

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2011

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 May 11, 2011.

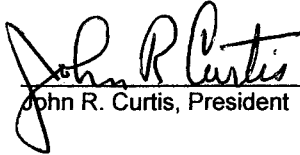
There were present Directors J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee, and E. Ramseyer. Also present were General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, Office Assistant/sub-recording Secretary Carla Burke and Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E. Katherine Avenue.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - President J. Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Ed Lee
3. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2011
T. Jamison moved to approve consent agenda item, seconded by M. Hanson and carried.
 - B. MINUTES FOR THE BUDGET WORKSHOP OF APRIL 19, 2011
T. Jamison moved to approve consent agenda item, seconded by M. Hanson and carried.
 - C. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2011 AND EXPENDITURES FOR APRIL 2011
T. Jamison moved to approve consent agenda items, seconded by M. Hanson and carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - No Public Comments
5. BUDGET REVIEW DRAFT OF 2011/12 BUDGET - T. Jamison moved to approve a COLA of \$1,300.00 per employee, excluding GM B. Rapp, seconded by M. Hanson and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: T. Jamison, M. Hanson, E. Lee. Noes: E. Ramseyer, J. Curtis.
6. WATER RATE ANALYSIS - RECOMMENDED RATE INCREASE FOR 2012 - M. Hanson moved to approve a 12% rate increase to present to the rate payers through the Prop. 218 process, seconded by E. Lee and carried. Roll call was unanimous. E. Lee motioned to approve rate increase on Volume/Usage only, seconded by E. Ramseyer and carried. M. Hanson moved to approve combining meter sizes 5/8, 3/4 & 1" all to the base rate fee of \$14.70, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.
7. ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL - APPROVAL OF INSURANCE CARRIER AND POLICY FOR 2012 - T. Jamison moved to approve new insurance carrier Grundy, seconded by M. Hanson. Roll call vote - Ayes: J. Curtis, T. Jamison, M. Hanson and E. Lee. Noes: E. Ramseyer. E. Lee directed B. Rapp to keep Broker Douglas Smith's email regarding "Inverse Condemnation" coverage.
8. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT WELLS, WATER PRODUCTION & USAGE UPDATE - B. Rapp reported on wells, production, and usage. The static aquifer level at Well #2 on May 1, 2011 was 15.3 feet below surface. The level has dropped 3.2 feet since the first of last month, and is 8.9' feet above the 21-year average for May.
9. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS - Counsel L. Nielson is working with GM B. Rapp on the Valley Meadow Project, in securing the necessary Easement/Right-of-Way up the driveway through Mr. Kerwin's Property. L. Nielson is working to secure the Easement by the next Board Meeting in June, 2011. The Board directed Counsel and GM B. Rapp to inform Mr. Kerwin's neighbor of the project, as he shares the same driveway through Mr. Kerwin's property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - A CLOSED SESSION MAY BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LITIGATION, REAL PROPERTY, SECURITY OR PERSONNEL MATTERS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS §54956.8 OR §54956.9 (A), (B) OR (C), OR §54957 OLD BUSINESS - None
10. OLD BUSINESS - GM B. Rapp shared email from CalPERS regarding the Water Districts financial liability. Email states there is no limit to the District's financial exposure to increased Employer Rates due to major financial problems in the Capital Markets. Email also emphasizes 2010 returns to be 14% and current year to be 18% on investment returns - this translates to rates leveling off at 7.3% increase for the next few years.

11. NEW BUSINESS – GM B. Rapp discussed the Freeman Diversion “Mortgage Burning” ceremony, to be held on May 19th, 2011, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, if any of the Board members wanted to attend. Also mentioned was the upcoming AWA Breakfast, of which J. Curtis and B. Rapp will attend. There's the ACWA elections coming up, if the Board is interested in running – no interested noted. Final note – The new Trailhead down the road is having a Grand Opening on May 19th, at 3:00 pm.
12. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - There being no further action to come before this Board on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 o'clock p.m.

Attested:



John R. Curtis, President



Ed Lee, Vice President