

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2007**

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 July 11, 2007.

Vice President T. Jamison called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

There were present Directors M. Hanson, E. Lee and T. Jamison. J. Curtis arrived at 5:34 o'clock p.m. and E. Ramseyer was absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer and, Counsel Lindsay Nielson.

The minutes of the regular Board meeting held June 13, 2007 were accepted and approved as presented with no changes.

Financial statements for May 2007 and the disbursements for June 2007 Accounts Payable check numbers 8360 – 8402, Trust check number 2524 and Payroll check numbers 4122 – 4133 totaling \$303,018 were accepted and approved as presented.

The call for nominations for the California Special District's Association Seat B was discussed. Staff drafted a letter of support to the Goleta Sanitary District Board supporting nomination of John Fox. Staff was instructed to send the letter.

M. Bryant reported on the progress of new Well #4. The State Health Department inspected the well and gave authorization to place the well in service. The well is on-line and producing about 736 gpm. The Health Department instructed to raise the Sodium Hypochlorite residual level until a clean bacteria test is accomplished. The well is being tested weekly.

M. Bryant reported that the plans for the new shop are being submitted to the County of Ventura a fourth time for approval.

The letter from Mr. Richard Hajas (a former customer of VRCWD and the retired General Manager of Camrosa Water District) dated May 10, 2007 and addressed to the California Public Utilities Commission regarding the Golden State Water Company (GSWC) Application #07-01-013 requesting approval for a rate increase. Mr. Hajas opposes the rate increase based on his opinion that the high rates are due to operational inefficiencies. Mr. Hajas used VRCWD's last audited Statement of Revenues and Changes in Net Assets to compare VRCWD operations to GSWC cost of operations. Mr. Hajas's letter illustrated a similar size customer base and a similar quantity of water served. After excluding all costs that are not shared by both types of purveyors, Mr. Hajas concluded that GSWC's expenses are twice that of VRCWD. The VRCWD Board was impressed with the effort and accuracy of Mr. Hajas's letter and conclusions and felt it would be a good tool to illustrate to customers the efficiency of VRCWD.

M. Bryant reported on wells, production and usage. The aquifer level in Well #2 on July 1st was at 44'.9" down 3.6 feet from last month. As the water levels drop water production drops increasing the amount of water purchased to meet customer demand. The Purchased Water Surcharge billed June 30, 2007 was 36 cents per HCF.

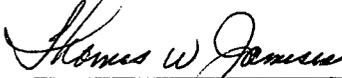
M. Bryant reported that the last time the Purchased Water Surcharge was in effect was 2004. In May 2004 no supplemental water was purchased, this year 7.5 acre feet had to be purchased. In June 2004 .6 acre feet were purchased, in June 2007 52.5 acre feet were purchased. Water production ability is down 32.5% from June of 2004. The District continues its Water Conservation Campaign. Three articles have been published in local newspapers and large banners have been posted at the District office and at two other obvious locations within the District, calling for conservation and no watering from noon to 5pm. The banners in the District are moved periodically to other locations in the District to help get the word out. Additionally, Staff is working with CMWD to produce a public service announcement for radio and television to communicate the need for conservation to prevent mandatory restrictions.

Old Business discussion included proposed areas where the silt from the Matilija Dam removal will be spread along the Ventura River. The status of the Help of Ojai West Campus CUP, staff feels a full Environmental Impact Report will be required.

New Business discussion included announcement of the VCSDA dinner meeting August 7, 2007, J. Curtis and M. Hanson will attend. Announcement of the annual AWA BBQ at Lake Casitas July 19, 2007 J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee and guest, L. Nielson and M. Bryant and guest will attend. Election packets will be available at the District office on July 16, 2007. M. Hanson, T. Jamison and E. Ramseyer seats are up for election this November. The property next door to the District yard owned by the Kelly family is for sale and is on a private well. Staff was approached for an opinion on use of the former County Honor Farm's pasture on Old Baldwin Road for a softball field. Staff was asked about water availability. Staff did not speak for the Board but indicated that with the drought condition it is not likely a large connection would be granted but application would have to be made. The group has not gone to the Board of Supervisors yet and just wanted a feel for water availability.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 o'clock p.m.

Attested:


Tom Jamison, Vice President


John R. Curtis, Treasurer