Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District Board Meeting Held October 8, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held October 8, 2008 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Word, Hicks, Handley, Kaiser and Baggerly were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were two staff members and no members of the public in attendance. President Word led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

Board of Director comments.

Director Kaiser mentioned that he had been at the lake and the water level is going down.

3. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that he had heard that areas in Humboldt County are starting to consider measures to protect their lakes from the Quagga mussel. Director Kaiser asked if Irvine Lake is infected and Mr. Wickstrum confirmed that it is on the list. Director Baggerly asked about the web site and making sure the information is clarified. Director Kaiser mentioned that he has spoken with business owners regarding the impacts they might have felt due to the restrictions at the lake and they have said it is minimal impacts.

4. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the September 24, 2008 Board Meeting.
- b. Resolution authorizing a joint funding agreement with United States Geological Survey.

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

AYES: Directors: Baggerly, Kaiser, Handley, Hicks, Word

NOES: Directors: None ABSENT: Directors: None

Resolution is numbered 08-38.

5. <u>Bills</u> APPROVED

Director Handley questioned the amount of refunds. Mr. Wickstrum reported that some were due to either partial refund because of changes in

camping and because of reconsideration of some citations. Brent Doan informed the board that violators are allowed the chance to review the citations. We discuss it and we have decided to give them their money back.

Director Handley then asked about the bill to pay off part of the installation of the catwalks and asked if the project is moving forward. Mr. Wickstrum said they are working on it and they should be installed by mid November.

Director Kaiser asked about #557 to Consolidated Wire. Mr. Wickstrum responded that this is the vendor for the cables that we use on the boats for the Quagga issue.

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports

APPROVED FOR FILING

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

Mr. Wickstrum gave an update on the Hells Angels event and stated that we are still waiting for the insurance and the ABC permit.

Director Kaiser asked about the mention of trespassing in the Water Resources meeting minutes. Director Handley explained that along Oso Road there are a number of property owners who are encroaching on the property. They have cut holes in the fences and installed gates. Mr. Wickstrum explained that this has been a long term problem and we have tried to address it with letters. Neighbors have cut holes in the fence to gain access or toss debris there. What happened recently was we issued a right of entry to the Watershed Protection District to remove arrundo. Someone came out and got confrontational with the contractor working for the Watershed Protection District. We went up there and looked at it. The tent is gone and some of the other things are gone. I received a letter from the Watershed Protection District asking us to provide them with a safe work environment. We will do what we can, but they should follow their own protocol.

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

7. Information Items:

- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- b. Letter from AWA regarding the Annual Policymaker and Member Reception.
- c. News Articles of Interest

d. Investment Report

President Word mentioned that we talked about moving some committee and board meetings. We moved two Finance meetings and the consensus is that we only hold the first board meeting in December and not have the one that is currently scheduled on the 24th.

8. <u>Closed Session</u>

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
Name of Case: Casitas Municipal Water District v. United States

President Word moved the meeting to closed session at 4:45 p.m.

9. Reconvene Open Session

President word reconvened the meeting into open session at 5:21 pm and stated there was nothing to report.

10. Adjournment

President Word adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

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