

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2007**

Pursuant to due and official notice, the 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 14, 2007.

President E. Ramseyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock P.m.

There were present Directors T. Jamison, E. Lee, and E. Ramseyer. J. Curtis arrived at 5:31 o'clock p.m. M. Hanson was absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer and, Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E Katherine Ave.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the minutes of the regular Board meeting held February 14, 2007 and the revised minutes for the Emergency meeting held February 2, 2007, seconded by E. Lee and carried.

E. Lee moved for approval of the financial statements for January 2007 and the disbursements for February 2007. Accounts Payable check numbers 8175 – 8211, Trust check numbers 2513 – 2516 and Payroll check numbers 4055 – 4069 totaling \$59,672, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

J. Curtis and E. Lee reported on the Casitas MWD Allocation Program meeting held February 21, 2007. John Johnson made a presentation showing how allocations are broken up by customer class. VRCWD made a request for a copy of the allocations and have not received it. Staff was instructed to follow up.

M. Bryant reported that the Technical, Managerial and Financial Tune-up questionnaire developed by the National Drinking Water Advisory Council in conjunction with the EPA was completed by Staff and the copies of the questionnaire and the answers provided by Staff were included in the Agenda packet for Board review. President Ramseyer commented that the results verify that the known weakness is in the area of reserve funds for infrastructure maintenance and replacement.

The Board discussed rescheduling the regular meeting scheduled for April 11, 2007 to accommodate the public hearing of proposed rate increase scheduled for April 27, 2007. Staff was instructed not to reschedule the regular meeting on April 11, 2007. The Board would like to handle the normal business at the April 11, 2007 meeting and have just the public hearing on April 27, 2007. Staff was also instructed to publish a notice of the public hearing in the local paper.

Staff reported that the notification letter to customers regarding the public hearing of a proposed 14% rate increase was mailed Monday March 12, 2007.

The letter dated March 7, 2007 from Ojai Community Bank offering options for a loan or line of credit was discussed. J. Curtis moved to approve Resolution 2007-217 authorizing the General Manager to obtain a line of credit in the amount of \$100,000, seconded by T. Jamison and carried by a unanimous roll call vote. M. Hanson was absent.

RESOLUTION # 2007 - 217

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO OBTAIN A LINE OF CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000

Whereas, the Ventura River County Water District Board of Directors has declared the need to establish a \$100,000 unsecured line of credit for use in case of any operational expense short fall; and

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of Ventura River County Water District instructs General Manager Matthew L. Bryant to obtain a unsecured line of credit with Ojai Community Bank in the amount of \$100,000.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th of March 2007.

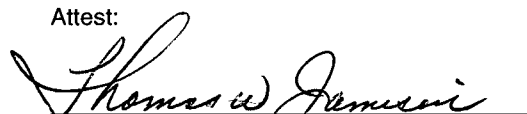
AYES: Curtis, Jamison, Lee, Ramseyer

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hanson


Eddie Ramseyer - President

Attest:


Tom Jamison, Vice-President

J. Curtis moved for approval of Budget Transfer #4 to move deferred Capital Improvement projects to the Well#2 re-drill project. FROM: 9100000 Structures and Improvements \$20,000, 91500016 Hydrant Replacement \$5,500, 91500030 Alto Tank Mixing System \$45,000; TO: 91500031 Well #2 Re-drill \$70,500.

M. Bryant reported that the Architect is making required corrections to the plans for the new shop structure to resubmit to the County for approval.

M. Bryant reported that the cooperating agencies met on March 8, 2007 with the regulatory agencies regarding the final draft of the Ventura River Steelhead HCP. The resource agencies suggested having the cooperating agencies fund a full time employee dedicated to working on the HCP due to budget cuts at the regulatory level. The cooperating agencies requested a proposal for such a position and a time frame for comments back on the final draft of the HCP.

M. Bryant reported on wells, production and usage. The aquifer level in Well #2 on March 1st was at 35'.1" and is up 3' from the prior month.

L. Nielson reported that he put in a call to Paul Blatz attorney for Mr. Hibberd to discuss the problems encountered by Staff in trying to obtain a concrete contractor to complete Mr. Hibberd's driveway, however he has not received a call back yet. The driveway is the final step needed to complete the Valley Meadow main line boring job.

A public disclosure was made of a disbursement to employee R. Klassen on January 10, 2007 in the amount of \$115.86 on VRCWD check number 8142 to reimburse him for costs incurred to attend a water treatment seminar as required for continuing education credit.

The Budget Committee of Hanson and Lee and Personnel Committee of Hanson and Jamison will meet to begin preparation for the budget year ending June 30, 2008.

M. Bryant reported that Robin Daniels of Trusty Lane a neighbor of the District's facility at 409 Old Baldwin Road is having poison oak removed at the fence line. Mr. Daniels approached the District about clearing that area on the District's side of the fence at his expense. Staff was granted approval provided that the contractor removing the poison oak has the proper insurance certificates required and is a licensed contractor.


T. Jamison reported that Kurt Souza of the State Health Department Drinking Water Division will speak at the Retired Men's Club luncheon on March 27, 2007 at Soule Park.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:35 o'clock p.m. to discuss security issues. Mr. Galgas left the meeting.

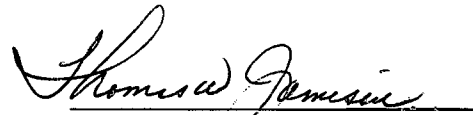
The meeting reconvened at 6:51 o'clock p.m. Staff was instructed to come back with a proposal for security cameras at the next Board meeting.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 o'clock p.m.

Attested:



Eddie P Ramseyer, President



Thomas W. Jamison, Vice President