

Minutes of the Casitas Municipal Water District
Board Meeting Held
May 14, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held May 14, 2008 at Casitas' Office, Oak View, California. Directors Word, Hicks, Handley, Kaiser and Baggerly were present. Also present were Steve Wickstrum, General Manager, Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, and Attorney, John Mathews. There were five staff members and two members of the public in attendance. President Word led the group in the flag salute.

1. Public comments.

None

2. Board of Director comments.

Director Handley reported that he will not be available from May 30th through June 16th.

Director Hicks reported that he was at the Lake for shoreline clean up and there was nothing to clean up. He has never seen the area so clean and he thanked the hosts and staff for their efforts in keeping the park clean. He then mentioned that he and Director Baggerly attended the ACWA meeting in Monterey and it was a good conference.

Director Baggerly provided his report on the meeting and stated that the Department of Fish & Game does not believe they have the authority to close infested lakes. He also suggested that DFG has a conflict of interest in the Quagga mussel issue surrounding fishing license and boating fees. He then mentioned information on Proposition 218 water rates and a seminar on Cal OSHA. Director Baggerly then suggested the following committee issues for this year. Request for information on migration upstream and downstream and overall comments on stream health. For Water Resources he would like information on allocations, drought contingency plan, lost water audits and ordinance amendments. For Personnel Committee he wants to see safety training, full time vs. part time employees, discuss pre-bargaining issues and look at an enhanced dental plan. Recreation Committee should review the RMP and CRF Lands Agreement. Finance Committee should review Ag water treatment costs and the Matilija Agreement needs to be finalized.

Director Kaiser reported it was nice to see the game wardens at the lake. President Word added that they were very thorough. There was discussion regarding the state and the bill that is in the assembly. Ron Merckling added that

the bill requires local agencies to develop a plan to prevent an infestation. Funding was stripped from the bill. We have asked for amendments that reflect our previous requests but they have not been accepted by the author at this time. Mr. Wickstrum reported that at the State Water Project Recreation Committee meeting last week Representatives from the Department of Water Resources made a statement that the state was empowering local agencies to address the Quagga mussel issue. Director Kaiser added this would be a plan we can use in our district but is not a coordinated effort across the state

3. General Manager comments.

Mr. Wickstrum informed the Board of his discussion with Roger Marzulla regarding the meeting before the appellate court. The three members are Judge Moore, Bob Mayer, and Tony Shull. It will be 30 to 90 days before we hear back from that panel. Also, Steve Eagle, a law professor is writing a law review article on this case.

Mr. Wickstrum then reported that lakes in Santa Clara County are going through an evaluation of their lakes south of San Jose and closing lakes to boating until they establish a protocol. Mr. Wickstrum then informed the Board that the Department of Fish & Game will be conducting inspection May 22nd and 23rd on I-5 near Redding.

Rob Sawyer has taken a new job in the Sacramento area and has a desire to continue to represent us in the Alameda case. The Executive Committee will evaluate the costs.

It appears that the LAO or the Governor may borrow our tax money. The LAO is pushing hard to take 100% of the 1% tax money.

4. Presentation by Cheryl Collart of Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Cheryl Collart of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance presented the District with a check in the amount of \$11,189. They worked closely with Jim Weber and looked for energy efficiencies. Cheryl encouraged more opportunities for additional projects. Director Kaiser thanked Cheryl, the Energy Alliance staff and Casitas staff for their work and stated staff here has done a great job to make this happen. Jim Weber added the guys at the treatment plan and my crew also worked on it. It was a group effort. The project will be paid off in 2.5 years in energy savings and it cured three major problems.

5. Consent Agenda

ADOPTED

- a. Minutes of the April 23, 2008 Board Meeting.
- b. Recommend approval of a Purchase Order to Coastal Copy in the amount of \$8,488.15 for the purchase of a copier for the District Office. This is an unbudgeted expense.

- c. Recommend approval of a Purchase Order to CompuWave in the amount of \$1,077.86 for software licensing for use with the new copier. This is an unbudgeted expense.
- d. Resolution requesting that the General District Election on November 4, 2008 be consolidated with other elections called to be held on the same day and in the same territory.
- e. Recommend approval of the bid and award of contract to Nye & Nelson for the slurry sealing of the Robles Canal Access Road in the amount of \$35,000.
- f. Recommendation for a Salary Range Adjustment for the Accounting Manager Position.
- g. Recommend approval of the ratification of the Amendment to the ACWA Health Benefits Authority Joint Powers Agreement.
- h. Recommend approval of the schedule for the Oak View Water Availability charge.

The Consent agenda was offered by Director Handley, seconded by Director Hicks and approved by the following roll call vote with Directors Kaiser and Baggerly abstaining from item a as they were not in attendance.

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

Resolution is numbered 08-11.

6. Bills APPROVED

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

7. Committee/Manager Reports APPROVED FOR FILING

- a. Finance Committee Minutes
- b. Personnel Committee Minutes
- c. Ad Hoc Quagga Committee Minutes

Director Baggerly asked for a correction in the Ad Hoc Invasive Species minutes. Number three was brought up by the Board President.

Director Handley mentioned that with the Personnel committee serving as the ad hoc safety committee we have come to the consensus with staff and the committee that we are getting behind on our safety issues. Existing staff is not able to keep up. There is a recommendation from staff to bring on a staff person on a short term basis to handle our safety issues and he wanted to express his support of this. President Word added this position is included in the budget.

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

8. Recommend approval of letters to be sent to State and Federal agencies regarding the Quagga mussel. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Kaiser and passed, the above recommendation was approved.

9. Recommendation to set a budget workshop for May 31, 2008 and provide the preliminary draft budget to the board for initial review. APPROVED

On the motion of Director Baggerly, seconded by Director Handley and passed the above recommendation was approved.

10. Information Items:

- a. Report from the American Fisheries Society's California/Nevada Chapter Annual Meeting held April 3 – 5, 2008.
- b. Monthly cost analysis for operation of Robles, fisheries and fish passage.
- c. Recreation Area Report for April, 2008.
- d. News Articles of interest
- e. Investment Report

Director Baggerly expressed concerns over 90% of the cash being invested in LAIF. Denise responded saying that we are covered by the state under LAIF.

President Word moved the meeting to closed session at 5:18 p.m. regarding Government Code Section 54956.9

11. Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Government Code). Name of Case: Aaron Stittler vs. Casitas Municipal Water District, Case number: CIV246325.
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Government Code). Name of Case: Doris Vasquez vs. Casitas Municipal Water District, Case number: CIV248322.

President Word reconvened to open session at 5:26 p.m. and stated the Board had heard an update on two existing cases and there was no action taken and the meeting was immediately adjourned.

Secretary