

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 10, 2016**

Directors present were: E. Lee, B. Kuebler, M. Hanson and P. Wiles. Also present were: Legal Counsel Paul Huff and General Manager/Board Secretary B. Rapp, Office Assistant Nancy Padilla, Field Supervisor Joe Zuniga and Mark Albertsen. Public present were: Mr. George Galgas

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** President Ed Lee called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Ed Lee

**3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES FOR JULY 2016
- B. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR APRIL 2016

B. Kuebler moved for approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hanson. Approved 4-0

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT- FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** - George Galgas talked about the incorrect time of watering that was printed on the bill notes. N. Padilla responded that it had been printed wrong and will be corrected on the following monthly bill.

**5. AUTHORIZATION TO AVERTISE FOR WORK TRUCK, DECLARE BACKHOE & F-150 SUPPLUS & APPROVE PURCHASE OF BACKHOE** – B. Rapp recommended trading in the F-150 truck to purchase a new work truck and for the case backhoe he recommended putting it out for bid on EBAY. M. Albertsen & J. Zuniga talked about the new backhoe describing it as state of the art, having the ability drive on the road without dropping anything on the street. It has 4 wheel drive. B. Rapp explained that the government bid price is \$91,267. The anticipated sales price of the 1982 Case 480C backhoe is about \$7,000 which should keep the purchase within budget. There is no charge for delivering the new backhoe. M. Hanson asked that staff check with the County about Government bids on a new work truck so that the District would not need to advertise requests for bids. B. Kuebler moved for the recommended actions. Seconded by P. Wiles and approved 4 – 0.

**6. ADOPTION OF WATER WASTE ORDINANCE 2016- 1** - M. Hanson moved approval, B. Kuebler 2<sup>nd</sup> approved 4-0

**7. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION UPDATE- DIRECTOR KUEBLER**  
On August 4, 2016 there was a conference call about the State Water Action Plan, Ventura River Flow Study. The goal of the call was to encourage local and state agencies to work together on the study. It appears that the California Department of Fish & Wildlife intends to establish the flow requirements and the GSA will be expected to incorporate the flows into the Sustainability Plan. The State Water Resources Control Board will review the flow recommended by Fish & Wildlife and may provide some balance between competing needs for water. At the September Board meeting the Board will be asked to approve the JPA and appoint a Director and an alternate. The alternate could be the General Manager.

**8. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-301 CHANGING THE AMOUNT OF THE EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO CALPERS** – E. Lee called for a vote: AYES: B. Kuebler, E. Lee, P. Wiles, M. Hanson, NOS: None, Absent: J. Curtis

**9. UPDATE ON WELL #7 DRILLING** – B. Rapp talked about how the well driller has run into equipment struggles, its taking longer than expected to drill the well. The sub-contractor who did the first 50 feet submitted a letter requesting an addition cost of \$6,800 which has been denied by the District. An adjacent resident, Robin Daniels is getting lots of diesel exhaust and dust from the drilling activities. He has created a log of the issues affecting them. The Board suggests that housecleaning be offered

to the Daniels to ease the burden. B. Rapp reported that staff has terminated the grading permit application for the water main to Well #7 because the County has established a new archeological overlay requiring special environmental analysis which would delay the project at least a year and add \$20,000 to \$30,000 to the cost. Therefore, the pipe will be installed in the road where a grading permit is not required but it will be closer to the river and at more risk of flood damage. The drilling of Well #7 and pump test should be finished by Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>.

10. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WELL, WATER STATUS** – B. Rapp reported that conservation was a little lower than last year at 30% compared to last year at 40%. However, we had hot weather up to 113 degrees. Well# 3 has been turned off. Nitrates are rising in Well #1 and may require blending with Casitas in October or November. Had two water main breaks, one on Santa Ana Road & the other one on Valley Meadow Drive which was probably caused by the movement of the ground. B. Kuebler asked how much longer will Well # 1 last, B. Rapp responded it should last until it rains but will likely need to be blended.
11. **OLD & NEW BUSINESS** – B. Rapp reported that the new texting meters are scheduled for September for the 10 customers who agreed to be early adaptors of the technology and provide feedback on the system. In January we should be getting an additional 120 texting meters.
12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None
13. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT** – 4:04 P.M.

Attested:



Ed Lee, President



Bruce Kuebler, Vice President