

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 9, 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 February 9, 2005.

President M. Hanson called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

There were present Directors Jack Curtis, Marvin Hanson, Tom Jamison, Ed Lee, and Eddie Ramseyer. Also present were the District's Counsel Lindsay Nielson, General Manager Matthew Bryant, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer, Mr. George Galgas of 523 E. Katherine Avenue and, Mr. Don Katich of 11864 N. Ventura Avenue.

E. Ramseyer moved for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held January 12, 2005 seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

E. Lee moved for approval of the financial statements for December 2004, and the disbursements for January 2005. Accounts Payable check numbers 6982 - 7019, Trust check number 2454 and Payroll check numbers 3666 - 3680 totaling \$65,418.73 seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

T. Jamison moved approval of Resolution 2005-200 rescinding the water shortage emergency, seconded by J. Curtis and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-200

RESOLUTION ENDING WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY, LIFTING WATER WASTE AND CONSERVATION ORDINANCE 92-1 AND THE DELAY OF NEW WATER CONNECTIONS AND EXPANSION OF EXISTING WATER CONNECTIONS.

**Whereas**, recent rains have completely recharged the Upper Ventura River Aquifer, and the rain season will continue for two more months; and,

**Whereas**, with the re-activation of the District's stand-by well number 3 will provide additional production of approximately 450 acre-feet annually from an existing source; and,

**Whereas**, Lake Casitas, our emergency water source, as of January 18, 2005, is 83.74% of capacity, up from 67.98% of capacity on January 3, 2005;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** by the Board of Directors of the Ventura River County Water District that the Emergency Water Shortage Resolution Number 2004-193, dated July 14, 2004 is hereby rescinded.

ADOPTED Signed and Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2005.

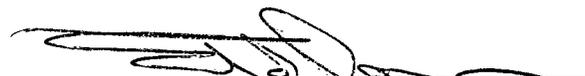
AYES: Curtis, Hanson, Jamison, Lee, Ramseyer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

*Marvin L. Hanson*  
Marvin Hanson, President

ATTEST:

  
Eddie Ramseyer, Vice-President

J. Curtis moved approval of the transfer made on January 27, 2005 in the amount of \$30,000. from LAIF to the Mid-State Bank general operating checking account in accordance with previously adopted investment policy, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

J. Curtis moved approval of Budget Transfer #3, seconded by E. Lee and carried. From 93500000 Appropriation Contingency \$42,000 to 77750000 12" Main repair-Valley Meadow \$35,000, 84600000 Steelhead HCP \$1,000, 91500001 SCADA System Improvements \$6,000.

The request from Mr. Don Katich and Ms. Linda Altomare of 11864 N Ventura Avenue for a main line extension to serve their property was discussed. There are a total of 4 lots between the end of the existing main and the Curtis Well site. Although Staff worked up a cost estimate for the main line extension for Mr. Katich & Ms. Altomare's property frontage, Staff felt a more cost effective price could be obtained if all four lots extend the main at the same time. M. Bryant reported that prior to the moratorium an owner of two of the lots in question had approached him with interest in connecting to VRCWD's system, leaving only one lot that has not shown interest. Staff recommended that Mr. Katich speak to his neighbors to see if they would be interested in connecting at the same time thereby producing a cost savings in terms of construction costs to all. This item was tabled with no action.

M. Bryant reported that some customers in the Casitas Springs area sustained substantial flood damage on January 10, 2005. Some customers experienced line breaks that went undiscovered due to the amount of floodwater and mud in the area. Staff requested a one-time relief for five impacted customers 14-04400A, 14-07200A, 14-09200A, 14-12800A and 14-24200A. E. Lee moved for approval of relief, seconded by J. Curtis and carried. The relief will be determined by an average of the November and December 2004 use and credit the affected customer's for any January 2005 use in excess of the two month average.

M. Bryant reported on well rehabilitation progress. Well #3 has been test pumped and water quality sampling is in progress. Staff has received a letter from the State Health Department outlining the steps to be taken for reactivation of Well #3.

Well #2 rehabilitation is in progress now. Layne Christensen pulled the pump and motor and will TV the well and provide a diagnosis and recommendation on how to proceed.

Well #1 will need a new pump and motor. The existing pump and motor were taken from Well #3 when it was put on stand-by almost 14 years ago. Staff is working with Southern California Edison to obtain a rebate to purchase a 25HP high efficiency motor.

M. Bryant reported on water production and use. The aquifer level in Well #2 on February 1, 2005 was 10.0' to water.

G. Galgas commented that he felt the minutes of December 2004 failed to fully reflect his comments with regard to AB1264. Mr. Galgas wanted the record to reflect that sub contractors are responsible for calling in their own dig alerts and ensuring that they are in compliance with Govt. code 4216.

J. Schaefer reported that the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County will have a Waterwise Breakfast Thursday February 17, 2005. M. Bryant and T. Jamison will attend.

J. Schaefer reported that the Ventura County Special District's Association will have their annual dinner on Tuesday March 1, 2005. M. Hanson and J. Curtis will attend.

J. Schaefer reported that the billing system computer is past its projected life and is experiencing problems. J. Curtis moved approval of a new computer not to exceed \$4,000, seconded by E. Lee and carried. Staff will bring back a budget transfer at the next meeting to accommodate this purchase.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:36 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 6:36 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Galgas left the meeting at 6:36 o'clock p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:42 o'clock p.m. and immediately adjourned to executive session to discuss potential litigation.

The meeting reconvened at 7:29 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 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Attested to:

  
Marvin Hanson, President

  
Eddie P. Ramseyer, Vice President