

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 8, 2006**

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 March 8, 2006.

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, and Eddie Ramseyer. Ed Lee was absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer and, District Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E Katherine Avenue.

J. Curtis moved for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held February 8, 2006 seconded by E. Ramseyer and carried.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the Financial Statements for January 2006, and the Disbursements for February 2006. Accounts Payable check numbers 7608 - 7657, Trust check numbers 2487 - 2489, and Payroll check numbers 3876 - 3890 totaling \$64,912.87 seconded by E. Ramseyer and carried.

J. Schaefer reported that the version of the Visual Accountmate package in use will no longer be supported by the manufacturer. Staff researched options available and recommended purchase of the latest version of the Visual Accountmate Software and Lifecycle Maintenance plan to realize a savings of \$1,393 if purchased before April 28, 2006. J. Curtis moved to approve purchase of the Visual Accountmate package and Lifecycle Maintenance at a cost of \$2,792 with training and installation at \$1,890 and to approve Budget Transfer #5, seconded by T. Jamison and carried. From: 93500000 Appropriation Contingency \$5,000 To: 93200000 Office Equipment \$1,100, 75500000 Other Equipment Maintenance \$3,900.00.

M. Bryant reported that the concrete ring for the tank base is in for the Baldwin Tank #2 replacement project. A gravel base needs to be put on top but the ground needs to dry out some from the rain before construction can proceed.

M. Bryant reported that boring for the 12" main replacement on Valley Meadow began on February 22, 2006. The Contractor estimates they will begin pulling pipe through the bore hole on Monday March 13, 2006.

The Board requested Staff contact Casitas MWD to ask what the consultant Entrix's obligation is with regard to the re-writes required for the Ventura River HCP. Staff provided an e-mail response from General Manager John Johnson of Casitas MWD that basically said that Entrix could not possibly predict everything that the fisheries agencies would require and Mr. Johnson is in agreement with that. Mr. Johnson indicated that the rewrites might require an additional 25% participation from the cooperating agencies. Mr. Johnson is waiting for commitment from the cooperating agencies to continue participation to be able to accurately predict the costs. J. Curtis moved to continue participation and to authorize Staff to participate monetarily another 25%, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

M. Bryant reported on well production and use. The aquifer level in Well #2 on March 1, 2006 was 19.3' to water.

G. Galgas stated that at the last meeting he requested a copy of AB1234 and appreciated what he received but it was not what he wanted. What I was after is the payment structure what the State has outlined as far as how you arrived at the figures of \$160 that was not included. President Hanson stated it was 5% per year. Manager Bryant interjected that AB1234 does not determine Director Compensation only that the District has a policy. Director Compensation is in Water Code section 20200 - 20202 and is a public record that can be obtained on-line. Counsel stated that the section was read at the last Board meeting. Mr. Galgas stated he does not have a computer. M. Bryant stated he would send Mr. Galgas a copy.

M. Bryant reported that he, M. Hanson, T. Jamison and E. Ramseyer attended an AB1234 compliance seminar for Ethics Training at the Pierpont Inn March 7, 2006.

J. Schaefer reported that the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County will hold a Waterwise Breakfast on Thursday March 16, 2006 and will install new Directors and Officers. J. Curtis, T. Jamison and M. Bryant will attend.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:22 o'clock p.m. to discuss potential litigation. Mr. Galgas left the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 6:31 o'clock p.m. President Hanson stated for the record that the executive session was held to discuss potential litigation and no action was taken.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 o'clock p.m.

Attested:


Marvin Hanson, President


Eddie P. Ramseyer, Vice President