

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 12, 2005

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 12, 2005.

President M. Hanson called the meeting to order at 5:31 o'clock p.m.

There were present Directors Marvin Hanson, Tom Jamison, Ed Lee, and Eddie Ramseyer who arrived at 5:41 o'clock p.m. Jack Curtis was absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer and, Mr. George Galgas of 523 E. Katherine Avenue. Counsel L. Nielson was absent due to road conditions from the flooding in Casitas Springs.

E. Lee moved for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held December 8, 2004 seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the financial statements for November 2004, and the disbursements for December 2004. Accounts Payable check numbers 6932 - 6981, Trust check numbers-none, and Payroll check numbers 3640 - 3665 totaling \$187,938.58 seconded by E. Lee and carried.

During the Public Comment Mr. George Galgas congratulated the new officers for 2005. Mr. Galgas also felt that VRCWD should have kept the surplus Encino water tanks to capture rainwater to supplement the system. M. Hanson explained that surface water supply has a different water quality criteria requirement that would not make it feasible for supplement to VRCWD's supply in terms of cost.

M. Bryant reported on water production and use. The aquifer level in Well #2 on January 1, 2005 was 55.6' to water and had risen to 15.0' by January 12, 2005. The area has received in excess of 33" of rain since October 1, 2004. The Baldwin yard received 13.73" of rain in the 5-day period of January 7th to 11th resulting in flooding in the Casitas Springs area and closure of Highway 33. The supplemental water purchase from Casitas MWD was turned off on January 5, 2005 both wells at Baldwin are producing in excess of 1,000 gpm. Casitas Lake has come up over 20 feet. As a result of the replenishment of the aquifer, Staff was instructed to put an item on the February agenda to discuss lifting the Moratorium on new connections.

M. Bryant reported that Counsel sent a letter to Mr. Saldamando of 2320 Sumac Drive requesting he and his representatives stop diverting the natural drainage course from his property to the easement on Valley Meadow Drive, jeopardizing the District's 16" main pipeline. This has been an ongoing problem since the rains began October 4, 2004. Staff finds the water redirected and corrects it back to its natural flow as prescribed by the Department of Fish and Game, only to find it diverted again. Mr. Saldamando is working with Hawks and Associates to develop a drainage plan to permanently correct the problem.

M. Bryant reported that Oilfield Electric was in the process of installing the electrical panel for Well #3 when the rains hit and stalled the project. They will resume as soon as possible.

E. Lee moved to instruct Staff not to enforce the Water Waste and Conservation Ordinance 92-1, seconded by T. Jamison and carried. This will allow customers to use domestic water to clean up after the flooding of January 10, 2005 without restriction. Discussion of lifting the Ordinance and Moratorium will be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.

M. Bryant reported that Casitas MWD issued a Boil Order for customer affected by the La Conchita pipeline failure of January 10, 2005 due to a landslide caused by the heavy rains. CMWD did not notify VRCWD of the boil order. When the radio press read the statement from CMWD the affected area was not clarified. VRCWD received calls from customers asking if they needed to boil their water. VRCWD Staff had to call CMWD for clarification. M. Bryant will write a letter to Mr. Ron Merkling the public information officer for CMWD requesting that VRCWD be informed of such orders so calls from customers can be correctly addressed.

M. Bryant reported that as a result of excessive rain run-off a fire hydrant on Valley Meadow Drive failed and caused an outage to some customers and low pressure to others for a 4 hour period the evening of January 11, 2005. Mr. James Kerwin of 2153 Valley Meadow Drive called the office to express his gratitude to Staff for taking the initiative to unplug the drainage culvert on Valley Meadow Drive. He feels their actions saved the roadway. He wanted their superiors to know how much he appreciated the excellent service provided that was outside the scope of their duty.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:41 o'clock p.m. However, the Directors requested a short break prior to the executive session. Therefore, the meeting was adjourned for a break at 6:41 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Galgas left the meeting at 6:41 o'clock p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:48 o'clock p.m. and immediately adjourned to executive session to discuss potential litigation.

The meeting reconvened at 7:12 o'clock p.m. and President Hanson stated for the record that potential litigation was discussed and no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 o'clock p.m.

Attested to:

Marvin L. Hanson
Marvin Hanson, President


Eddie P. Ramseyer, Vice President