

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 9, 2008**

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 January 9, 2008.

President E. Ramseyer 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. J. Curtis was absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer and, Counsel Stuart Nielson. Representing the City of Ojai was City Manager Jere Kersnar. Representing the Ventura County Sheriff's Department was Captain Bruce Norris. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E. Katherine Avenue.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the minutes of the regular Board meeting held December 12, 2007, seconded by M. Hanson and carried.

M. Hanson moved for approval of the Financial Statements for November 2007 and the disbursements for December 2007 Accounts Payable check numbers 8629 - 8675, Trust check numbers 2536 - 2537, and Payroll check numbers 4206 - 4220 totaling \$105,115 seconded by E. Lee and carried.

The proposal to place an emergency alert antenna at the Alto tank site to broadcast public service and emergency announcements to the Ojai Valley was discussed. Mr. Jere Kersnar gave a brief overview of his vision for the program and fielded questions from the Board. Director M. Hanson expressed concern for security at the tank site and the duty of the District to protect the water supply. Captain Norris stated that a Deputy would be present for all site visits and has no problem with VRCWD Staff being present and that can worked out to everyone's satisfaction. President E. Ramseyer asked why the City is now the lead agency in this endeavor. Mr. Kersnar indicated that someone had to step up to assume responsibility for the protocols and construction and the City of Ojai Staff was willing to do so. President E. Ramseyer asked if the project has gone before the City Council yet and Mr. Kersnar indicated that City Staff was trying to iron out some of the details before bringing it formally to the Council. However, the Council is aware and supportive. The Board indicated they are in favor of the proposal. M. Bryant offered his assistance in drafting an agreement that will be brought to a future meeting. Mr. Kersnar and Mr. Norris left the meeting.

M. Bryant reported on wells, production, and usage. The aquifer level in Well #2 on January 1st was at 69.0'. On January 9, 2008 the aquifer level had risen to 64.8' up 3.2' as a result of the recent rains. Rain received from January 5th to January 7, 2008 was 7.55 inches. Well production has also improved marginally. The Purchased Water Surcharge billed December 31, 2007 was 42 cents per HCF. Lake Casitas remains at 80.6% of capacity.

M. Bryant reported on drought conditions. J. Schaefer reported that she forgot to put a note on the December 31, 2007 bills to redefine the hours of restricted watering that were from Noon to 5 p.m. and changed by Board action in December to 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Staff asked for instruction in light of the recent rain event. The Board instructed Staff that since it is a voluntary restriction to leave the hours at Noon to 5 p.m. until further notice.

M. Bryant reported that he had scheduled a meeting with the Executive Director of Help of Ojai as instructed by the Board. However, the Executive Director had to cancel due to illness and has not rescheduled as of yet.

T. Jamison reported that the Finance/Personnel Committee will meet again at the end of January to discuss the wage freeze but need the December Financial Statements to proceed. Staff indicated that the Financial Statement will not be available until after the third week of January.

E. Lee reported that the Allocation/Water Resources Committee will meet again with the cooperating agencies in the near future.

Under New Business several upcoming meetings were discussed. J. Curtis and M. Hanson will attend the VCSDA Annual Dinner Meeting to be held February 5, 2008. M. Bryant will attend the AWA meeting on January 15, 2008 regarding the Quagga Mussel. M. Bryant and M. Hanson will attend the AWA Drought Watch 2008 meeting to be held January 24, 2008. M. Bryant reported that there will be an AWA networking meeting at Santa Anita Race Park, no one will attend.

Also under New Business the request for a 31% rate increase made by Golden State Water Company to the P.U.C. was discussed.

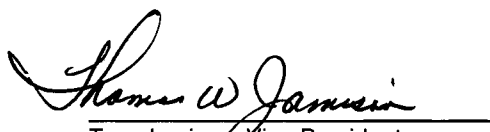
The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:16 o'clock p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Galgas left the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 6:45 o'clock p.m. President E. Ramseyer stated for the record that pending litigation was discussed and no action was taken.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 o'clock p.m.

Attested:


Eddie P. Ramseyer, President


Tom Jamison, Vice President