

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2002**

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 13, 2002.

President J. Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

There were present Directors Jack Curtis, Marvin Hanson, Ed Lee and Tom Jamison. Eddie Ramseyer arrived at 5:44 o'clock p.m. Also present were the District's Counsel Lindsay Nielson, General Manager Matthew Bryant, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer, Mr. George Galgas of 523 E. Katherine Avenue, Mr. Russ Hall of Fortune Builders and his caretaker Brent Fellstad, Ms. Laurie Hope of 2128 Sumac Drive and Mr. & Mrs. Ken Delbo of 2192 Sumac Drive.

E. Lee moved for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held October 9, 2002 seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

M. Hanson moved for approval of the financial statements for September 2002, and the disbursements for October 2002. Accounts Payable check numbers 5799 – 5844, Trust check numbers 2421 – 2422 and Payroll check numbers 3277 - 3290 totaling \$69,327.41 seconded by E. Lee and carried.

M. Bryant reported on the illegal water connection at parcel 032-0-222-105 it was the recommendation of Staff that the \$1,000.00 fine in accordance with Rules and Regulations Section 19 be enforced. Mr. Russ Hall of Fortune Builders appealed to the Board for a reduction in the fine amount. Mr. Hall plead his case to the Board and after some discussion, E. Lee moved to reduce the fine amount to \$500.00 seconded by E. Ramseyer and carried by a unanimous roll call vote. The Board impressed upon Mr. Hall that this was a very serious violation of the Rules and Regulations of the District that will not be tolerated. It was made clear to Mr. Hall that future violation would result in legal prosecution.

E. Lee moved to approve transfer of \$75,000.00 from the Ojai Valley Bank General Savings to LAIF in accordance with previously adopted investment policy, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

The LAFCO call for nominations for an Independent Special District Member was discussed, no action was taken.

M. Bryant reported that Ms. Ynez Parker La Dow requested Ventura River CWD to help expedite the Annexation of the Parker properties. Staff was instructed to tell Ms. Parker La Dow to contact her Director at Casitas MWD to see if he can help expedite the release from Casitas MWD.

The request from Richard Meier Construction for a waiver of the Worker's Compensation Insurance requirement was discussed. Staff was instructed that a waiver would not be granted and the Worker's Compensation Insurance requirement has not changed.

M. Bryant reported on progress at the Parker Tank site. The power to the Booster Station is on, the line has been Chlorinated and flushed and samples are being sent to the lab. BEC Electric will complete their work so the system can be tied to the SCADA system. The homeowners present inquired about landscaping, when the cows can return to the area, how much increased pressure will result and when will they receive the landscape license for the encroachment on VRCWD's property. M. Bryant advised that the landscape will be done after the facility is fully operational, the cows will be allowed back on the property after the electric gate is finished, there will be an approximate 10 pound increase in pressure and the landscape license was delayed by the delay in the property purchase. Additionally, the homeowners discussed the proposed landscape fencing. The Board asked the homeowners to make a firm decision about the fencing material. The Board agreed to use welded steel or barbed wire depending on what the homeowners decide.

M. Bryant reported on water production and usage. The water level in Well #2 on November 1st was 71.7' to water.

L. Nielson reported that the Hibberds would not stipulate to a payment plan to pay the judgment against VRCWD. A court date has been set for December 5th at 8:30 o'clock a.m. before Judge Walsh.

L. Nielson reported that the Lis Pendens Homer Canterbury vs. Ventura River County Water District case no. civ45452 required no action by VRCWD and was to clear title on the property formerly owned by Homer Canterbury who is deceased.

J. Schaefer requested approval of a modification to the security door at the office to include a hard-wired doorbell, speaker and remote unlock button. M. Hanson moved approval of the proposal by Digital Security in the amount of \$650.00 seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:35 o'clock p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

The meeting reconvened at 7:38 o'clock p.m. no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 O'clock p.m.

Attested to:

Ed Lee, Vice President


John R. Curtis, President