July 2023 | June 2024 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Visitor Days | 205,753 | 206,092 | 124,144 |
| Camps | 10,350 | 9,848 | 7,774 |
| Cars | 38,722 | 32,303 | 31,036 |
| Boats | 141 | 196 | 169 |
| Kayaks & Canoes | 4 | 0 | 3 |

| Visitor Day Totals for Fiscal Year through July 2024 | |
|--|----------|
| 2023/2024 | 206,092 |
| 2024/2025 | 205,753 |
| Difference | (339) |
| %Change | (0.16) % |

The formulas for calculating the above attendance figures derived from the daily cash reports are as follows:

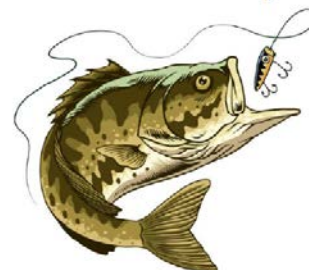
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The month of July is the first full month of the summer season with full campsites, long entrance lines, and a busy water park. This season is unlike the previous seasons. With the lake water at capacity staff have noticed an increase with greater weekday camping, busier gates, more phone calls, and higher water park ticket sales.

In the month of July, the ABA held two fishing tournaments on July 13th and July 27th. There was a total of 31 teams between the two tournaments. Boating / fishing continues to maintain its course as does vessel inspections. There were 913 vessel tags issued and a total of 55 vessels scheduled for inspections, with 37 passing, 7 failures, 11 cancelled/rescheduled. The monthly night fishing from the shoreline was held on the weekend of July 19th.

The return of Moonlight Boat Fishing, which has been absent for a few year because of low lake levels and the safety of the boaters. The Moonlight boat fishing gives boaters the opportunity to fish on the lake during full moon light and experience the LCRA from a different view. There was a good turnout and two more nights in August and September have been scheduled.

**Moonlight Fishing
Summer 2024**



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Day 1 Water Aerobics 2024



Day 1 Evening Water Aerobics



2024 CWA Lifeguards

Revenue Reporting

The unaudited 24/25 FY figures for the month of July were up 33.09% from the prior month of June, and up 13.74% from July 2023 (operations, concessions, Casitas Water Adventure, etc.) per the District's Financial Summary, generated by the Chief Financial Officer.

