

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 12, 2005**

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 12, 2005.

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

There were present Directors Jack Curtis, Marvin Hanson, Tom Jamison, and Ed Lee. Eddie Ramseyer was absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer, District Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E Katherine Avenue.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held September 21, 2005, seconded by E. Lee and carried.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the financial statements for August 2005, and the disbursements for September 2005. Accounts Payable check numbers 7352 - 7398, Trust check number 2465, and Payroll check numbers 3801 - 3814 totaling \$76,510.01 seconded by E. Lee and carried.

Mr. Galgas spoke during public comment and asked the Board to remind him why the September regular Board meeting was rescheduled. His recollection was that it was so Mr. Ramseyer could attend a class reunion. Director E. Lee expressed that he had asked that the meeting be postponed due to a schedule conflict and that Director Curtis also wanted to reschedule. Mr. Galgas again said he thought it was for Director Ramseyer's class reunion. Director Jamison asked Mr. Galgas what his point was. Mr. Galgas responded that he noticed Director Ramseyer misses a lot of meetings. Director Lee responded that the meeting was rescheduled to accommodate schedules and to prevent lack of a quorum as is the Boards prerogative.

M. Bryant reported that the submittals requested of Superior Tank Company for the Baldwin Tank #2 replacement project are on the way. Staff will review them with Engineer Ghormley after which the tank will be fabricated and will take about eight weeks. Construction is anticipated to begin the first week of December.

M. Bryant reported that Meiner's Oaks CWD (MOCWD) is selling their two Los Ranchitos wells that are high in Nitrates and too costly to for MOCWD to correct. Staff will obtain additional information and report back to the Board.

Mr. Curtis Johnson property owner of 240 Feliz Drive wrote a letter to the Board dated September 28, 2005. Mr. Johnson's letter states that a portion of his Parcel 2 that does not include the right to underground water. The water rights were deeded to Skyline Mutual Water Company in 1949 and VRCWD is its successor. Mr. Johnson requests VRCWD quit claim the rights back to him so he can drill a well on the property. Counsel was instructed to research the original recorded document and Staff was instructed to invite Mr. Johnson to the November Board meeting. No action was taken and the item was tabled to the November meeting.

M. Bryant reported on water production and use. The aquifer level in Well #2 on October 1, 2005 was 32.2' to water.

Counsel provided Staff with a form for Claims made against the District with a procedure and the law on handling Claims.

J. Schaefer reported that the new billing program is on-line and being tested by running it side by side with the old system for two months to work out any problems in data conversion. J. Schaefer stated that Staff is double posting into both systems and requested authorization for additional hours for the part time Clerk for two months with the understanding that the Salary budget will need to be adjusted prior to year end. The Board was supportive of the need for additional Staff time during the conversion process.

AB1234 was discussed. CSDA has provided a compliance checklist for Special Districts. President Hanson appointed a Committee of J. Curtis and E. Lee to draft policy for Board review to comply with AB1234 requirements.

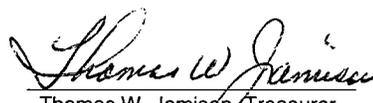
J. Schaefer reported that there is a AWA Waterwise Breakfast on October 20, 2005 the subject of discussion will be Tejon Ranch Development Water Strategy Report.

M. Bryant reported that Contractor R. Davis is raising his rates in light of increased fuel costs.

There being no further business to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 o'clock p.m.

Attested to:

  
Marvin Hanson, President

  
Thomas W. Jamison, Treasurer