

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 11, 2009**

Pursuant to due and official notice, a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ventura River County Water District was held at 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, California on March 11, 2009.

President T. Jamison called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

There were present Directors J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee, and E. Ramseyer. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, recording secretary Janet Schaefer, and Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Representing the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County was Kelle Pistone. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E. Katherine Avenue.

J. Curtis moved for approval of the consent items seconded by M. Hanson and carried.

Resolution 2009-241 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote. President Jamison read Resolution 2009-241 in its entirety and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board of Directors and presented a framed copy of the Resolution and a service award check to Ms. Schaefer.

RESOLUTION # 2009 – 241

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO JANET M. SCHAEFER FOR HER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Janet M. Schaefer, began service with the Ventura River County Water District on March 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, Janet has held the position as Office Manager since she began at the Ventura River County Water District; and

WHEREAS, during Janet's tenure at VRCWD she played an intricate part in maintaining the financial records whereby her advanced preparation minimized the work required by the auditor; and

WHEREAS, Janet's organizational skills has been a vital part to the success of the District in reaching the electronic age of financial reporting, filing, and record keeping; and

WHEREAS, since starting at VRCWD Janet has maintained a productive work ethic and cooperative spirit which has contributed to the Ventura River County Water District being looked upon as a leader in the Public water district industry. The Ventura River County Water District Board of Directors hereby would like to express their sincere appreciation to Janet M. Schaefer for her twenty (20) years of service and dedication to the Ventura River County Water District.

ADOPTED this 11th day of March 2009.

AYES: Curtis, Hanson, Jamison, Lee, Ramseyer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Tom Jamison, President

John R. Curtis, Vice President

Ed Lee, Treasurer

Marvin Hanson, Director

Eddie Ramseyer, Director

Ms. Kelle Pistone of the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWA) congratulated Mrs. Schaefer on her years of service at VRCWD and presented a framed certificate of recognition to Mrs. Schaefer on behalf of the AWA Board of Directors. A picture of the presentation was taken for inclusion in the next AWA newsletter. Mrs. Schaefer expressed appreciation to the Board of Directors and Ms. Pistone for the recognition. Ms. Pistone left the meeting at 5:42 o'clock p.m.

J. Curtis moved to approve Resolution 2009-242, seconded by M. Hanson and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.
RESOLUTION # 2009 – 242

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
INCREASING SECURITY DEPOSIT.**

WHEREAS, the current security deposit of \$60 is insufficient to cover outstanding water bills in the event a district customer vacates their property leaving an outstanding water bill, and

WHEREAS, without sufficient deposit the property's existing or new property owner is required to pay all outstanding obligations before service can be started or restored to the property,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Ventura River County Water District approves the revision to ADDENDUM I RATES AND FEES SCHEDULE of the Rules and Regulations as follows:

RATES AND FEES SCHEDULE

DEPOSITS

Residential 5/8" to 1" - \$60.00	\$120 or 2 times the highest water bill which ever is greater.
Business - General Mgrs. Discretion (minimum)	60.00
Irrigation 2" minimum	250.00
Temporary 2 1/2" minimum	250.00

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of March 2009.

AYES: Curtis, Hanson, Jamison, Lee, Ramseyer

NOES: Absent

ABSENT: Absent

Attest:

Tom Jamison, President

John R. Curtis, Vice-President

E. Ramseyer moved to authorize staff to establish reserves for bad debt and declare all outstanding accounts of \$50.00 or less to be wrote off, seconded by E. Lee and carried.

M. Bryant reported California's continuing drought prompted Governor Schwarzenegger to proclaim a state of emergency February 27, 2009. The proclamation includes all urban water users to reduce their water use by 20 percent and/or 20 gallons per person per day.

M. Bryant reported that the Matilija Dam Project is being delayed due to lack of funding. Current slurry disposal cost are approximately \$8 million above the original amount of \$1.44 million. Over the next few months the Army Corp and Watershed Protection District will be reevaluating the alternatives to see how costs can be cut. Also submitted was the report on Potential Impacts the slurry disposal would have to Meiners Oaks Water District Wells.

M. Bryant reported on wells, production, and usage. The aquifer level in Well #2 on March 1st was at 20.7' up 20.7 feet from last month.

Under Old Business M. Bryant reported the Request for Proposal on Water System Evaluation was sent to 8 firms.

Under New Business J. Schaefer announced of a new employee Carla Burke to fill the vacant Office Assistant position and a Request for Proposal for audited services was sent to 6 firms. Proposal will be available for the May 2009 meeting.

M. Bryant reported that the AWA Breakfast will be held on March 19, 2009 and the subject of discussion will be "Supply v. Demand" Ventura County Water Resources.

The Budget/Operational Committee of Curtis and Lee will meet Wednesday March 18th at 9:00 am and Personnel/Finance Committee of Hanson and Ramseyer will meet again on April 7th to continue preparation for the budget year ending June 30, 2010.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 o'clock p.m.

Attested:

Thomas W. Jamison, President

John R. Curtis, Vice President