

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 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 September 14, 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 Manager/recording secretary Janet Schaefer, Counsel Paul Huff who filled in for Lindsay Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas.

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 E. Ramseyer
3. CONSENT AGENDA
- A. MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2011
- B. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2011 AND EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST 2011  
T. Jamison moved for approval of the consent agenda and apportionment of committed funds for operating, capital improvement, and emergency contingencies to be reflected on the budget for the year ending June 30, 2011, seconded by E. Lee and carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA  
Mr. George Galgas expressed his appreciation of the new customer service of providing self-addressed envelopes for customers.
5. REVIEW OF DRAFT CHANGES TO "RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE" INCLUDING RATES AND DRAFT PROTEST HEARING NOTICE  
B. Rapp presented background information with supporting exhibits that expressed the effect of the proposed changes. B. Rapp requested direction on what changes the Board would like in the next draft. After much discussion there was consensus on eliminating the Irrigation Rate, raising the Capital Improvement Fees for inflation since they have not been raised since 1989. Director E. Lee opposed raising the Capital Improvement Fees. Consensus was reached on adding a fourth tier to encourage conservation and to help reach the consumption reduction mandate of 20% by the year 2020, addition of a \$10 delinquent fee to help offset the cost of enforcement, increase of the Field Service Charge to \$40 to reflect the true cost of this service. The Board requested that the \$40 Field Service Charge be mentioned on the back of the bills. Leak relief rates were discussed and the Board opposed a change in policy. Providing a special rate for mobile home parks and apartments who use in the higher tiers due to the multiple dwellings and will consequently feel the impact of the new conservation rates was discussed and opposed. However, the extra dwelling charge for multiple dwellings will not be raised to help offset some of the impact of the new conservation rate structure. Adding a pass through of increased water testing costs will be added to the calculation for the Purchased Water Surcharge since taking of purchased water requires additional testing. B. Rapp went over the proposed changes to the Rules & Regulations, section by section. All of the consensus items will be included in a new draft to be presented to the Board at a special Board meeting to be held September 22, 2011 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. to work on any additional changes and formulate a protest notice for final approval at the October 12, 2011 Board meeting.
6. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT WELLS, WATER PRODUCTION & USAGE UPDATE - B. Rapp reported on wells, production, and usage. The static aquifer level at Well #2 on September 1, 2011 was 33.6 feet below surface. The level has dropped 6.1 feet since the first of last month, and is 11.2 feet above the 21-year average for September.
7. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS – None.
8. OLD BUSINESS – B. Rapp reported 1) that he attended a Matilija Dam removal meeting and a technical group was appointed to work on environmental documents for notching of the dam to the sediment level and to explore how much sediment can be disposed upstream of the dam. 2) Notice was received from the County Elections Division that there will not be a General District Election on November 8, 2011 since the number of declarations of candidacy did not exceed the number of offices to be filled. On September 13, 2011 the Board of Supervisors directed appointment of Marvin L. Hanson, Thomas W. Jamison and Eddie P. Ramseyer for the term of December 2, 2011 to December 4, 2015.
9. NEW BUSINESS – B. Rapp reported 1) that Staff repaired a leak on the 6" main on Rodeo Drive. 2) The AWA Annual Dinner at the Regan Library will be on September 29, 2011, B. Rapp and E. Ramseyer will attend. 3) The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 8:10 o'clock p.m. to discuss potential litigation. The meeting reconvened at 8:23 o'clock p.m. The President stated for the record that potential litigation was discussed and no action was taken.
10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - There being no further action to come before this Board on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 o'clock p.m.

Attested:

  
John R. Curtis, President

  
Ed Lee, Vice President