

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
October 22 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held October 22, 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 three staff members and one member of the public in attendance. President Word led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. Board of Director comments.

Director Hicks reported his attendance at a meeting regarding the new filtration plant in Fillmore. It was an \$82 million dollar project and it was bid as design, build, and operate.

Director Baggerly reported that he attended the Watershed Coalition of Ventura County meeting and they are going over the concept of developing a charter with the MOU for the Watershed Coalition of Ventura County. There are issues of funding and allocation that will be taken up in each watershed's meetings.

Director Kaiser mentioned that about a month ago we got word that Dianne Feinstein was coordinating Quagga mussel involvement on the Federal front and he asked if we had heard anything else about that effort. Mr. Wickstrum stated we have not heard anything and asked Ron to follow up with Feinstein's office.

Director Baggerly mentioned that the Department of Fish and Game has issued a guide book regarding the Quagga. President Word added that he has heard that other lakes are starting to do some inspections.

3. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported on the District's participation in Ojai Day this last Saturday. It was very good to do this with the other water agencies in the area, we were able to answer questions and provide some water conservation devices.

Mr. Wickstrum then mentioned the taste and odor problem caused by lake turnover. We notified the City of Ventura a couple of weeks ago that it may happen and it really developed last Friday. There have been about 15 phone calls in the City of Ventura and about ten phone calls here. This may last for two

to three weeks. President Word added this happens every year and it is temporary.

Mr. Wickstrum then mentioned the billing situation with Senior Canyon. We sent them a promissory note and they are discussing it. Meetings with their representatives are taking place tomorrow. The outstanding amount if \$180,000.

4. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the October 8, 2008 Board Meeting.
- b. Resolution approving a grant from the Department of Boating and Waterways for a new patrol boat & trailer.
- c. Resolution approving a grant with the Department of Fish and Game for spawning surveys.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

Director Baggerly asked if the size of the boat is the optimum size that is needed. Brent Doan responded that it is similar to what we have. Mr. Wickstrum added it is fine for what we do.

The consent agenda was offered by Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolutions are numbered 08-39 and 08-40.

5. Bills APPROVED

Director Hicks questioned #10333 for cooler revenue. Mr. Wickstrum explained that when the guests bring coolers into the Water Park we share a portion of the fee with Norm.

President Word questioned # 09836 for the Boat Show in Long Beach. He suggested that we provide information on the Quagga inspection and quarantine process. Brent stated we have handouts and flyers available.

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

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

Director Handley questioned the wording in the Water Resources minutes. He had thought that they had a discussion regarding the ACWA meeting and felt that Director Baggerly was the most experienced and would be the best person to do the presentation. Mr. Wickstrum replied that a decision can not be made by the committee which is why it is being considered in the agenda today.

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

7. Request from ACWA for a Board Member to provide a presentation on Quagga issues at the ACWA conference. Direction provided

On the motion of Director Handley, seconded by Director Kaiser, the recommendation for Director Baggerly to participate in the Quagga Mussel presentation at the ACWA conference was passed.

8. Recommendation to set Reserves for 2008-2009. APPROVED

RECOMMENDE ACTION: Motion approving recommendation

Denise Collin submitted a recommendation to set reserves.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Handley and passed, the recommendation to set Reserves for 2008-2009 was approved.

9. Discussion of letter to be sent to the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the RMP/EIS. A draft copy of the letter will be provided at the meeting.

The board reviewed a draft response letter to the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the RMP/EIS. Mr. Wickstrum requested additional comments to be provided to him by Friday.

Pat Baggerly informed the board that if a concern is not in the record it can not be brought up at a later date. Casitas needs to have everything you are concerned about in your responses. Direction to staff was provided.

10. Information Items:

- a. Casitas Reservoir Water Inventory Summary.
- b. Fisheries Report for September.
- c. Recreation Area Report for September.
- d. News Articles of Interest
- e. Investment Report

11. Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (1 case).

President Word moved the meeting to closed session at 5:25 p.m.

12. Reconvene Open Session

President Word reconvened the meeting to open session at 6:06 p.m. stating that no action was taken during the closed session.

13. Adjournment

President Word adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Secretary