

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
February 25, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held February 25, 2015 at the District office in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Bergen, Kaiser, Baggerly, Word and Hicks were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were four staff members and one member of the public in attendance. President Bergen 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 reported that the HVAC job should be completed by the end of the next week. The Contractor has been doing a great job. The work at Recreation is going well, they are starting to pour the kiosk slabs and asphalt will be laid next week. Then we will be waiting for delivery of the kiosks and roof. Staff have done a god job keeping business as normal as possible for our customers.

Mr. Mathews asked that item number 8 be removed from the agenda. Director Hicks added that he would be gone at the next meeting and Mr. Mathews stated it could be put on the second meeting in March.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Baggerly commented that the front yard looks terrific. Mr. Wickstrum added that Cinnamon McIntosh and staff have done a wonderful job.

George Galgas of Oak View commented that it is a good thing item number 8 was pulled. Review and consideration of part time employment of relatives of board members shows impropriety. It is a question of nepotism and conflict of interest. You people sat there along with me in training and should know better. Relatives have approval of what goes on here. The GM has authority to hire and fire and we the board have the authority to approve this. It is strange that this is being entertained.

Director Baggerly added that he read something that in Oregon they are putting generators in water wells to develop electricity. Director Hicks added they had a session on this at ACWA.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Hicks attended an AWA meeting in Thousand Oaks. Jay Spurgeon gave a nice presentation and discussed more interest in looking at the cost of desal since state water is getting so expensive.

Director Baggerly reported his attendance at the OBGMA GSA committee meeting. They are continuing to gather information to work on the draft groundwater sustainability plan. There will be a presentation to the OBGMA board tomorrow night.

Director Word asked about Director Baggerly's request a few meetings ago on attending a session in Sacramento. Director Baggerly replied that he is unable to attend but sent our comments. Tully Clifford let me know today that the Watershed Protection District is looking at making comments.

Director Word then asked if we have heard from Brian Holley yet. Mr. Wickstrum replied no.

5. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

a. Minutes of February 11, 2015 Meeting.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Word, the Consent Agenda was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

6. Bills APPROVED

Director Hicks mentioned he was taken aback that we have to do an EIR on the aeration system. Mr. Wickstrum explained those are fees to the County for filing the Mitigated Negative Declaration, it is not a full blown EIR.

Director Kaiser questioned the purchase from Home Depot for faucets in the Recreation area and asked if we could get a grant reimbursement for them through conservation. Mr. Wickstrum explained we don't have a grant for the faucets.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Hicks, the bills were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Recommend approval of the Casitas Water Adventure End of Season Report. APPROVED

Park Services Officer Aaron Wall presented the Casitas Water Adventure End of Season report stating he has been with the district nine years this summer and it has been a pleasure to grow in the district. We had a great group of kids this past season and it was another fun year.

The board liked the report with President Bergen saying it was clear and that she liked the graphics and the results. Director Baggerly thanked him for make the requested changes. Director Kaiser added it is easy to read, has good photos and is well done.

Director Kaiser added it is important to recognize how many seasonal youth we hire. Mr. Wall explained that on average we hire around 80 people for the waterpark each year.

Mr. Wall continued to point out that they made a big push to conserve water in the waterpark. They eliminated over 50 irrigation heads this year. He pointed out that it is an aging facility. This year we have some pumps out that will be repaired. Director Baggerly commented that the aging waterpark is pertinent. We as the board need to think about and encourage park staff to come forward with future improvements to keep it young at heart.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser, the above recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Review and consideration of approval of part-time employment for relatives of current employees. Item Pulled From Agenda

At the recommendation of Mr. Mathews, this item was pulled from the agenda. George Galgas asked why it was pulled with Mr. Mathews explaining that he wanted to review the item more closely. Mr. Galgas asked if the item would be on an upcoming agenda and Mr. Mathews answered that it will come back and be reviewed.

9. Recommendation to set the Reserves of the district. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Word, the above recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

10. Resolution amending the Conflict of Interest Code. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 15-03

11. Resolution Amending Resolution 13-37 and establishing the Policy Implementing Safe Harbors under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Unit. ADOPTED

The resolution was offered by Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution is numbered 15-04

12. Resolution awarding a contract to Manito Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,234,000.00 to construct a Hypolimnetic Aeration System, Specification 15-376. ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 15-05

13. Information Items: APPROVED FOR FILING
- a. Finance Committee Minutes.
  - b. Personnel Committee Minutes.
  - c. Investment Report.

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Word, the Information items were approved for filing by the following roll call vote:

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

President Bergen moved the meeting to closed session at 3:22 p.m.

14. Closed Session
- a. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9, Government Code. (number of potential cases: one)

President Bergen moved the meeting backed into open session at 4:33 p.m. with Mr. Mathews stating general counsel discussed a potential litigation and explained options. No action was taken.

15. Adjournment

President Bergen adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

  
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Russ Baggerly, Secretary