

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 13, 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 April 13, 2005.

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

There were present Directors Jack Curtis, Marvin Hanson, Tom Jamison, Ed Lee, and Eddie Ramseyer. Present for the District's Counsel was Tina Coudray, Counsel L. Nielson was absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer and Mr. George Galgas of 523 E. Katherine Avenue.

E. Ramseyer moved for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held March 9, 2005 seconded by E. Lee and carried.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the financial statements for February 2005, and the disbursements for March 2005. Accounts Payable check numbers 7077 - 7119, Trust check number-none, and Payroll check numbers 3696 - 3711 totaling \$51,602.92 seconded by E. Lee and carried.

M. Bryant made a public disclosure of a disbursement to an employee in excess of \$100. A petty cash disbursement was made to employee J. Schaefer in the amount of \$118.29 on February 14, 2005 to reimburse her for mileage and lunch expense to attend a CALPERS payroll reporting training seminar in San Luis Obispo.

M. Bryant reported that he attended the first of a series of meetings held by Casitas MWD to receive input to update their Urban Water Management Plan. Staff was instructed to attend the series of meetings and to begin formulation of an Urban Water Management Plan for VRCWD. Staff indicated there are models available through the American Water Works Association and other Associations to assist in this endeavor.

M. Bryant reported on well rehabilitation. Well #3 has been approved by the State Health Department to be put on-line. The SCADA system tie-in is in progress now. Well#2 had the pump pulled and was cleaned and bailed and test pumped at 1100 gpm. However, the initial Bacteria test failed. Staff will do a concentrated Chlorination, flush and re-test. Well #1 will be pulled, cleaned and a new pump installed after Well #2 goes back on-line.

M. Bryant reported on water production and use. The aquifer level in Well #2 on April 1, 2005 was 8.8' to water. Rainfall is 46.5" as of April 4, 2005.

President Hanson appointed a Budget Committee of J. Curtis and T. Jamison. The Committee will meet with Staff on April 22, 2005 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

President Hanson appointed a Personnel Committee of E. Lee and E. Ramseyer. The Committee will meet with Staff on April 26, 2005 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

The 12" main line failure on Valley Meadow and costs incurred to date were discussed. An emergency by-pass line is anticipated to be installed by Friday April 22, 2005.

M. Bryant reported that the party who is purchasing the Shagy property at 240 Feliz Drive will attend the May 2005 Board meeting to appeal to the Board for an Agricultural rate.

M. Bryant reported that Mr. Rudolph Livingston of 214 Descanso Avenue is in dispute of Damage invoice #263 in the amount of \$115.72. The appeal was reviewed by the District Manager and found to be unsubstantiated based on the District's Rules & Regulations. The Manager requested payment of damage invoice 263 as presented. Mr. Livingston would like to exercise his right to appeal to the Board of Directors. This matter will be placed on the May 2005 agenda for a hearing by the Board of Directors.

M. Bryant reported that AB1825 requires supervisors to receive mandatory sexual harassment training.

M. Bryant reported Tom Campbell the California Director of Finance will have a symposium regarding budget reform at the Ventura Marriot on May 6, 2005 at noon.

The rate increase by Casitas MWD effective May 1, 2005 will be 6% in the Gravity rate and 14.4% in the Pumped rate. At Director Ramseyer's request M. Bryant provided a water cost comparison for zone 3 customers. Staff suggested that passing on the current rate increase in zone 3 will make VRCWD's rates greater than Casitas MWD's retail rate in that zone. Staff requested the Board take a look at the rate structure and instruct Staff on future pass on of increases. Staff was instructed to provide more information to the Budget Committee to bring a recommendation to the Board. E. Ramseyer moved to not pass on the current rate increase to zone 3 customers until the Board has time to review the Committee recommendation in the matter, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

The meeting was adjourned to a break at 7:13 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Galgas left the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 o'clock p.m. and was immediately adjourned to executive session at 7:21 o'clock p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

The meeting reconvened at 7:39 o'clock p.m. President Hanson stated for the record that the executive session was to discuss potential litigation and no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 o'clock p.m.

Attested to:

Marvin L. Hanson  
Marvin Hanson, President

  
Eddie P. Ramseyer, Vice President