

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2012

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 February 8, 2012.

There were present Directors: J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee and E. Ramseyer. Also present were General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Public present were Mr. George Galgas, Boy Scout Andrew Rapp, Mrs. Renee Rapp, Mrs. Renee Roth, Surfriders Foundation and Tiobe Barron, Ojai Valley News.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - President E. Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by M. Hanson.
3. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2011
  - B. MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2011
  - A. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2011 AND EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY 2012
  - B. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE – REIMBURSE MARK ALBERTSON \$120. FOR WATER TREATMENT TESTING AND FILING COSTS,

Consent agenda approved and carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.
5. PRESENTATION OF OCEAN FRIENDLY GARDEN AWARD BY RENEE ROTH, VENTURA COUNTY SURF RIDER FOUNDATION – Renee Roth presented the District with an Ocean sign to place in the new Demonstration Garden. Mrs. Roth indicated that this was the first Ocean Friendly garden in the Ojai valley. To win the distinction the Garden had to be water wise, use native and climate appropriate plants, capture and treat for storm water pollution. Scout Andrew Rapp reported on the status of the garden and provided the attached two page project status report.
6. APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR OJAI MOSLER QUARRY – B Rapp reported that the rock riprap in the Ojai Quarry would be essential to the District during times of flooding on the Ventura River and recommended sending the letter of support to the County. M. Hanson moved for approval of the letter, seconded by T Jamison and carried.
7. MID YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND BUDGET ALLOCATIONS – SCADA SYSTEM, WATER METER, LEGAL & AUTO MAINTENANCE – B Rapp reported that expenses are on track to come in about \$22,000 under budget. Water revenues are down by about \$30,000 but recent water sales have increased so revenues may be neutral by the end of the year. Health insurance costs came in lower than expected at 2.2% increase instead of the 12% anticipated saving about \$13,000. In addition to the budget transfers on this agenda for approval there will likely be small future adjustments needed on some line items such as postage in the range of \$500. T Jamison said that he believes the District should have representation with a local group such as the Rotary Club so that we have an on-going connection with those involved in the community. B Rapp is to bring the cost of membership to the Board as part of the budget preparations for consideration next fiscal year.
8. LOCAL GROUND WATER ASSISTANCE GRANT – DIRECTION – B Rapp explained that with the pending Pumping Total Maximum Daily Load by the LA RWQCB could potentially limit the District's ability to pump water in the future. The City of Ventura has been preparing for this potential issue by collecting data on the flows and biology in their reach of the river for the last three years. B Rapp indicated that it would be wise for the District to do the same. The approach to collecting data could be done individually by pumpers or as a coordinated informal group or as a Groundwater Management Agency. The Board direction is to:
  1. Not support the City of Ventura grant application but to have Mr. Rapp submit a white paper for a potential Local Ground Water Assistance Grant to do the work of monitoring the river along the District frontage.
  2. Approved recommend action #2 to support a voluntary group of pumpers verses a formal ground water management agency and directed Mr. Rapp to coordinate a meeting with the pumpers along the Ventura River to determine if they have an interest in working together on this task.
  3. Approved recommend action #3 to have Mr. Rapp to solicit cost proposals for biological monitoring and surface water monitoring of the river along VRCWD's frontage for future Board consideration.
9. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT
  - A. WELLS, WATER PRODUCTION & USAGE UPDATE - B Rapp reported that water usage is up for the month of January due to the warm dry weather. Ground water levels are below the April 1<sup>st</sup> drought trigger levels and not rising. Staff will prepare water conservation banners that will be placed in the neighborhoods during the spring if the drought persists.

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10. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - A CLOSED SESSION MAY BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LITIGATION, REAL PROPERTY, SECURITY OR PERSONNEL MATTERS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS §54956.8 OR §54956.9 (A), (B) OR (C), OR §54957 OLD BUSINESS – No Executive Session was held.

11. OLD BUSINESS

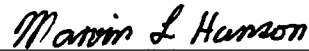
12. NEW BUSINESS – B Rapp reported on the water leak at Encino and Feliz the morning of February 8, 2012. About 700,000 gallons of water had been lost. The customers were back on line by about 5:00 P.M. that day.

13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT at 6:37 P.M.

Attested:



Ed Lee, President



Marvin Hanson, Vice President

**Summary**

The majority of the labor has been completed on the VRCWD Demonstration Garden project.

Volunteers spent 520 hours on the project and materials cost \$820. Fundraising provided \$980. We will wait one year to see if any plants need replacing and utilize the remaining funds if necessary. All extra funds will be used by Boy Scout Troop 503 to send scouts to camp or on upcoming Eagle Scout Projects.

The garden has been certified as both an Ocean Friendly Garden and a Wildlife Friendly Garden.

**Completed Tasks**

- Present an attractive, colorful garden that uses very little water and is easy to maintain.
- Provide information about how to set up a sub-surface drip watering system.
- Promote irrigation controllers that are inexpensive, easy to install and use.
- Qualify for the Ocean Friendly Garden Yard Sign.
- Provide a sub-surface drip system demonstration board.

**Pending**

- Provide a brochure that describes and offers a picture of each plant in the garden, explains how the garden saves water and removes storm water pollution, and provides information on Ocean Friendly Gardens.
- Provide information on the Demonstration Garden and Ocean Friendly Gardens to the VRCWD web site.
- Install a sign for the demonstration garden.

**Spending**

Item	Budget	Actual
<b>Materials</b>	\$1740	\$817.73
<b>Labor</b>	1600	0
<b>Total</b>	\$3340	\$817.73
<b>Fundraising</b>	\$1000	\$980
<b>Net</b>		\$162.27

Excess funds will be used by Boy Scout Troop 503 to send boys to camp or on upcoming Eagle Scout Projects after waiting one year to see if plants need replacing.

**Time**

Group	Hours
Scouts	384
Other Volunteers	54
Andrew Rapp, Planning and Organization	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>520</b>

All of the work on the project was done by volunteers at no cost to the District.

No paid District staff worked on the project. No District equipment was used on the project except a wheelbarrow, digging bar and post hole digger.

Andrew Rapp  
Eagle Scout, BSA Troop