

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 10, 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 October 10, 2007.

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

There were present Directors J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee, and E. Ramseyer. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer and, Counsel Stuart Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E. Katherine Avenue and, Mr. Ron Hoeppel of 11075 Creek Road and, Mr. Mark Pro of 11065 Creek Road.

J. Curtis moved for approval of the minutes of the regular Board meeting held September 12, 2007, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

M. Hanson moved for approval of the Financial Statements for August 2007 and the disbursements for September 2007 Accounts Payable check numbers 8504 - 8540, Trust check numbers 2529 - 2531, and Payroll check numbers 4163 - 4176 totaling \$80,848, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

Mr. Ron Hoeppel addressed the Board regarding his letter received October 3, 2007 requesting a hearing for a large water loss. Mr. Hoeppel and Mr. Pro both experienced line breaks on their service lines that run 300 feet from their meter. Meters servicing their properties are located at the Alto tank site, and the houses served are located below the tank site on Creek Rd. Mr. Hoeppel and Mr. Pro requested consideration of relief by either adopting a monetary relief policy for catastrophic water loss, or to relocate the customer's meters closer to their houses so they can properly monitor for water loss. The Board explained that the District's responsibility stops at the meter and that the District will not relocate the meter because that would transfer the liability for the 300 feet of line down the hill to the District. Director E. Lee explained that when the District installs lines it is to AWWA standards so the liability is known and minimized. Previously installed customer lines with no knowledge of how they were installed and that have a history of failure are not a liability that the District is willing to take on. With regard to monetary relief, the Board has not changed their position that the District's responsibility stops at the meter and giving monetary relief would in essence make the other customer's absorb the loss and that is not something the Board feels is fair to the other customers. The Board went on to offer suggestion to install a pressure reducing valve half way down the hill and to put a pressure valve that will shut down their system if the pressure drops to a certain level. A neighboring customer had similar problems with his system and has installed a pressure detection valve to shut down his system in the event of a major pressure drop and it has worked well for that customer. Mr. Pro expressed appreciation for the suggestions and he and Mr. Hoeppel left the meeting at 6:20 o'clock p.m.

M. Hanson moved for approval of Resolution 2007-227 approving the draft Audit report as presented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, seconded by T. Jamison and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # 2007 - 227

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**


The Board of Directors of Ventura County Water District hereby resolve to accept the District's Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2007, as prepared by Porter & Company, CPA's

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October 2007.

AYES: Curtis, Hanson, Jamison, Lee, Ramseyer

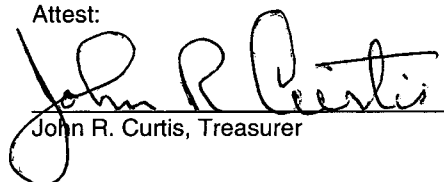
NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Eddie Ramseyer - President

Attest:


 John R. Curtis, Treasurer

J. Curtis moved for approval of Resolution 2007-228 to approve the Management Letter as presented, seconded by T. Jamison and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # 2007 - 228

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT LETTER
 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007


The Board of Directors of Ventura County Water District hereby resolve to accept the District's Management Letter for the year ended June 30, 2007, as prepared by Porter & Company, CPA's

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October 2007.

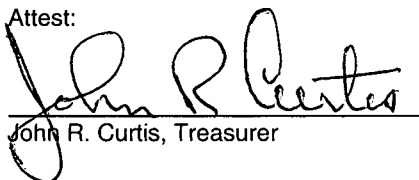
AYES: Curtis, Hanson, Jamison, Lee, Ramseyer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None


 Eddie Ramseyer - President

Attest:


 John R. Curtis, Treasurer

M. Bryant reported on wells, production, and usage. The aquifer level in Well #2 on October 1st was at 62.8' down 5.3' 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 September 30, 2007 was 31 cents per HCF. Requests to customers to reduce demand continue.

M. Bryant reported that the regional water agencies are continuing to cooperate to form a regional Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The plan will be focused on public education and staging of education and enforcement on a regional level to provide continuity to region customers. The cooperating regional agencies will staff a booth at the Ojai Day celebration to provide public outreach and education.

M. Bryant reported on his attendance at a Drought Preparedness class held by the State of California that provided great resources to help formulate a water shortage plan and requested a committee to help him in formulating ideas to be brought to the regional forum. Director E. Lee expressed that the water shortage and allocation issues are related to one another and that he would like to serve on the water shortage committee. After some discussion President Ramseyer changed the name of the Allocation Committee of J. Curtis and E. Lee to the Allocation and Water Shortage Committee. The newly established committee will meet Friday October 12, 2007 at 9 o'clock a.m. to review the resources compiled by Staff.

Director T. Jamison requested under Old Business that the Personnel Committee of M. Hanson and T. Jamison meet to review financial position of the District with regard to potentially lifting the freeze on employee merit wage increases.

M. Hanson discussed under Old Business that he is concerned that the draw down on the new Well #4 is excessive and would like Staff to get a recommendation from the driller.

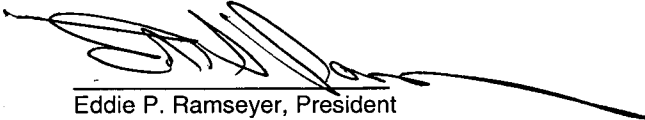
J. Schaefer reported under New Business that Office Assistant, Christy Welker tendered her resignation effective October 31, 2007 as she is moving out of the area. Staff has placed an ad in the Ojai Valley News for recruitment of a replacement. J. Curtis recommended a letter from the Board thanking Christy for her service to VRCWD.

President E. Ramseyer spoke about his attendance at the 11th annual Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County member and policy-makers reception will be held September 20th at the Ronald Regan Presidential Library in Simi Valley.

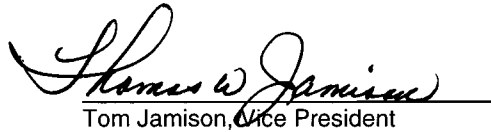
President E. Ramseyer thanked J. Curtis for his attendance at the California Special Districts conference in Monterey representing the Ventura County Special Districts Association.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 o'clock p.m.

Attested:



Eddie P. Ramseyer, President



Tom Jamison, Vice President