## VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 27, 2007

Pursuant to due and official notice, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ventura River County Water District was held at 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, California on April 27, 2007.

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

There were present Directors M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee and, E. Ramseyer. J. Curtis was absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer and, Office Assistant Christy Welker and, Counsel Stuart Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E Katherine Ave.

President Ramseyer opened the public hearing at 5:31 o'clock p.m. to discuss a proposed rate increase.

- M. Bryant discussed the 5 protest letters received. The number of protests required for a majority 51% of the customer base would be 1163, the five letters received equal less than 1%.
- M. Bryant made a Microsoft Power-point presentation outlining the District's philosophy, Capital Improvements since 1996, income and expense averages for the last six years, property tax reductions, and unanticipated depletion of funds and why the proposed 14% increase is needed.
- Mr. George Galgas of 523 E Katherine Avenue addressed the Board for several minutes. Mr. Galgas is opposed to the proposed increase. His basis is his contention that the District has inflated the cost of Capital Improvement projects to justify increases. He also read his letter of protest.

Director T. Jamison addressed Mr. Galgas stating that the Board feels it spends its money very carefully and the costs are not inflated. Additionally, he asked Mr. Galgas what his solution would be to address the current cash flow problem the District faces. Mr. Galgas did not offer a solution.

M. Bryant explained that the approved bid cost is only one component of the Capital Projects there are a lot of incidental costs in the form of electrical connection and Title 22 sampling requirements. M. Bryant offered to discuss those costs if Mr. Galgas has interest.

Director E. Lee moved to close the public hearing, seconded by M. Hanson and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

T. Jamison moved to approve the 14% rate increase, seconded by M. Hanson and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 o'clock p.m.

Attested:

Eddie P Ramseyer, President