

Casitas Municipal Water District
RECREATION COMMITTEE
Agenda
Brennan/Kaiser
January 10, 2023 – 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 customer letter regarding camping reservations.
4. Review of Recreation Report for November 2022.
5. Review of Incidents and Comments.

Right to be heard: Members of the public have a right to address the Board directly on any item of interest to the public which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The request to be heard should be made immediately before the Board's consideration of the item. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of §54954.2 of the Government Code. If you require special accommodations for attendance at or participation in this meeting, please notify our office 24 hours in advance (805) 649-2251 ext. 113. (Govt. Code Section 65954.1 and 54954.2(a). Please be advised that members of the Board of Directors of Casitas who are not members of this standing committee may attend the committee meeting referred to above only in the capacity of observers, and may not otherwise take part in the meeting. (Govt. Code Sections 54952.2(c)(6)



Director Brian Brennan
Casitas Municipal Water District Board of Directors
Casitas Municipal Water District
1055 Ventura Ave.
Oak View, CA

December 29, 2022

Dear Director Brennan,

I have been camping for the past thirty years at Lake Casitas with friends who usually reserve up to eight sites per trip. We camp at Casitas at least three times/year, enjoying the well-kept campground, the friendly staff and the beautiful natural surroundings.

I am writing in response to the policy stating, "Reservations can be made up to 90 days in advance of your *departure* date." This policy is inherently unfair because it disadvantages campers who wish to stay the longest. It means that someone staying one or two nights gets the best (and perhaps *only* site on busy weekends), and someone staying four nights cannot even register until four nights have elapsed and the short-term campers are already gone.

Perhaps this is why this policy is out of step with the reservation policies of the Ventura County Parks Department, the Piru United Water Conservation District, the Santa Barbara Parks Division, the San Luis Obispo County Parks, the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, the California State Parks and the National Park Service.

I imagine you are trying to keep people from gaming the reservation system by signing up for campsites and then cancelling the early days of the reservation, but by doing it this way, you are turning away people who are long-term campers.

Thank you for listening to my concern.

Sincerely,



Diane Moore

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
LAKE CASITAS RECREATION AREA

DATE: January 4, 2023
 TO: Michael Flood, General Manager
 FROM: Joe Martinez III, Park Services Manager
 SUBJECT: Recreation Area Monthly Report for November 2022

Visitation Numbers

The following is a comparison of visitations for Nov 2022

	Nov 2022	Nov 2021	Oct 2022
Visitor Days	33,434	39,488	38,288
Camps	3,540	4,061	3,417
Cars	8,359	9,872	9,572
Boats	123	149	148
Kayaks & Canoes	0	0	0

Visitor Day Totals for Fiscal Year through November 2022	
2021/2022	300,960
2022/2023	333,338
%Change	10.758%

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

November tends to be a busy month, with the snowbirds arriving, Thanksgiving holiday and the cooler climate. However, this year we were down due to the closure of Fox campground for renovations. The renovations were completed Thanksgiving week and the guest were more than thrilled with the renovations. The renovations to Fox camp were the first in a 3 phase project, with phases 2 and 3 set for the off seasons in 2023 and 2024. The Water Park project continues with all drawings finalized and the structure sent for fabrication. The preparation of the pool floor is moving along and our timeline of completion and ready for the structure is the second week in February.

In the month of November, we hosted the last of our Cross County meets with Citrus Coast meet. There were no fishing tournaments held, but there were 291 vessels retagged for reentry. There were 7 vessel inspections, with 5 passing, and 2 failing. The monthly night fishing from the shoreline was held on the weekend of November 4th.

Maintenance and LCRA staff, completed phase 1 of the Fox campground improvement project. Campground Fox is our most requested campground, and the first to sell out on holidays year-round. The proximity to the entrance, park store, water park and both launch ramps makes this campground a campers first choice.

The upgrade/improvements to campground Fox consisted of expanding the concrete pads, adjusting the electrical pedestal, new fire pits rings, and extending the approaches. Landscaping consisted of planting trees, replacing grass with decompose granite, and adding dripline irrigation for the trees. Phase 1 also included grinding down existing asphalt, grading the roadway, and paving of the entire campground. Phase 1 was completed and ready for the Thanksgiving holiday. Phases 2 and 3 will follow the off seasons in 2023/24. When completed all campsites in Fox will be ADA accessible.

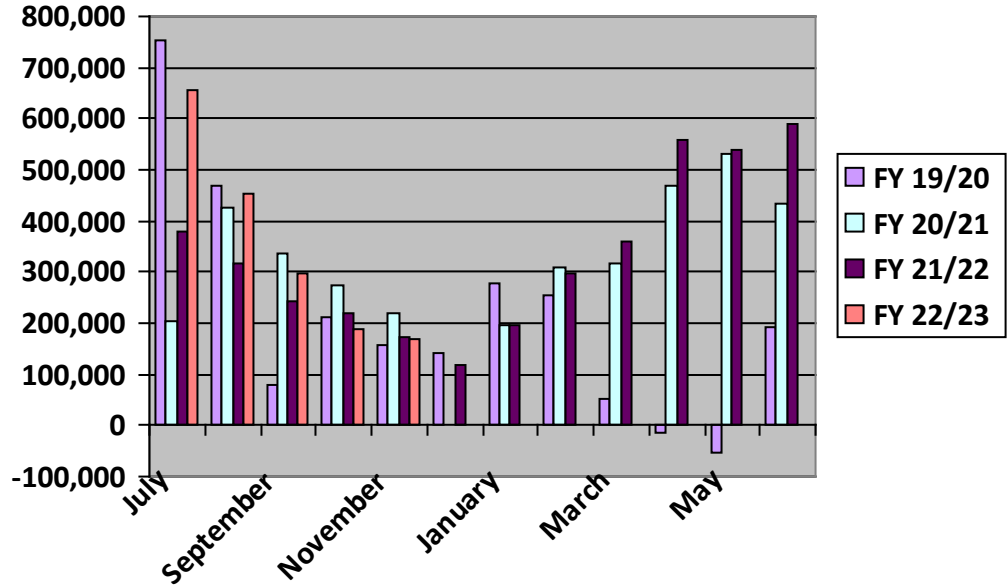




The Casitas Water Adventure's recruitment at local schools have been positive resulting in numerous call backs received for additional information. Recruitment outside the schools will target County residents by advertisements, through social media, radio, and businesses.

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.



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