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

Directors present were: Peggy Wiles, Bruce Kuebler, Marvin Hanson, Ed Lee and Jack Curtis. Also present were: Legal Counsel Lindsay Nielsen and General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp. Public present were: Mr. George Galgas and Mr. Mohammad Hasan

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** President Ed Lee called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Jack Curtis
- 3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES FOR MAY & JUNE 2016
- B. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 2016

J. Curtis moved for approval, 2nd by M. Hanson. B. Kuebler said there were a few discrepancies in the total check ledger and the bank ledger for February & March, he will approve and talk afterwards with the temporary Office Manager Don Good.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT- FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** - None

5. PLANNING FOR JULY 20, 2016 DROUGHT AND WATER RATES PUBLIC MEETING – B. Rapp reviewed the draft presentation for the Public Meeting. P. Wiles suggested adding a map of the District to the slides along with adding Zones 1 & 2 and explain why the costs differ in each zone.

The board decided not to have Mr. Hassan speak about the regional drought at this public meeting because it would take too much time.

E. Lee recommended that customers choose the one day per week to irrigate.

The Board set the presentation as follows:

- a) Welcome – Ed Lee
- b) History of VRWD- Bert Rapp
- c) Cost of Service Rates- Bert Rapp
- d) Conservation Education- Renee Roth, Ojai Valley Coalition
- e) GSA & Steelhead- Bruce Kueler
- f) Closing- Ed Lee

- 6. ADOPTION OF WATER WASTE ORDINANCE 2016- 1** – B. Rapp presented the draft ordinance. P. Wiles recommended that section III f. & g. be modified to use the same "ornamental" landscaping terms and add the drip system exclusion from the time of day restrictions similar to the Casitas ordinance. J. Curtis noted that the numbering on the ordinance was incorrect beginning at section x. M. Hanson moved for approval seconded by P. Wiles approved 5-0
- 7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION UPDATE- DIRECTOR KUEBLER** – B. Kuebler provided an update on the GSA formation reporting that the Term of Directors Re-appoint will be 2 years. The final version of the JPA should be ready for approval in September. The County will hold a private meeting with the home owners about their Wells in August. The City of Ventura & County couldn't approve the JPA in August because they are dark and they wanted to wait until the County had the meeting with the private wells owners. B. Kuebler suggested that the Board should also wait until September.

B. Kuebler reported that at the Ventura River Watershed Council meeting, Kevin DeLano, with the State Water Resources Control Board, Instream Flow Unit, shared the concept plan for the Ventura River Flow Study. B. Kuebler is planning to set up a conference call between the participating state and local agencies to talk about integrating Groundwater Sustainability Agency work with their work. The contact person for the Department Fish and Wildlife is Amber Villalobos; she will be the key person. The flow study will determine how much flow is needed to sustain the steelhead habitat during the summer in critical areas such as Foster Park.

8. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WELLS, WATER STATUS** – B. Rapp reported that the District finished the year at 33% reduction from 2013. The customers are still conserving very solidly, they conserved 42% this June and last June. The revenue finished the fiscal year 1.7% above the projected revenue providing an extra \$38,000 put in our reserves. July 1st ground water levels came in at the lowest we have ever been on July 1st. The District is using about 30% to 40% Casitas water. Well 3 was turn on.
9. **OLD & NEW BUSINESS – CSDA Election** – J. Curtis moved to vote for Jeff Hodge, seconded by B. Kuebler, approved 5-0.
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None
11. **MEETING ADJOURNED** At 4:45 P.M.

Attested:



Ed Lee, President


Bruce Kuebler, Vice President