

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District  
Board Meeting Held  
July 14, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held July 14, 2010 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Handley, 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 three staff members and no members of the public in attendance. President Handley led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the board of a letter that he is planning to sign regarding bank protection around the Fresno canyon area. In 2005 there was a wash out in that area. The Sanitary District pursued a FEMA contract to move forward with bank protection. The proposal has now grown to include the Watershed Protection District and the City of Ventura.

Mr. Wickstrum then informed the board that he received a call from Jack Collins with the Bureau and they are progressing on the NEPA for the Fence replacement considering categorical exemptions for both the fence replacement and the reservation office. We hope to begin both projects in September. There will be a bureau inspection of the Robles Casitas canal, this is the second time in a year and they are looking for the potential of canal failure.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Hick reported on his attendance at the Chamber meeting and requested that the District look at Proposition 21 that establishes an \$18 annual license surcharge and grants free admission to all state parks.

Director Word commented on a positive letter from a constituent that he received regarding our recent newsletter. He also verified that the Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Director Baggerly suggested that the ACWA legal education conference be placed on the next board agenda to be added on the list to allow attendance. Director Baggerly also informed the board of his conversation with Susan Francina on the fence issue. He insured he that it has to do with security and we will monitor for the animals and if there is a problem we will look at it.

4. Consent Agenda APPROVED
- a. Minutes of the June 22, 2010 Board Meeting.
  - b. Minutes of the June 23, 2010 Board Meeting.
  - c. Minutes of the June 28, 2010 Board Meeting.

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Hicks and passed, the Consent Agenda was approved.

5. Bills APPROVED

Director Word questioned #5431 for a data logger. Mr. Wickstrum explained this is to replace a gauging station that was put in place in 1989. Director Hicks questioned the weed control and Mr. Wickstrum explained it was for spraying the face of the dam and a lot of hand work to remove the woody structures that tend to grow. Director Word indicated he would abstain from voting on the bills because of a conflict of interest regarding one of the checks.

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

6. Resolution adopting a Memorandum of Understanding between Casitas and the Management employees.

ADOPTED

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

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

Resolution is numbered 10-21.

7. Discussion regarding selection of representatives for meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. Wickstrum suggested clarifying the board members who would be representatives for meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation.

On the motion of Director Hicks, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, Directors Word and Baggerly will be the representatives who will work on Bureau of Reclamation related issues and will look to schedule a study session.

8. Consideration and direction to the General Manager concerning a letter of appreciation to NMFS for their cooperative efforts in relocating fish in the Ventura River.

APPROVED

On the motion of Director Word, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the letter was approved.

9. Information Items:

- a. Monthly Cost Analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- b. Reimbursement Disclosure Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.
- c. LAFCO Election Results
- d. Letter from Department of the Army in response to correspondence regarding the Mosler Rock Quarry.
- e. News Articles

10. Closed Session:

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)  
Name of Case: Central Delta Water Agency, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, et al.; Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000561.

President Handley moved the meeting to closed session at 5:06 p.m.

President Handley moved the meeting back to open session at 5:13 p.m. with John Mathews stated that with respect to the matter on the agenda it was determined by district counsel that special counsel will advise the district.

11. Adjournment

President Handley adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

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Secretary