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Ojai FLOW NEWSLETTER ---- CALL TO ACTION

Golden State Water Company to make a presentation regarding the Ojai FLOW analysis at the 3:00 PM, Wednesday, July 27, 2011 Board Meeting of the Casitas Municipal Water District. **We encourage all Ojai FLOW supporters to attend** this meeting to find out what Golden State (Management, attorney's and PR spinners) has to say to Casitas. We have asked Casitas to take over Golden State. We also want our friends at Casitas to understand that they have our support as they move forward in the takeover. This is an important meeting so ask your friends, neighbors and anyone you know to attend. Casitas is located in Oak View on the west side of highway 150, about 200 yards north of the Shell Station. ARRIVE EARLY as parking and seating may be limited (the board room entrance is at the rear of the building). You can speak or just show up to see what Golden State has to say. But let's remember, Casitas is on our side so let's be courteous and respectful to our host.

Other items of interest

In the news – In case you have not heard, Golden State got caught overpaying a supplier and agreed to payback Ojai customers \$1.2 million dollars. They also had a major water line break on Ojai Avenue the day after the story appeared in the news. Check out the various news articles at <http://www.ojaiflow.com/news/>, and visit it often for a quick update about our water.

Keep them signs up, replace any that have been damaged or removed, and add more. We just received our third shipment! This effort will take some time and it's important we not be seen as giving up. In fact, we plan to have an all community meeting in the fall when Golden State comes out with their next rate increase request. We delivered petitions in record time and it's now up to Casitas to look into the issues. Ojai FLOW feels the math pencils out well and there are huge benefits to existing Casitas customers to gain 2,900 new hook ups. It's now up to Casitas to review Ojai FLOW's proposal, accept it, or come up with alternatives to present to Ojai Golden State rate payers to vote on. Also, remember to give a thank you and shop at those businesses that have the integrity to join us and put out the Ojai FLOW Sign.

Donations needed – Thanks to all of our supporters, we have some reserves but not enough for a mailing to those that signed the petitions or to have a community meeting. This is an effort that helps all Ojai Golden State rate payers, so why not go to <http://www.ojaiflow.com/donate/> and contribute just \$5. A local business has contributed \$500 as matching money. Contribute \$5, or \$10 it all goes to our account to allow us to keep all informed and keep the fight alive. Your continued support is the key factor in our community's effort to guarantee fairly priced and quality water service to affected Ojai residents and businesses. Thanks.