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Ojai FLOW presents petitions and resolutions to Casitas for buyout of Golden State Water

Ojai, California - In just five weeks, Ojai FLOW's petition for Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas) to buyout Golden State Water (Golden State) received unanimous resolutions of support from the **Ojai City Council**, the **Ojai Unified School District Board of Directors**, and signatures of over **1,800 registered voters** served by Golden State.

According to Ojai FLOW chairperson Pat McPherson, "these are more signatures than half the 3,367 votes cast in the last general election for the City of Ojai, and truly show community support for Casitas to buyout Golden State. The signed petitions will be delivered by Ojai FLOW to Casitas Municipal Water District at 10AM, on Monday May 23, 2011."

McPherson goes on to say, "This is the first phase in taking control of our water, and Ojai rate payers have done really well to let its voice be heard. It's now up to Casitas and we trust they will see Ojai FLOW as an ally and we look forward to assisting them any way we can."

Ojai FLOW says the public should leave their Stop Golden State signs up, and encourages everyone to visit their web site www.ojaiflow.com and sign up to receive their e-newsletter and latest information. Ojai FLOW also say they need donations to help get the news out and to be ready when it comes time for a vote.

Ojai FLOW is a group of Golden State rate payers that came together in June 2010. They were fed up going to PUC meetings but not having their voice heard and receiving 38% and 26% rate increases and paying over twice as much for water as Casitas and other local water companies. Details of the buyout can be found on their web site www.ojaiflow.com under feasibility.

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