

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 2012

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 8, 2012.

There were present Directors: J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee and E. Ramseyer. Also present were General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, Office Manager/recording secretary Janet Schaefer, and Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Representing Kear Groundwater was Jordan Kear. No public were present.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President E. Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by J. Curtis.
3. CONSENT AGENDA – A. MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2012
B. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11, 2012
C. EXPENDITURES FOR JULY 2012 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2012
T. Jamison moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by M. Hanson and carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
5. UPDATE ON PUMPING TMDL – B. Rapp reported on the impending pumping total maximum daily load (TMDL) that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) is scheduled to adopt on March 24, 2103. To preclude the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from imposing a pumping TMDL, the RWQCB is recommending that local agencies commit to adopting a Memorandum of Agreement or similar document, to establish a degree of commitment as an alternative to an imposed TMDL by the fall of 2012. Pumping TMDL with imposed limits on pumping could have a major effect on VRCWD's water supply. A meeting with the EPA and RWQCB and local agencies is set for August 15, 2012 at the Ventura City Hall. B. Rapp and Directors Curtis, Hanson, and Lee will attend.
6. KEAR GROUNDWATER – POTENTIAL VAQUEROS FORMATION WELL SITES & RESULTS OF MEINERS OAKS GROUND WATER SURFACE WATER INTERACTIONS STUDY – Jordan Kear of Kear Groundwater presented the results of the Meiners Oaks Water District ground water interaction with surface water study. The purpose of the study is to provide scientific data to demonstrate the effect of ground water pumping on surface flow in the Ventura River. The presentation illustrated how the study is conducted and the results of the data collected. The Board is considering a study in the area of the Ventura River near VRCWD wells to provide scientific data of the effects of VRCWD well pumping on the Ventura River surface flow. Secondly, Mr. Kear presented data on potential Vaqueros formation well sites within the district and the potential for re-drill or rehabilitation at the Curtis Well #5 site. The Board thanked Mr. Kear for the informative presentations and requested Mr. Kear present an estimate for rehab of the Curtis Well #5. The Board instructed Staff to compile additional data for a special Board study session to be held on August 29, 2012 to determine potential grant applications, project priorities and funding.
7. APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 84 GRANT – B. Rapp suggested that the Board submit a re-drilling of the Curtis Well #5 as a project for possible grant funding. After much discussion of project priority options and financial constraints, this item was tabled to the Board study session to be held on August 29, 2012.
8. ACWA – LEGISLATION PROPOSAL: INCREASE THE \$3,500 BIDDING REQUIREMENT TO \$35,000, RESOLUTION 2012-272 – E. Ramseyer moved for approval of Resolution 2012-272, seconded by J. Curtis and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # 2012 – 272
RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL TO ACWA OF LEGISLATION TO RAISE THE LOWER CONTRACTING
LIMIT IN PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE 20601

WHEREAS, The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has requested suggestions for Legislation for the 2013-2014 Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, Public Contract Code section 20601 provides an unreasonably low limit requiring a formal contract of \$3,500 for County Water Districts; and

WHEREAS, Public Contract Code section 20642 provides a reasonable limit requiring a formal contract of \$35,000 for Municipal Water Districts; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Ventura River County Water District we do hereby support the submittal of a Legislative Proposal to ACWA to increase the contracting limit in Public Contract Code section 20601 from \$3,500 to \$35,000 to match Public Contract Code section 20642.

ADOPTED this 8th day of August 2012.

Ayes: Curtis, Hanson, Jamison, Ramseyer, Lee
Noes: None
Absent: None

Ed Lee, President

Marvin Hanson, Vice President

- 9. PREPARATION OF PURCHASING POLICY – B. Rapp requested authorization to prepare a purchasing policy to formalize the purchasing authority of Staff. Staff will prepare a draft policy to bring back at a future Board meeting.
- 10. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT – WELLS, WATER PRODUCTION & USAGE UPDATE - B. Rapp reported on wells, production, and usage. The static aquifer level at Well #2 on August 1, 2012 was 49.8 feet below surface. The level has dropped 7.2 feet since the first of last month, and is 10.8 feet below the 25 year average for August.
- 11. ATTORNEY’S REPORT – EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.
- 12. OLD BUSINESS – B. Rapp reported that a letter was received from the Worker’s Compensation insurance carrier denying the claims for former employee Mr. Klassen. Article 7 of the JPIA agreement requires that ACWA-JPIA shall be governed by a Board of Directors comprised of one representative from each member. That representative shall be a member director, selected by the governing board of that member. J. Curtis was selected as the representative and B. Rapp as an alternate. B. Rapp reported that the proposed security upgrade for the office reception area will require modification to accomplish ADA ingress requirements. Staff will come back with a modified plan and cost proposal.
- 13. NEW BUSINESS – B. Rapp reported that in addition to proposed total maximum daily load (TMDL) for pumping, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) is proposing a TMDL for Algae for the Ventura River and tributaries that will require reductions in many areas including storm runoff, septic tanks, and 99% of horse and livestock waste. The AWA of Ventura County will hold their 17th Annual Reception at the Regan Library on September 20, 2012. Charts on historical Calpers investment earnings were reviewed and although returns on investment this year came in much lower than expected, the charts reflect an average 7.5% return on investment over a 20 year period.
- 14. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - On motion duly seconded at 8:35 o'clock p.m. the meeting was adjourned to reconvene on August 15, 2012 at 1:00 o'clock p.m. at the Ventura City Hall in the Santa Cruz Room to participate in the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and Local Agencies.

Attested:

Ed Lee, President

Marvin Hanson, Vice President