

Casitas Municipal Water District  
RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Agenda  
Brennan/Kaiser  
**September 13, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

This meeting will be conducted in person at the District Office and also  
via teleconference.

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1. Roll Call
2. Public comments.
3. Review of Recreation Report for July 2022.
4. Review of Incidents and Comments.

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**CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA**

DATE: September 5, 2022  
 TO: Michael Flood, General Manager  
 FROM: Joe Martinez III, Park Services Manager  
 SUBJECT: Recreation Area Monthly Report for July 2022

Visitation Numbers

The following is a comparison of visitations for July 2022

	<b>July 2022</b>	<b>July 2021</b>	<b>June 2022</b>
Visitor Days	129,212	89,624	89,624
Camps	9,543	430	6,575
Cars	32,303	1,474	22,463
Boats	155	215	219
Kayaks & Canoes	0	0	0

Visitor Day Totals for Fiscal Year through July 2022	
2021/2022	89,624
2022/2023	129,212
%Change	44.171%

\*Covid-19 Pandemic closure

The formulas for calculating the above attendance figures derived from the daily cash reports are as follows:

**Visitor Days** = Daily vehicles + 30 minute passes X 3 + café passes + attendance at special events + annual vehicle decals + replacement decals + campsites occupied + extra vehicles X 4

**Camps** = Campsites occupied + extra vehicles

**Cars** = Daily vehicles + 30 minute passes X 3 + café passes + attendance at special events + annual vehicle decals + replacement decals + campsites occupied + extra vehicles

**Boats** = Daily boats + overnight boats + annual decals + replacement decals

**Kayaks & Canoes** = Daily kayaks and canoes + overnight kayaks and canoes + annual kayaks and canoes

The kickoff to our season began in April on Easter weekend. On Easter Sunday our single busiest day of the year, we hosted approximately 40,000 visitors in the park. In the month of May, Memorial weekend had approximately 22,000 visitors, between sold out campsites, the opening of the Water Park, and movies in the Water Park for the three-day weekend. We welcomed the return of the Ojai Wine Festival in the month of June with approximately 2,000 guests participating in this sold-out event.

The Gate and Reservation staff were well prepared for the season and the numerous visitors, vehicles, campers, and boaters entering the LCRA. Park Ranger's, Park Services Officers and Maintenance staff were busy providing services to campers, boaters, and day visitors throughout the park. This was reminiscent of the kickoff seasons prior to the Pandemic.

The month of July is the first full month of the season, with booked campsites every weekend, the Lazy River filled with families enjoying the cool water during the day and movies in the evening.

In July the American Bass Association (ABA), held a tournament with a total of 33 teams and RTF held one tournament with 10 teams participating. The monthly night fishing from the shoreline was held on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>. There were 500 vessels retagged for reentry, 12 vessel inspections with 9 vessels passing, 1 failure and 2 no shows.

Maintenance completed projects in preparation for the season with another Premium site at Fox 37, the rebuild of the bridge crossing over the diversion near Campground Creekside and the drinking fountain near Guest Services was relocated and replaced near the water park entrance. The new drinking fountain provides a water bottle filler to better serve our bikers, hikers, bird watchers, joggers, and walkers keep hydrated while in the park.



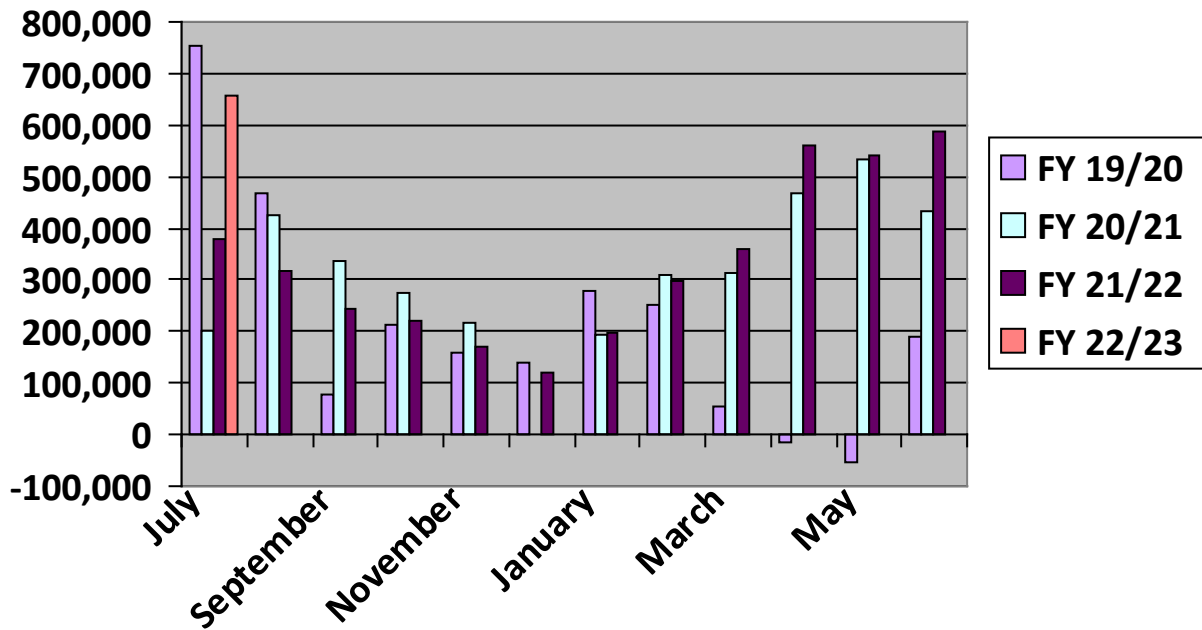


The Casitas Water Adventure kicked off Memorial weekend and despite the absence of the water play structure, guests have been enjoying the coolness of Lazy River. Construction has begun for the new Mega Play Unit, and we are hoping for a Grand Opening on Memorial weekend May 2023. Staffing was an ongoing issue. Due to limited applications received, operations this season were limited to four days per week (Thursday to Sunday). Recruiting will begin November of 2022 for the 2023/24 season.



Revenue Reporting

Fiscal year's total figures are reported when made available for the respective months (operations, concessions, Casitas Water Adventure, etc.) per the District's Financial Summary, generated by the Chief Financial Officer.



The Bureau of Reclamation notified the Casitas Municipal Water District (LCRA) that additional funds (\$99,739.00) were approved for Assistance Agreement R18AP00028. This is the fourth and final allocation of the 50% matching grant for funds dedicated to the LCRA from the Bureau of Reclamation. The Assistance Agreement began in June of 2018, and to date the total amount funded for this agreement is \$499,739.00 This has been instrumental in allowing the District to provide maintenance, operation and improvements to the LCRA. Staff has begun the application process for the next Assistance Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation.

\*LCRA was 100% closed April, May, Dec and Jan 2020/21 due to the Pandemic COVID-19