

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Board President James Kentosh at 6:00 pm at the District Office.

Present were: Board President James Kentosh, Board Vice-President Mike Krumpschmidt, Board Directors Larry Harrold, Diana Engle, and Mike Etchart. Staff Present: General Manager Mike Hollebrands and Board Secretary Stacey Gilbert. Attorney Lindsay Nielson was also present.

2. Approval of the minutes

Approval of the December 20th, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes:

Mr. Harrold made the motion to approve the December 20th, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Etchart seconded the motion.

Mr. Krumpschmidt mentions there were several minor grammatical errors. Mr. Krumpschmidt will bring a corrected copy to February's meeting to be presented for formal correction and documentation.

Harrold/Etchart
All Ayes
M/S/C

3. Public Comments

Susan Moll – 2800 Maricopa Hwy –

Ms. Moll: Hi I'm Susan, I live at 2800 Maricopa Hwy, and I am your new neighbor on Maricopa. So I want to introduce myself first, and I am happy to be here, and I love it, and it's my forever home.

Mr. Kentosh: Where did you move from?

Ms. Moll: I moved from LA. I have four kids and a grandparent, and I couldn't be an apartment grandma. I found this place and fell in love with it. However, anyway, I just have a couple of questions because I know that when I first moved here I had met with Mike and a couple of his guys and they said something about the boundaries and the fencing. So I asked for a survey.

Mr. Kentosh: are you next to some of our property?

Ms. Moll: Yes, yes on Maricopa right by the tank farm. So I just got a survey but haven't gotten the results, but I was wondering if we could trade surveys, take a look at it and kind of decide what we should do if there is a boundaries discrepancy or if there is fencing issues or whatever you want to do about it. I'm just starting the conversation.

Mr. Kentosh: Well we like to be good neighbors, and so there are different things that we can do. Mike showed us kind of a mapping, and we were kind of like "oh that's kind of weird." We can agendize this for next month.

Anything's possible, we can purchase a small piece from you or get an easement from you, or we can just work something out.

Ms. Moll: Yea and another thing is that if there are any other issues or anything you have with me, I really would appreciate it if you would just come to me first you know. I think that's really important. Just that part of being a really friendly neighbor. I just want to make sure that you are happy and that I know if there is any concerns. You know if anybody has any issue with anything that I am doing.

Several Okays were heard through the room

Mr. Krumpschmidt: Have we had any issues yet? Have we had issues? Have we expressed issues?

Ms. Moll: Um, I don't know. I mean I'm under the impression and that I have been told that somebody didn't like an AG building I was building and complained to the County. (Mr. Kentosh responded quickly "well that wouldn't be us") Well, I was told it was the general manager. Because I have had a conversation with him, I feel really really comfortable with, I invited him into my home, I gave him a copy of my title report, and all the easements, you know because I wanted you to know that I'm being totally transparent and I want to have a really good relationship with him. I did hear that there was a problem with the water tanks and there was water runoff from my property, and there was concern about rust underneath the tanks. So what I did was I tried everything that I could to divert the water, and I even put cement in a couple of my drains to stop the water from coming off. I was later told by Nora that that wasn't something I needed to do since it's a natural water shed, but I did because I just wanted to be sure that nothing happened to your water tanks. So I am now dealing with diverting water on my property but its done. I did send an email saying that I wanted to meet and discuss if there is any issue or anything, but I just didn't hear back.

Mr. Hollebrands: When did you send that email?

Ms. Moll: Oh um, I sent it I think like a week and a half ago. It was the next day after I had the conversation with you that you said that there was an issue with the tanks (Mr. Hollebrands: the drainage?) Yes. So I then went out and got all the pipes, and I tried diverting it but then I just, it's so difficult that I just said let's just put cement down the old drainage, and I did, and I stopped it, and now there is no issue.

Mr. Kentosh: Well maybe if it rains really hard next week we can go up there and take a look at what is going on. I would be happy to go up there with you Mike.

Ms. Moll: Yes

Mr. Hollebrands: Yea and it was minor it was just something that could turn into something major so it was just a concern and I wanted to bring it to her attention. But I don't recall getting an email from you recently.

Ms. Moll: Well I just sent it to the same email that I sent my title report to. I just looked at the old email when I forwarded the old title report and the easements, and that's the one that I sent it to.

