

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
September 23, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held September 23, 2009 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Hicks, Handley, Kaiser and Baggerly were present. Director Word was absent. 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 Hicks led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board of an upcoming inspection of Lake Casitas with the Bureau of Reclamation. This is within their guidelines to do every three to five years. These are usually very positive. The RMP should be out the same time.

There was an interesting representative from the Latino Business Association who spoke at the AWA meeting. Their group is lobbying legislators on bay delta stewardship and moving forward with resolution. This was paralleled with Sean Hannity of Fox News doing interviews and discussions in empty tomato fields in Huron to discuss the plight of farmers in the central valley and the turning off of water in the central valley project. Director Baggerly added that Ken Salazar has declared three counties as a disaster area.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that Lake Casitas received an award for 2009 Best Campground in Ventura County.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Kaiser mentioned a recent exercise with helicopters and he was glad to see the collaboration with the various agencies.

Director Baggerly asked if we have to do any remediation or will we have run off issues with the fire. Mr. Wickstrum replied that he has talked about monitoring the water. We received a brief summary of what the forest service is doing. We will follow through to see if there are any seed plantings.

President Hicks presented Director Baggerly with a bottle of Steelhead wine for his efforts. President Hicks then mentioned an e-mail complaint regarding having to pay entrance fees to drop off kids for the rowing. Is there something that we can do? Mr. Wickstrum asked that Staff be allowed to discuss this and will bring this back to the recreation committee.

4. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the September 9, 2009 Board Meeting.
- b. Resolution approving an agreement between Angler's Choice and Casitas for the operation of the 2010 Night Bass Tournament Program.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 09-24

5. Bills

APPROVED

Director Kaiser asked about #3224 to Office Team. Mr. Wickstrum explained that we added a temporary employee at the front desk to field the phone calls. We hope to have the new system installed around October 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

6. Committee/Manager Reports

APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Recreation Committee Minutes
- b. Executive Committee Minutes
- c. Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project – Design Oversight Group Meeting of September 16, 2009.

Director Kaiser asked about the Hell's Angels event and if they have paid up. Carol Belser responded that they have not. We will follow up on it and it is important that they provide us with the proper paperwork and proof of insurance in advance of the event.

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

7. Recommend approval of a collective vote for the ACWA Region 8 election.

APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the recommendation to support the recommended slate of candidates for the ACWA Region 8 election was approved.

8. Recommend approval of the request for sponsorship in the amount of \$150 to the Ojai Valley Museum Native Plant Sale. APPROVED

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

9. Discussion regarding board meeting dates in November and December.

On the motion of Director Kaiser, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed, the recommendation for meeting dates to be changed to November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup> were approved.

10. Information Items:

- a. Report from Resource Action Programs on water conservation education programs. The actual report will be available at the meeting.
- b. News Articles
- c. Investment Report

11. Adjournment

President Hicks adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

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Secretary