

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 19, 2017**

Directors present were: Bruce Kuebler, Jack Curtis, Peggy Wiles, Ed Lee and Marvin Hanson. Also present were: Attorney Lindsay Nielson, General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, and Office Manager Amy Joy Bakken. Public present were: George Galgas.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** President Bruce Kuebler called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Bruce Kuebler.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. **MINUTES JUNE 21, 2017**
 - B. **FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES FOR JUNE 2017**
 - C. **FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MAY 2017**
 - D. **REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE FOR FY 2016/17**

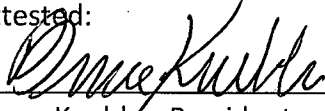
Marvin Hanson moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, items A, B, C & D, seconded by Jack Curtis and carried 5-0 for items B, C & D only. Ed Lee abstained on item A – Minutes of June 21, 2017 as he was not present for the June 21, 2017 meeting. Approval of consent agenda item A approved 4-1. (AYES: Bruce Kuebler, Marvin Hanson, Peggy Wiles, Jack Curtis. ABSTENTION: Ed Lee)

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.
5. **APPROVAL OF BILL PRINTING & MAILING CONTRACT** – With the implementation of Water Budget Rates in January 2018, the District will be going from a postcard size bill to a full page bill format. Amy Joy Bakken discussed printing options for the new bill format. To continue printing in house would be expensive and inefficient. Outsourcing the bill printing would save the District approximately \$5,000/year. Jack Curtis asked if the bills would be pre-printed in a large quantity. Bert Rapp explained the bills are not pre-printed. Ed Lee moved for approval of the recommended action to enter into contract with DataProse for the District's bill printing beginning in January 2018, seconded Peggy Wiles, and carried 5-0.
6. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WATER & DISTRICT STATUS**– The aquifer is currently 3.8 feet above the 25 year average for July 1 at an elevation of 531.9. Well #1 is pumping at 830 gpm down from 30 gpm last month. Well #3 is pumping at a rate of 355 gpm down 10 gpm from last month. Well #2 can be pumped but isn't needed at this time. No water was purchased from Casitas in June. Sales dollars billed on June 30, 2017 came in above budget. Lake Casitas was at 41.9% of full capacity as of July 1, 2017 decreasing 1.38 feet or 0.8% since last month. No action was taken on this item.
7. **OLD & NEW BUSINESS** – Bert Rapp gave an update on the progress of the Tico Mutual possible annexation to VRWD. Ventura County Fire contacted Bert Rapp after their walkthrough with Tico Mutual and discussed grandfathering in the Tico Mutual area for fire flow requirements but when granny flats, room additions or new structures would be built current fire standards would need to be met. Bert Rapp stated that adequate fire flow in all areas would be a requirement and that the idea of grandfathering the neighborhood in wouldn't be acceptable. Bert Rapp and Amy Joy Bakken informed the Board of two problem customers with large outstanding bills. The Board consensus was to follow normal District procedure to collect funds owed. Bruce Kuebler gave a brief update on the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency which is set to become an official GSA on July 20, 2017. He has been working with Lorraine Walter and Jordan Kear to prepare a Prop 1 Grant application and stated they have made reasonable progress since the last meeting.
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Bruce Kuebler moved the meeting into executive session at 3:25 pm to discuss pending litigation. The executive session ended at 3:48 pm. No actions were taken during the executive session.

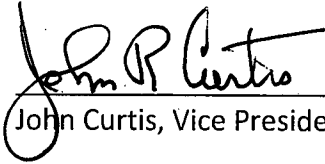
9. **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT SMALL V. VRWD CASE #56-2015-00464077-CU-EI-VTA** – The Board discussed the staff report. No action was taken on this item.

10. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT** - Bruce Kuebler adjourned the meeting at 3:53 P.M.

Attested:



Bruce Kuebler, President



John Curtis, Vice President