

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
June 8, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held June 8, 2016 at the Casitas Municipal Water District located at 1055 Ventura Ave. in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Kaiser, Baggerly, Hicks and Bergen were present. Director Word arrived at 3:04 p.m. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were three staff members and no members of the public in attendance. President Kaiser led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public Comments (items not on the agenda – three minute limit).

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board of a partial system isolation and the need for major users to cut back on their use on Friday. Notices have been sent to the appropriate customers. Conservation actions in the near future include a traffic message board to be put out front providing notification of the drought. There will be multiple media announcements on KEYT and local radio stations regarding conservation and drought info. Ron is putting together a monthly report on water conservation efforts and that will be included in the Board Meeting packets on a monthly basis maybe to begin at the end of July.

The Upper Ventura River GSA formation committee is meeting Tuesday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. to get public input on the Joint Powers Authority. Mr. Wickstrum then informed the board of the various safety trainings that have been conducted in the past few weeks including confined space, trench excavations etc. Greg Romey has been making good progress with our safety programs and training and is a great addition to our team. President Kaiser asked that the board's appreciation be conveyed to Greg.

Mr. Wickstrum added that he will be commenting on the City of Ventura's Urban Water Management Plan to provide some clarity. He then mentioned a June 24th meeting with Rincon Road and Water who are raising the question again about what it would take to transfer their system to us. The last time this was discussed was about 15 years ago.

May 25th there was a presentation to the Ojai Green Coalition on the status of water supply, demand and drought with Tom Ash. Tom gave a global aspect and I tried to show a more local aspect. Director Bergen added it was good educational information.

President Kaiser asked about the status on moving ahead with the Assistant General Manager position. Mr. Wickstrum informed him that a meeting had been held the previous week and there is a schedule for moving forward.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks reported that he watched the City Council meeting on Monday. They are pursuing a route where they will pay over \$20,000 an acre foot for the water. Mr. Wickstrum explained that our capital facilities charge since 2003 has been \$18,000 an acre foot. Director Hicks added they can hook up to state water and suggested speaking with Shauna. They can buy state water. I have been meeting with Ed McCombs, Don Mills, Ron Calkins and a retired Assistant Manager from Met. Ventura can hook up and pay us back the water they owe us. Calleguas could store water in our system. To do reclaimed water is crazy. I hope we can encourage them to take another look at this. Mr. Wickstrum explained the he would be meeting with Shauna Epstein later this month and mentioned the study that was done in 1990 that laid out all the options. None of those projects are inexpensive. Director Hicks added that not having the requirement to be a member of Met now makes a difference. Mr. Wickstrum advised Director Hicks that it was mixing apples and oranges – the rate of water versus the capital facilities charge to develop a fund to pay for the capital costs to build facilities. Director Kaiser added that the Executive Committee will discuss holding a workshop.

Director Baggerly mentioned that Judge O’Neil had been assigned to our case.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Baggerly reported that he spoke at the Tom Ash mtg. Director Bergen added that both Russ and Steve did a good job.

Director Bergen reported on the Upper Ventura River GSA phone conference to work out issues on the JPA. There is a long way to go.

Director Bergen reported on a meeting with Tom Ash, Director Kaiser and Mr. Wickstrum and explained that Mr. Ash has a system for figuring out allocations but he uses different information to get parcel size. They do monthly allocations based on real time ET data. He implied that the state may adopt this. Director Bergen added that what impressed me is that the basic units of what he is looking at is what we have. With our system you know what you have. Mr. Ash is not a fan of Raftellis. He likes to up the fixed costs. Most of the costs are all the pipes and pumps. Guidance for 25% of fixed cost are not set in stone. President Kaiser added a comment on executive Order B37 16. It was a good meeting and we will need to discuss how we can incorporate it in the future.

Director Baggerly reported that the DWR requested clarifications on the basin modification request.

5. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the May 25, 2016 Board Meeting.

- b. Resolution requesting that the general district election to be held November 8, 2016 be consolidated with other elections called to be held on the same day in the same territory. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 16-13

6. Review of District Accounts Payable Report for the Period of 5/24/16 – 6/01/16. APPROVED

The report was offered by Director Word, seconded by Director Baggerly and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Resolution to rescind Resolution No. 92-9 and adopt procedures for new and expanded water allocations. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 16-14

8. Information Items:

- a. Finance Committee Minutes
- b. Water Resources Committee Minutes
- c. Staff report on the Executive Order B-37-16 Listening Session on June 3, 2016.
- d. Water Consumption Report.
- e. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- f. Investment Report.

Director Bergen requested that on Finance Committee item number 9 the language be changed to reflect that they did not approve the request from the green coalition. Director Word asked about status on water rates. Mr. Wickstrum explained that after July 1st we will put out a RFQ for water rates studies.

The Information items were offered for approval by Director Bergen, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

9. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

James W. Word, Secretary