Mr. Hollebrands: Ok well, I'm sorry about that I frequently check my junk mail too and I didn't see it in there.

Mr. Krumpschmidt: Does this map/photograph pertain to this topic? What is it trying to show us?

Mr. Neilson: That is for the Executive Session

Ms. Moll said "What?" in reference to the executive session statement

Mr. Kentosh: We have something called Executive session which is where we talk without the public being present and with our attorney, and I guess he's decided that this being a right of way issue that is where it gets talked about. Right of way negotiations are something that gets talked about in closed session.

Mr. Harrold: So when is the survey being done?

Ms. Moll: Now see that's another thing, since I gave my copy of the title report and all the easement information that was on my title report and that was going to be sent off to the attorney, I asked him can I have a copy of your survey since you already have 2 of them and I will give you a copy when I finally get mine completed so that we are totally in sync and I also even hired the same surveyor to show good faith and if I have a question with it, I'm trying to be really fair and wanting to show how much I am trying to work with you, you know, and I want to do the right thing.

Mr. Neilson: You can put it on the agenda for next month

Mr. Kentosh: Well it seems like maybe we should discuss it in open session first.

Mr. Neilson: No let's discuss it in closed session and then put this on the agenda for next month to talk more about it.

Ms. Moll: Can I have one more comment, please?

Mr. Kentosh: sure

Ms. Moll: I just wanted you to know that because of the call in, and the complaint to the County, what's happened is I have had to have people come in and go through my entire property including things that were done before I even purchased the property, and I am having to rip out the toilet and everything in the guest house up at the top of the property that he had put in and removing a lot of things that have nothing to do with even the AG building. Like really anything that isn't up to code and is really costing me thousands and thousands of dollars because of this complaint when I don't know if it's really in that person's job description to be scrutinizing me so much. As a new neighbor, it just makes me feel like I have no privacy and I felt like maybe there was even a little bit of intimidation going on and you are such a powerful group of people to me. I say that because it is my only way to get water, it's my only way you know. That's all I'm saying.

Mr. Neilson: Ojai has a reputation or sort of a blood sport for reporting your neighbors. I don't know who reported you; the county will never tell...**Ms.**

Moll interrupted: I know. I know who did because it wasn't redacted ok, I

know who did it. It was their mistake for not redacting it. Mr. Neilson stated: that happens extremely often.

Mr. Kentosh: Ok well I am sure we will have more discussion about this next month, and I'm sure we will be able to work something out to everybody's satisfaction.

Ms. Moll: I just want transparency, I want to be a good neighbor and if anyone has a problem, come to me, talk to me, you know rather than report me, and I want to try and make it work.

Mr. Kentosh: Ok well thank you.

Elizabeth Anne Von Gunten was present

Wilma Foley was present

4. General Manager's Report

- **State Water/Casitas MWD – In the last Casitas Board meeting, they approved \$200,000.00 to help pursue State Water off the 118 for engineering needs and such. Casitas is still moving forward with their deep water study as well**
- **Senior Housing Project on El Roblar – Mr. Hollebrands attended the Planning commission's meeting, and they approved the project subject to the developer's CUP and requirements.**
- **Production Status – We turned off the connection to Casitas as of January 15, 2017, and are now on our own wells. It was requested by Ms. Engle and Mr. Krumpschmidt to do a lead steady now that we are on our wells.**

5. Board Committee Reports

- **Drought Committee met on 12/10/16 – results of this meeting will be discussed in Section 9 (b) of this agenda**

6. Old Business

- **New water source – nothing new to report. MOWD is going to wait to see what the result is from Casitas' source. We also have a summary report coming from Brian Bondy that will be presented at the next board meeting.**
- **Cozy Dell Trail Property title report – tabled until next meeting**

7. Board of Directors Reports

- **Mr. Harrold had nothing to report.**
- **Mr. Etchart had nothing to report.**
- **Ms. Engle reported about a workshop that is on January 18th by the State Water Resources Control Board that pertains to Urban Water Conservation to talk about the proposals of the state water standards.**
- **Mr. Krumpschmidt has a couple of things –**

- Received an email from the County of Ventura about Form 700 needing to be filed for the year and if anyone else got the email. Mr. Etchart confirmed he got the same email.
- Received an email from Ms. Gilbert regarding nominating Mr. Hollebrands for District Manager of the Year that is awarded by VCSDA. Mr. Krumpschmidt is going to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Hollebrands by nominating him officially.

