

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 12, 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 August 12, 2009.

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

There were present Directors M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee and E. Ramseyer. Director J. Curtis was absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant, Carla Burke – substitute recording secretary for Janet Schaefer, and Counsel Lindsay Nielson.

E. Lee moved to approve consent items, seconded by M. Hanson and carried.

The Board declined the request to sponsor the Reception for AWA Elected Officials.

The Board approved to support the election of Director J. Curtis in running for a position on the California Special Districts Association 2009 Board - motioned by E. Lee, seconded by M. Hanson.

E. Lee moved to approve Staff's request to declare the laptop computer surplus and authorize disposal of this item that has no book value. Seconded by E. Ramseyer and carried.

M. Bryant reported on wells, production, and usage. The aquifer level in Well #2 on August 1st was 47.1 feet below surface. The level is down 5.1 feet since the first of last month. The aquifer is currently 10.1 feet below the 10-year average and 9.8 feet below the July 1, 2008 level. All wells are pumping well.

M. Bryant reported that one of the Conservation Banners was destroyed due to vandalism. The remaining Conservation Banners continue to be displayed throughout the district. Staff recommends extending the time frame for not watering, from the current 12 to 5pm, to 9am to 6pm and to have this new time frame placed on the Conservation Banners. There is a consensus of Board approval for this time change. Staff had 500 "Conservation" door hangers printed up, that are informational for customers, to encourage and promote water conservation.

President T. Jamison will write a letter to the editor of the local paper, encouraging customers to continue with all of their water conservation efforts.

Director M. Hanson motioned to approve a \$100.00 donation to the Ojai Museum for a future demonstration garden of drought-tolerant plants, seconded by E. Ramseyer and carried.

Under old business, M. Bryant reports that staff has been collecting and compiling all of the old data of the infrastructure, well history and other information for the water system evaluation study and sending it to WREA.

Under new business, the district is saving \$10k in the upcoming election due to the open seats being unchallenged. M. Bryant presented Prop 1A suspension information as it relates to revenue loss, at 8 percent, approximately \$3k lost from property taxes for the district. M. Bryant informed the Board that the legislator recently passed an emergency "Gray Water" bill that approves the use of gray water, permit-free, as long as an approved gray water system is used.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 o'clock p.m.

Attested:

Thomas W. Jamison, President

Ed Lee, Treasurer