

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
March 9, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 9, 2016 at the District office in Oak View, California. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors Kaiser, Baggerly, Word, and Bergen were present. Director Hicks was absent. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were two staff member and three members of the public in attendance. President Kaiser 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 informed the board that upon submittal of the offer to Golden State Water Company the District received a public records request for 41 items, some of the records are requested from 2000 and 2005 forward.

3. Board of Director comments.

Director Baggerly informed the board that OBGMA is talking to an attorney in Santa Barbara regarding representation.

4. Board of Director Verbal Reports on Meetings Attended.

Director Bergen reported on her attendance at the Upper Ventura River Basin Groundwater meeting the previous day from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. They worked on the joint powers agreement and had major discussions regarding the voting process. They decided they would not develop the bylaws at this time but will wait until after the JPA is complete. Director Bergen added that she volunteered to help with the notice of intent.

5. Consent Agenda ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of February 24, 2016 Board Meeting.
- b. Minutes of February 24, 2016 Special Meeting.
- c. Resolution authorizing the joint funding agreement with the United States Geological Survey for operation and maintenance of stream gaging stations in the Ventura River watershed.

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

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

Resolution is numbered 16-04

6. Bills

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

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

7. Recommend that the Board find that the sound reducing measures taken at the 4M Pump Plant have reduced sound below the criteria in Ventura County General Plan Noise Source Limits Section 2.16.4(c) and no further action is needed. Continued to the second meeting in April

Director Baggerly suggested that since the residents did not receive the information until Monday and have only had a couple of days to review it and have asked for a postponement it is fair that they be given an opportunity to review and comment substantially. Director Bergen added it was short notice and we can allow more time. Director Baggerly moved that this be postponed until we are notified by the residents that they have completed their sound study. President Kaiser suggested that since the public is here we should hear from them.

Brian Holly thanked Mr. Baggerly for bringing this up and we want more time to look at this. At the last meeting we discussed the frequency issue. Director Baggerly played a recording while Mr. Holly was talking. President Kaiser asked that Director Baggerly turn the recording off. Director Baggerly stated this is the sound they listen to 24/7, get used to it.

Mr. Holly continued stating that high pitch Mr. Baggerly played is on quite frequently especially during the hotter months. The main point is we are not trying to make an issue; we want a resolution to this problem. We want to come to an agreement to a solution. We are open for ideas and request time to consider that option. This report falls short of discussing the frequency issues, it is not comparing apples to oranges. If the skirts did dampen the frequency let's look at those numbers. That recording Mr. Baggerly took is still the loud pitch noise that is there. We want our sound consultant to do a peer review. The Board should also have that information available before making decisions.

Carl Fout then commented that walking outside his house; it was quiet until you walk out front when the pumps are being used. It is very irritating, like an irritating pitch from an old radio station without good reception. It takes away from the whole purpose of living on the east end of Ojai. We live out there for the quiet and to be surrounded by nature. He suggested there may be a bearing issue in the pumps and suggested to shelter the thing with insulating material. He sees other facilities that are shelters with soundproof walls, a tough shed with walls and insulation so it is sound proof. Either a way to solve it or the bearings in the pumps needs to be maintained or removed and replaced.

Lou Preiczner thanked the board for this opportunity to speak and for the cooperative effort to work to resolve this problem amicably. He stated that they got the report two days ago and need more time to review it. He added that he is not here to be a thorn in your side but the pumps are loud and there may be a simple solution to control the frequency. Insulation in walls helps and might insulate the sound. He asked the board to consider our neighborhood that has children hearing this unpleasant sound.

Mr. Wickstrum asked how much time they would need. Mr. Holly thought they would need at least 30 days. President Kaiser asked how much time and money has been devoted to this. Neil Cole said the last time he looked it was approximately \$70,000 - \$80,000. Mr. Word added that having more time will not include more staff time. Mr. Wickstrum added we will coordinate with their consultant. Director Baggerly asked for the high frequency to be addressed as it is not in the study. President Kaiser said the high frequency data is in the report.

Brian Holly said he would like to see if the skirts placed at the bottom of the motor mutes knocked the frequency down. President Kaiser added you have to understand what staff has tried to do to address this sound that has been out there for a great number of years. There are many places throughout the district where there are pumps. In my district, they are 30 feet away from residents. Mr. Holly explained that Charlie has lived there forever and when they built those homes the frequency was not as high. He suggested that it could be that the bearings are wearing out. The noise has gotten louder. When I first started putting letters out there were already three or four letters that pre-dated me. President Kaiser asked if he has copies of those letters. Mr. Holly responded yes.

Director Baggerly moved that this be continued to the second meeting in April. This was seconded by Director Bergen and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Recommend approval of a purchase order to Praxair, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$180,000 for the purchase of liquid oxygen. APPROVED

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

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

9. Recommend approval of a purchase order to FAMCON Pipe and Supply for the purchase of two 42" Mueller Butterfly Valves in the amount of \$26,434.25. APPROVED

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

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

10. Recommend approval of a purchase order to West Coast Air Conditioning, Ventura in the amount of \$5,990.00 for the purchase and installation of an HVAC unit for the Lake Casitas Recreation Area. APPROVED

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

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

11. Recommend support of the Trout in the Classroom program organized by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. APPROVED

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

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

12. Information Items: APPROVED

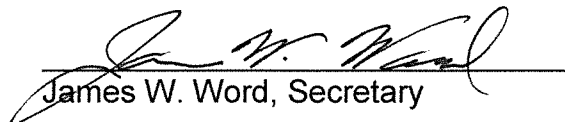
- a. Recreation Committee Minutes.
- b. Recreation Area Report for January, 2016.
- c. Letter from the Upper Ventura River Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation Committee regarding a meeting on April 12, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
- d. Water Consumption Report.
- e. CFD No. 2013-1 (Ojai) Monthly Cost Analysis.
- f. Investment Report.

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

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

13. Adjournment

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.


James W. Word, Secretary