

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

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

1. Public comments.

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that water is still moving into the lake and there is more rainfall expected Friday night.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks asked if there had been any fish in the river. Mr. Wickstrum reported fish were seen January 28th and February 4th.

Director Kaiser mentioned the article in the Ventura County Star regarding Santa Paula Creek was very revealing. He cautioned that the district should tread lightly when there is a lot of lobbying pressure. Director Baggerly added there were some interesting comments regarding the Corp of Engineers and it is disconcerting and something we have to watch out for. He informed the board of his conversation with Supervisor Bennett and ensured him there was no animosity following the decision. Supervisor Bennett has been working with Coastal Conservancy and the Corp to find dollars to divert from those agencies to hire experts in the field who might be more knowledgeable than some of the people at the Corp. They would work on the upstream storage area proposal. Director Baggerly reiterated what the board had said. We do have a problem with upstream storage because if it comes loose it is coming to our facility and urged him to find ways and means for the downstream options.

4. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the February 10, 2010 Board Meeting.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the consent agenda was adopted.

5. Bills

APPROVED

Director Kaiser questioned #4282 to Aquametric Sales for a radio handheld. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is a device and components for meter reading.

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING
 - a. Personnel Committee Minutes

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

7. Recommend approval of a purchase order to American Trout & Salmon Co. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of trout. APPROVED

Director Word questioned the budget for the purchase of fish. Mr. Wickstrum explained the budget was \$50,000. Carol Belser explained that there is a moratorium from DFG for fish planting. Currently we can purchase 10 species of fish. We are getting an importation permit because the fish are from Oregon. Dr. Maxwell supports us buying these fish. They are raised in well water and in Oregon. Staff report indicates they are certified Quagga free. That certification does not exist. Mr. Wickstrum added there is a low potential for Quagga. This fish hatchery is known by Scott to be a good hatchery. Director Kaiser asked if fingerlings are brought to the location. Ms. Belser informed the board that the triploid eggs come from a trout lodge in Washington.

Director Baggerly asked if we can get a sample of the water to test for Quagga. Mr. Wickstrum will ask Scott to obtain a sample for testing.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks and passed with one abstaining the purchase order was approved.

8. Recommend authorizing the application to the Department of Justice for Live Scan fingerprinting. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

9. Discussion and recommendation for approval of modification to the General Manager's compensation. APPROVED

Director Baggerly motioned for a 5% increase in the General Manager's compensation to be effective on his anniversary date which was February 13, 2010; this was seconded by Director Kaiser and passed.

10. Information Items:

- a. News Articles
- b. Investment Report

The board discussed concerns with the current investments performance. The Finance committee will review the investment policy.

11. Adjournment

President Handley adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Secretary