

Minutes of the
Casitas Municipal Water District
March 12, 2025 Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kaiser called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Hajas, Cole, Brennan, Bergen, and Kaiser are present. Also present are AGM Dyer, EA Vieira, and Counsel McNulty. GM Flood joined the meeting via Zoom.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Hajas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AGENDA CONFIRMATION

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Presentation on District related items that are not on the agenda - three-minute limit.

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.a Accounts Payable Report.
Accounts Payable Report.pdf

6.b Minutes of the February 26, 2025 Board Meeting.
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The consent agenda was offered by Director Brennan, seconded by Director Hajas, and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Hajas, Cole, Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

7. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING POSSIBLE INCREASE OF BOARD COMPENSATION

7.a Open Public Hearing.

President Kaiser opened the public hearing at 5:03 p.m.

- 7.b Receive Staff Report and Recommendations.
Memo-Board Compensation Hearing and Ordinance.pdf

EA Vieira reported that there was a revised staff memo which provided additional board compensation comparisons that were not available at the time of the agenda publication. The recommendation was to increase the Board's compensation 15% from \$217.82 to \$250.49 effective May 22, 2025.

- 7.c Report from the Clerk of the Board regarding any Written Communications.

There were none.

- 7.d Public Comments.

There were none.

- 7.e Close Public Hearing.

President Kaiser closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

- 7.f Discussion by the Board of Directors and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance increasing Board Compensation.
Ordinance 2025-01 Setting Board Compensation.pdf

The board discussed approving a ten percent increase, but a motion was made to approve the ordinance with the 15% increase.

The ordinance was offered by Director Brennan, seconded by Director Cole, and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Hajas, Cole, Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

The Ordinance is numbered 2025-01.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.a Award contract to Venco Electric in the amount of \$197,000 for construction of the Marion Walker Pressure Filtration Plant Emergency Generator and ATS Replacement and authorize an unbudgeted expense of \$212,000.00, Specification No. 24-471.
Board Memo_MWFPF Generators Award 0312_2025.pdf
24_471_BidSummary.pdf

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

AYES:	Directors:	Hajas, Cole, Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

- 8.b Adopt Reimbursement Resolution for a financing agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the design and construction of the Ventura Santa Barbara Counties Intertie.
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Reimbursement Resolution 20250312.pdf

The resolution was offered by Director Hajas, seconded by Director Cole, and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Hajas, Cole, Brennan, Bergen, Kaiser
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

Resolution is numbered 2025-05.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.a Hydrology Report January 2025.
Hydrology January 2025.pdf
- 9.b State Water Project Intertie Report.
SWP Intertie Project Cost 2-28-25.pdf
- 9.c Investment Report.
Investment Report FY2025 February.pdf
- 9.d Consumption Report.
Consumption 2024-2025.pdf

The information items were received.

10. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

AGM Dyer did not have any comments. GM Flood thanked Kelley for sitting in for him and informed the board that the Finance Committee is moving to March 29th at 1:30 p.m.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Director Brennan asked GM Flood regarding his being asked to speak at the water forum the following day. GM Flood responded that he spoke with counsel regarding this, and the bill associated with this forum and before the district can be represented there needs to be a final version of the bill and board direction as to a commitment to support that bill. The board has not yet taken a position, and it was communicated to Assembly member Bennett today that without board input I would not be speaking on this.

Director Brennan reported on attendance at AWA last Thursday where they set the board and the priorities. There is a focus on water supplied during fires.

12. BOARD OF DIRECTOR COMMENTS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(a).

None

President Kaiser moved the meeting to closed session at 5:21 pm.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.a CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, City of San Buenaventura, et al.; and City of San Buenaventura v Duncan Abbott, et al., Cross Complaint; Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 19STCP01176.

President Kaiser moved the meeting back into open session at 5:59 p.m. with Mr. McNulty stating the board met in closed session and no action was taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Kaiser adjourned the meeting at 5:59p.m.



Brian Brennan, Secretary