

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 14, 2006**

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 June 14, 2006.

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

There were present Directors Jack Curtis, Marvin Hanson, and Tom Jamison. Ed Lee and Eddie Ramseyer were absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer and, District Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E Katherine Avenue, and Mr. John Duncan of 8832 Nye Road, and Mr. Norm Davis President of Meiner's Oaks County Water District.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held May 10, 2006 seconded by M. Hanson and carried. J. Curtis abstained.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the Financial Statements for April 2006, and the Disbursements for May 2006. Accounts Payable check numbers 7745 – 7792 and, Trust check numbers 2499 - 2495, and Payroll check numbers 3920 – 3933 totaling \$233,082.04 seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

During the public comment Mr. John Duncan stated he was attending the meeting to speak about the proposed rate increase. M. Bryant stated that the public hearing was next on the agenda.

J. Curtis moved to open the public hearing for a proposed rate increase and to leave it open until the end of the meeting, seconded by T. Jamison and carried. M. Bryant read for the public the memo to the Board regarding the Budget Committee's recommendation and reasons for the rate increase. The proposal is for a 7% rate increase effective June 15, 2006 to be billed on the July 31, 2006 billing cycle. After M. Bryant finished the public reading Mr. Galgas stated he felt that the rate increase doesn't bode well in light of the Board raising their fees 60% and that rate increase has boosted the budget up. President Hanson corrected Mr. Galgas that the rate increase for Directors was actually only \$10.00 and that the Director compensation rate was not increased for 12 years prior to the \$10.00 increase. Mr. Galgas stated he would like to recommend an increase of 4% that he felt would be more in line. Mr. Duncan spoke to the Board regarding his concern with everything going up the cost of living is squeezing of the middle class. Mr. Duncan requested financial information regarding operating costs and capital improvement spending. After much discussion Mr. Duncan expressed that he understood the need for the increase and that he wanted to come to the meeting to answer questions he had with regard to VRCWD fiscal operations.

J. Curtis moved to approve the personnel package as presented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

J. Curtis moved to approve the Budget as presented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

J. Curtis moved to approve the Staff request to transfer \$100,000.00 from the Ventura County Treasury to the State of California LAIF in accordance with investment policy. Seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

J. Curtis moved for approval of Budget Transfer #7. From 83000000 Director Travel & Expense \$2,000. 93500000 Appropriation Contingency \$600. To: 76500000 Membership/Dues/Subscriptions \$600. 78500000 Board Member Fees \$2,000. seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

M. Bryant reported that the Baldwin Tank #2 replacement project is almost complete. The tank construction is complete and on-line. Superior Tank is scheduled to install the cross over piping on June 19, 2006.

M. Bryant reported on the Valley Meadow 12" line replacement project. The line has been filled, flushed and pressure tested. The final tie-in is scheduled for June 20th. The temporary line will remain in place for a couple of weeks as insurance. After the temporary line is removed Staff will begin restoration of Mr. Hibberd's driveway.

M. Bryant reported on wells, production, and usage. The aquifer level in Well #2 was 12.4' to water on June 1, 2006.

L. Nielson reported that the insurance company has denied Mr. Hibberd's claim for damage to a tree. L. Nielson asked if all Directors had received Ethics training. M. Bryant responded that Directors Hanson, and Jamison, and Ramseyer had completed their training. J. Curtis reported that he will receive his training on June 19th. M. Bryant stated that Director E. Lee will attend one of the up coming classes in the area.

M. Bryant reported that he conducted an audit of the Forest Home Ministries property on Burnham Road for compliance with the Conditional Will Serve letter. Forest Home is now in full compliance and has color coded and mapped their entire water system. M. Bryant also stated that he sent a letter of commendation of Guy Bratton to Forest Home Ministries for his diligence in meeting the requirements set forth in the Conditional Will Serve letter.

J. Schaefer reported that AWA will hold their monthly breakfast June 15th and the topic of discussion will be *Energy Crossroads is liquefied natural gas the answer?*

T. Jamison moved to sponsor the AWA annual BBQ in the amount of \$100, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

M. Bryant reported that the next edition of the Huell Howser series will air on KCET on June 19th at 6pm and June 20th at 12:30am, entitled *The flood fight 2006*.

M. Bryant reported that LAFCO is looking for nominations for the Independent Special Districts alternate member of the Board. Staff will bring more information to the next Board meeting.

J. Curtis moved to close the public hearing for the proposed rate increase at 7:29 o'clock p.m., seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

J. Curtis moved to approve the 7% rate increase as presented, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 o'clock p.m.

Attested:

Marvin L. Hanson
Marvin Hanson, President

Thomas W. Jamison
Thomas Jamison, Treasurer