

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 13, 2006**

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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 December 13, 2006.

President M. Hanson 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 District Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E Katherine Avenue.

E. Lee moved for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held November 8, 2006, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the financial statements for October 2006, and the disbursements for November 2006. Accounts Payable check numbers 8036 - 8073, Trust check numbers 2507 - 2509, and Payroll check numbers 4009 - 4023 totaling \$94,055.83 seconded by E. Ramseyer and carried.

Staff presented the District's Investment Policy for review and renewal. J. Curtis moved to renew the Investment Policy with no changes, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

The Allocation Committee of E. Lee and J. Curtis reported on the meeting held November 29, 2006 with CMWD and resale agencies to discuss the CMWD allocation program. E. Lee voiced concern to CMWD that the program needs to be reworked before it is implemented. Casitas' own Staff review of the program states that it is flawed. Casitas will not implement the over allocation charge at this time. Casitas will meet with the resale agencies to receive input to revise the plan in an attempt to make it equitable to all concerned. J. Curtis voiced concern that the CMWD water used by the City of Ventura may be leaving the Casitas District boundaries. VRCWD has requested the water audit on the City of Ventura water use and have received no response to 3 requests. The public information act requires a response in 10 days. Staff was instructed to follow up to get the water audit. VRCWD's contention is that water is going outside the boundaries and never paid back thereby reducing the amount of water available for allocation. M. Bryant met with representatives of Siete Robles Mutual Water, Golden State Water, Senior Canyon Mutual Water, and Meiner's Oaks CWD to distribute information on the Casitas Allocation Plan and Water Use Study to help educate them and illustrate the areas that VRCWD feels need to be reworked.

M. Hanson reported on his attendance at the Valley Wide Discussion meeting held November 12, 2006. There were about 200 people in attendance. Attendees voted on the top 10 areas of concern in the valley. Some of the items of concern were disaster preparedness, code enforcement and environmental protection. Future meetings will be held to improve communication and determine projects of mutual concern.

M. Bryant reported that the City of Ojai contacted him to inquire about a franchise agreement for VRCWD operations within the city. Staff requested advice from Counsel. Counsel reports the City has no authority to impose such an agreement. Since VRCWD is enacted under state law, a city agreement would be duplication of the state franchise.

M. Bryant reported that Vinci & Associates completed the plans for the new shop structure. Staff will set-up a meeting to submit the plans to the County.

M. Bryant reported on wells, production and usage. The aquifer level in well #2 was 40.7' to water on December 1, 2006.

President Hanson appointed a Budget Committee of E. Lee and M. Hanson to work with Staff to compile a proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 with consideration given to forming a reserve account for future Capital Facility replacement funding.

President M. Hanson appointed a Personnel Committee of E. Ramseyer and M. Hanson to receive each Board Member's performance review of the General Manager and present them to the President who will conduct the evaluation interview. M. Bryant was congratulated on completion of five years of service with VRCWD.

Last month Director E. Ramseyer requested staff to inspect a possible water leak at 10655 Encino Drive. Staff found no Chlorine residual and the flow subsequently dried up. Staff feels it is a recurring spring in that area.

E. Ramseyer noted that the fire hydrant at the bottom of Encino Drive at Highway 33 has been reactivated. Staff reported that completion of the Encino Pressure Reducing Station in the last fiscal year allowed that section of line to be reactivated.

M. Bryant reported that the City of Ojai is doing a feasibility study to form a valley wide fleet maintenance program for public agencies.

E. Lee moved to nominate E. Ramseyer for President for the year 2007, seconded by J. Curtis and carried by unanimous ballot.

J. Curtis moved to nominate T. Jamison for Vice President, seconded by E. Lee and carried by unanimous ballot.

T. Jamison moved to nominate J. Curtis for Treasurer, seconded by E. Lee and carried by unanimous ballot.

The meeting was adjourned to a break at 6:43 o'clock p.m. Mr. Galgas left the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 6:50 o'clock p.m. and was immediately adjourned to executive session to discuss potential litigation.

The meeting reconvened at 7:05 o'clock p.m. President Hanson stated for the record that potential litigation was discussed and no action was taken.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 o'clock p.m.

Attested:

Marvin L. Hanson
Marvin Hanson, President


Eddie P. Ramseyer, Vice President