

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
May 27, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held May 27, 2009 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Hicks, Handley, Kaiser, Baggerly and Word 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 Hicks led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. Board of Director comments.

Director Kaiser asked that the water controllers are Recreation be checked so that the sprinklers are not coming on in the later time of the morning. Brent Doan added that he is bringing in a part time person at 6:00 a.m. to take care of the many areas that are operated manually.

Director Baggerly gave a verbal account of the ACWA Spring Conference. The first session had to do with conjunctive use and was of little use to this district. He attended the Bureau commissioners meeting where overviews were given of moving water around in these limited times. The question was asked regarding the Bureau's philosophy to be reactive instead of proactive on the Quagga issue. The Attorney program for water right enforcement proceedings was good and he forwarded information to John Mathews. In the history of the state board no one has prevailed against an action against the state board. Mr. Mathews mentioned that he had a client who went through the appeal and ended up owing double of the initial fine amount.

President Hicks state it was a good conference. He added that he met individuals who did not have knowledge of the Quagga mussel issue and mentioned a demonstration that was held on the steps of the capital.

3. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum reported that notice had been received that state water has increased to 40%. It was a good weekend in Recreation with one incident of a tree limb falling on a van. Senior Canyon is making good progress and hope to accomplish paying off the debt before July.

4. Consent Agenda

APPROVED

- a. Minutes of the May 13, 2009 Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda

On the motion of Director Handley, seconded by Director Baggerly and passed with Director Word abstaining because he was absent for the May 13th meeting, the Consent Agenda was approved.

- 5. Bills APPROVED

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

- 6. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Water Resources Committee Minutes

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

- 7. Resolution Finding a Severe Fiscal Hardship Will Exist if Additional Local Property Tax Revenues Are Seized And Additional Unfunded Mandates Are Adopted by the State of California

ADOPTED AS MODIFIED

Mr. Wickstrum reported that the Governor is again looking to seize Proposition 1A tax money. CSDA and CASA are both recommended putting together a resolution and letter for our representatives that this is not the solution to the problem. It will create more problems and leave us working off reserves and rate increases.

Director Word suggested that we send a copy of the resolution and template letter to the Ventura Chamber so they follow up and add support. He suggested rewording it slightly to bring in the city and local government. President Hicks added that they might go after the reserves. Director Word added that is if they are not allocated. That is why we had our reserves allocated and earmarked. Some special districts have big reserves with nothing planned for them and then they could be pulled.

Director Kaiser suggested adding on the Ojai Valley chamber. He suggested that we mention the potential for us to be put in a state of financial emergency. He suggested adding that language to the resolution and impacts to services to constituents, residents, businesses and institutions be added to the resolution.

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

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

ABSENT: Directors: None

Resolution is numbered 09-13.

8. Information Items:

- a. Hydrology Information
- b. News Articles
- c. Investment Report

9. Closed Session

Not Needed

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

The Closed Session was not held. Mr. Wickstrum informed the board that the Federal Government asked for a continuation to June 17th.

10. Adjournment

President Hicks adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Secretary