

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 9, 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 November 9, 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, Ed Lee and Eddie Ramseyer. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer, District Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Public present were Mr. George Galgas of 523 E Katherine Avenue and Mr. And Mrs. Curtis Johnson of 240 Feliz Drive.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held October 12, 2005, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

E. Ramseyer moved for approval of the financial statements for September 2005, and the disbursements for October 2005. Accounts Payable check numbers 7399 - 7450, Trust check numbers 2466 - 2468, and Payroll check numbers 3815 - 3830 totaling \$106,486.78 seconded by E. Lee and carried.

Mr. Galgas stated during public comment that as a candidate he would like to congratulate the incumbents Mr. Curtis and Mr. Lee and wanted to make a notification of recommendation to Mr. Ramseyer that he is glad to see that he has joined us back again at the meetings.

At the October meeting the request from Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Johnson for quit claim of water rights to the property at 240 Feliz Drive parcel 2 was discussed with no action taken since the property owners were not in attendance. Discussion at the October meeting included the fact that the Johnson's had requested an Agricultural water connection from VRCWD and was denied due to a moratorium on Agricultural connections. Water supplied to the property from VRCWD is at a domestic rate. In order to try to obtain a cheaper water source the Johnson's decided to drill a well and discovered the water rights on the property belonged to VRCWD. E. Lee moved for approval of the quit claim for water rights to the 240 Feliz Drive parcel 2, seconded by E. Ramseyer and carried. Staff asked Mr. Johnson if he would kindly share the results of the drillers log on any well he drills as a matter of interest. Mr. Johnson said he would supply the drill log.

Nominees for the National Water Resources Association California Caucus positions were discussed and a vote taken. J. Curtis moved to cast votes for the majority votes of Wayne A. Clark of MWD of Orange County, Lawrence Libeu of San Bernardino Valley WCD, Gregory A. Zlotnick of Santa Clara Valley Water District and, Ted Caldwell of Laguna Beach CWD, seconded by T. Jamison and carried. Staff was instructed to send in the ballot with votes for the five selected candidates.

M. Bryant requested a full Board study session to discuss options for replacing the 12" Main line on Valley Meadow Drive. Staff will invite Engineer Bill Ghormley and a representative from Earth Systems for geology and seismic questions. A tentative date of November 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Staff will poll the Board and guests to see which date will work for everyone.

M. Bryant reported that the temporary pipeline being rented from Rain for Rent at a cost of \$803 per month can be purchased outright at a cost of \$7,000. Staff was instructed to prepare a budget transfer for the December meeting to fund this purchase.

M. Bryant reported that all requested items have been received from Superior Tank for the Baldwin Tank #2 replacement project. Staff met with the State Health Department to amend the District's permit for this project. The State Health Department representative was happy with the tank plan and an amended permit is in process. Tank construction is anticipated to begin the first week of December.

M. Bryant reported on water production and use. The aquifer level in Well #2 on November 1, 2005 was 32.6' to water.

J. Schaefer reported that the new billing program is on-line and being tested by running it side by side with the old system. Staff has the two systems in balance with one another and are continuing to work out the kinks. Staff hopes to go live with the new program with the December 31, 2005 billing cycle.

M. Bryant reported that Forest Home is doing well in complying with the conditions of the Will Serve Letter.

M. Bryant reported that there is no new information currently available on the Los Ranchitos wells Meiners Oaks CWD is proposing to sell.

M. Bryant reported that AWA is looking for sponsors for its annual Corporate Night. E. Lee moved to sponsor the event in the amount \$100, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

M. Bryant reported VCSDA will hold its annual dinner meeting December 6, 2005. Jack Curtis and Marvin Hanson will attend.

M. Bryant reported that an AWA Waterwise breakfast will be held November 17, 2005.

There being no further business to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 o'clock p.m.

Attested to:

  
Marvin Hanson, President

  
Eddie P. Ramseyer, Vice President