Mr. Kentosh reported that he is on the board again for the next year with the AWA. Mr. Kentosh also wanted to let the board know that Casitas has done their own Alternative Study for Weather scenarios of the drought which is on their website.

8. Financial Matters

Approval of Payroll and Payables from December 16th, 2016 to January 15th, 2017 in the amount of:

Payables -	\$ 54,716.80
Payroll -	\$ 29,780.85
Total -	\$ 84,497.65

Mr. Harrold made the motion to pay the monthly expenses. Mr. Etchart seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Kentosh asked about the audit. Mr. Hollebrands reported it is still being worked on due to Gatsby68 reports that we are still having a hard time acquiring. Mr. Kentosh asked about the Evans Excavating bill for the mainline leak and where was it. Mr. Hollebrands explained the details.

Harrold/Etchart

All Ayes

M/S/C

9. Board Discussion and/or Action

a) Election of Board officers President and Vice-President –

- 1) Mr. Harrold made the motion to nominate James Kentosh as Board President for the ensuing year. Mr. Krumpschmidt seconded the motion.

Harrold/Krumpschmidt

All Ayes

M/S/C

- 2) Mr. Etchart made the motion to nominate Mike Krumpschmidt as Board Vice President for the ensuing year. Mr. Harrold seconded the motion.

Etchart/Harrold

All Ayes

M/S/C

b) **Presentation on MOWD and Casitas MWD Allocations (Jim) – Mr. Kentosh gave a slide show of a study he did that compares our allocation program with Casitas’ WEAP. The Drought Committee has been talking a great deal about the allocation program and ways to improve it. Mr. Kentosh explained how our allocation program works and what it is based off of and that we treat all accounts the same whether it is agriculture, commercial or residential. In 2014 we considered doing a “Tiered Rate Structure,” but it was decided upon to go with our current allocation program. Casitas’ WEAP stands for Water Efficiency and Allocation Program which was adopted in June 2015 which is why our program is so different. Casitas is in the process of revising their WEAP while taking into consideration any of the new State regulations that come along. The way the WEAP works is the allocation divided into two parts; 1) everyone gets 120 units a year for health and safety within the house plus you get an allowance for an irrigable area. The maximum irrigable area for residential is 2 acres, and there is a provision for mobile home parks and apartments of 84 units a year. 2) For outside irrigation, they have allowed for the first 5000 sqft of the irrigable area they get 15gal per sqft, for the next 10,000 sqft of the irrigable area they get 10 gal per sqft of water and up to 2 acres they will get 3gal per sqft of water. If there is over 2 acres, there is no additional allocation of water. To figure all this information, it took a year of assessing aerial pictures and measuring. Commercial allocations are based on historical usage from 2013. Agricultural has a maximum amount per acre. Casitas has a waiver program as well. Residential allocations are not affected during the stages of the drought as of yet. However, agriculture and commercial have their allocations reduced just like we do at each stage of the drought. Mr. Kentosh then wanted to present how our allocation differs from the WEAP. To calculate the WEAP allocations for our customers, Mr. Kentosh selected accounts with consistent demands over a 3 year period and took the criteria of the WEAP to see how it would affect those accounts’ water allocations and to see how that differs from what we are currently doing. It was determined that with our lower 1/3 water users and our middle 1/3 water users WEAP allocations were a lot higher or more generous than our allocation. However, with our highest 1/3 water users, the WEAP allocations were substantially lower than our allocation. Mr. Kentosh’s preliminary conclusion is that the Casitas WEAP is generous for the low to average water customers. The Casitas WEAP is less generous than most of our higher historical allocations water users and would expect to use more water than allocated. Basing allocations on historical water users as we have done protects possible water wasters. With our present method too many lower water users pay too many water penalties for summertime water use. In all, it appears that if we went with the WEAP, we would be allocating more water than we have to provide.**

After much discussion, it was determined to look into the WEAP and our allocation program and to come up with a “hybrid” approach based on the actual water use, and that addresses the larger water users. This topic will go back to the Drought Committee to further decipher the best course of action to be fair and accountable.

