

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING APRIL 13, 2016**

Pursuant to due and official notice, a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ventura River Water District was held at 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, California.

Directors present were: E. Lee, B. Kuebler, M. Hanson, T. Jamison and J. Curtis. Also present were: Legal Counsel L. Nielsen and General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp. Public present were: Mr. George Galgas and Ms. Peggy Wiles.

- 1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Board President E. Lee called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
- 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by M. Hanson
- 3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - a. Minutes for regular meeting March 9, 2016
  - b. Financial Expenditures for March 2016

B. Kuebler moved for approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Curtis. Motion carried 5-0

- 4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – George Galgas commented that when he was interviewed by the Board subcommittee for the Director opening he received inappropriate comments from Director Hanson. Mr. Galgas expressed that Mr. Hanson had commented that Mr. Galgas's running for the office of Director the District cost the District tons of money. Mr. Galgas indicated that he is a citizen of the United States and a resident within the District exercising his right to run for office and finds Director Hanson's statements to be discriminatory and offensive.

- 5. **CLAIMS: EILEEN BRADLEY, DAMAGE TO WATER HEATER; JESSE SMALL 1411 TRUSTY LANE, SUBSIDENCE & DAMAGE TO HOME** – B. Rapp reported that District staff had repaired the water service line in front of Ms. Bradley's home and after restoration of service her water heater leaked. B. Rapp reported that a normal water heater in good condition would not be disturbed by water being turned on and off and that the required pressure regulator would prevent pressure surges that might damage plumbing. J. Curtis moved to reject the claim, M. Hanson seconded the motion. Claim rejected 5-0.

Director Lee introduced the additional claim from Jesse Small subsidence and damage to the home. B. Kuebler moved for rejection of the claim. Seconded by J. Curtis. Claim rejected 5-0.

- 6. **AWARD OF CONTRACT – WELL #7 DRILLING** – B. Rapp reported that three bids were receive with Jensen Well Drilling the low bidder at \$455,777. The drilling of the well should begin in July and the installation of the water main and electrical in July and August after a grading permit is obtained from the County. T. Jamison moved for the following actions:
  - a. Award the Well #7 Drilling project to Jenson Drilling Company CA, LLC in the amount of \$455,777 and authorize the General Manager change order authority on the contract of \$45,000.
  - b. Award a Technical Assistance addendum to Kear Groundwater for Well Construction Monitoring in the amount of \$12,180.
  - c. Award a Technical Assistance addendum to Fugro West to provide Sound and Vibration Monitoring in the amount of \$13,890.
  - d. Direct the General Manager to notify the State of the award of Contract utilizing on line form PWC 100. (<https://www.dir.ca.gov/pwc100ext/>)

Motion seconded by J. Curtis and carried 5-0.

- 7. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION: GSA JPA ARTICLES 6.1.2, 6.3.6, 10, & 11** B. Kuebler provided a summary of the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Formation Committee



ATTEST:

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Ed Lee, President

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Bruce Kuebler, Vice-President

**10. BEGIN STAFF LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON SEA WATER DESALINIZATION** – B. Rapp presented the current water situation with the groundwater levels at record low for April 1<sup>st</sup> and Lake Casitas at record low of 42% with 4 to 6 years of water remaining in the lake. State Water is only a practical option when the water can be delivered over a long number of years and stored for future droughts. A sea water desalination option may take 7 to 10 years to implement. T. Jamison said that now is the time to start discussing the option. B. Kuebler noted that water flow will need to be found for the fish flow requirement and sources like desalting or wastewater reuse will all need to be on the table. So it is even more important the we go out and collaborate with others and find joint solutions. The consensus of the Board was to begin discussions with other agencies about a possible seawater desal project.

**11. APPOINTMENT TO FILL SEAT OF DIRECTOR JAMISON** – M. Hanson reported on the results of the interviews of three candidates for filling the seat being vacated by T. Jamison. M. Hanson indicated that Peggy Wiles shined the best because of her strong desire to serve the community and preserve its greatest resource, she has a great understanding between air, water and chemicals and the effects on humans and nature. B. Kuebler added that she is having a successful career in the world of private business. Her experience has covered the range of executive involvement in policy, planning and implementation, to dealing with customers where listening, knowledge and problem solving are key elements of success. B. Kuebler moved to appoint Peggy Wiles to replace Director T. Jamison upon his resignation effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by M. Hanson. Motion carried 5-0.

**12. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WELLS, WATER STATUS** – Well #2 was 82.3 feet below the ground surface on April 1, 2016. Well #1 is producing 630 gpm and is the only well pumping. Conservation in March was 35% below 2013 usage. Supplemental Casitas water was turned off during March. Revenues for March were about 7% below budget.

**13. OLD & NEW BUSINESS** – The AWA symposium is on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>. B. Kuebler, J. Curtis and B. Rapp will attend.

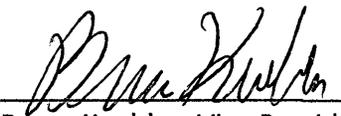
The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 5:03 P.M.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – A closed session was held regarding: Pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) (Small v. VRWD case # 56-2015-00464077-CU-EI-VTA); Pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) (City of Ventura v. VRWD, CPF-14-513875, Friend of the Court filing); and staff review under Govt. Code Section 54957 subdivision B-1.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:15 P.M. No decisions were made.

**15. MEETING ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 5:16 P.M. to a budget workshop Wed. April 27, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

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Ed Lee, President

  
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Bruce Kuebler, Vice President