- c) Discussion of possible comments to DWR on OBGMA Alternative Plan – Ms. Engle poses the question of whether the GSA is going to discuss this Alternative plan. Mr. Krumpschmidt stated that it is on the agenda for the next GSA meeting. The only things that Mr. Krumpschmidt has heard are that one of the Board members of the GSA is in favor of the plan but sees some flaws otherwise there has been no chatter about this. After much discussion, it was determined that we are going to wait to do anything about until after the GSA meeting. It was also decided to set up an AD-HOC Committee to write a letter to bring back to the board for approval.
- d) Andrea Gleystein pending owner of 401 Walbridge Way is requesting adjacent properties be served by different meters. – There are two 5 acre parcels owned by the same person. However, the problem is that for many years the current owner has been watering both parcels with the 2-inch meter that is attached to the parcel Ms. Gleystein is interested in purchasing. On the other parcel, there is a house that is serviced by a 1-inch meter. She is requesting a possible adjustment to the meters and the allocations to accommodate each parcel separately. After much discussion it was decided to do the following in a letter for close of escrow purposes:
- 1) Eliminate the 1 two inch meter located next to 202 S. La Luna that is currently serving both parcels excluding the house at 401 Walbridge Way.
 - 2) Remove the 5/8”x 3/4” meter currently serving the house at 401 Walbridge Way
 - 3) Provide 1 inch and a half meter for parcel 017-0-180-390 which includes 401 Walbridge way
 - 4) Provide 1 inch and a half meter for parcel known as 017-0-180-570
 - 5) Take the historical base allocations, combine them and then subsequently divide that in half between the two parcels.
 - 6) The homeowner pays for all the work to be done
- Ms. Engle made the motion to approve the request by Andrea Gleystein with the set stipulations discussed. Mr. Etchart seconded the motion.
Engle/Etchart
All Ayes
M/S/C
- e) UVRGSA discussions and items needing Board input and licensing:
- 1) GSA meeting summary – See attached draft minutes (Mike K and Mike H) – Mr. Hollebrands summarized a little bit about the meeting and the minutes

- 2) Discussion and approval of additional \$10,000.00 from each member agency for payables through June 30, 2017 – Mr. Etchart made the motion to approve an additional \$10,000 for payables through June 30, 2017. Mr. Krumpschmidt seconded the motion.
Etchart/Krumpschmidt
4 Ayes/1 Nay
M/S/C
- 3) Mr. Hollebrands reported that a meeting schedule has been set for the first Wednesday of every month at 3 pm at a location to be set. However, the time may change depending on the location and availability.
- 4) Discussion of Stakeholder preferences (Please read the Attached List and backgrounds) of our options and develop consensus who would be preferable 1st and 2nd choices. – Nominees for the Agricultural Stakeholder seat were presented to the Board. Mr. Etchart and Mr. Harrold both feel that Ms. Ayala would be the best choice for she has the best background in dealing with agricultural issues. It was decided after much discussion that the Board strongly encourages Mr. Krumpschmidt to vote for Ms. Ayala and to go with the second choice of Mr. Gramkow. Nominees for the Environmental Stakeholder seat were presented to the Board. After much discussion over the nominees, the Board strongly encourages Mr. Krumpschmidt to vote for Mr. Rose without waiver towards the other nominees
- 5) Board authorization for voting licensing on most topics keeping the best interests of the District in mind. – Mr. Krumpschmidt explained the necessity of this, and it was agreed by the Board to allow Mr. Krumpschmidt and Mr. Hollebrands to vote together for the best interest of the district.

Meeting went into recess at 9:50 pm to 10:00 pm

Meeting was reconvened at 10:00 pm for closed session

10. Closed Session: The Board of Directors will hold a closed session to discuss personnel matters or litigation, pursuant to the attorney/client privilege, as authorized by Government Code Section 54957 & 54956.8, 54956.9 and 54957

- a) Conference with legal counsel concerning possible litigation
Government Code Section (54956.9) 2680 Maricopa Hwy

11. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct at this time, Board President James Kentosh adjourned the meeting at 10:17 PM.

President

Secretary