

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 9, 2014

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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 April 9, 2014.

Directors present were J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, B. Kuebler, and E. Lee. Also present were General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer, and Counsel Paul Huff. Public present was Mr. Sean Cornell, Mr. George Galgas, and Mr. Steve Sprinkle.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President T. Jamison called the meeting to order at 3:00 o'clock p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by T. Jamison.
3. CONSENT AGENDA – A. MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2014.

B. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES FOR MARCH 2014 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR
FEBRUARY 2014.

J. Curtis moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by B. Kuebler and carried 5 – 0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

With consensus of the Board, items 6 and 7 were moved to the front of the meeting.

5. LEAK APPEAL 410 Burnham Road - Sean Cornell was not able to attend the March meeting where the Board considered his leak appeal. Mr. Cornell spoke to the Board about the leak that occurred at his property. Mr. Cornell felt that he did not receive any benefit from the water lost and wanted the Board to allow him to pay for all of the units at the lowest tier rate. The Board explained that everything from the outlet side of the meter is the property owner's responsibility to maintain and cannot make an exception to the Rules and Regulations. No Action was taken and Mr. Cornell left the meeting at 3:20 o'clock p.m.
6. REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY AGRICULTURAL WATER AT HELP OF OJAI – Staff explained that the Will Serve Letter approved by the Board on September 12, 2007 states; "Irrigation: All irrigation for agricultural purposes shall be provided from on-site agricultural well. At no time shall water served by Ventura River County Water District be used for agricultural irrigation purposes." Mr. Sprinkle addressed the Board and explained that his agricultural venture at the Help Ojai site is irrigated with the on-site agricultural well. The well is down for repair and would like to use 1-2 units per day for a few weeks while the repairs are made to the well. After some discussion B. Kuebler moved to accept the Staff recommendation to allow agricultural use by Help of Ojai for a period not to exceed 6 weeks while the well is being repaired at the current domestic water rate for zone one, seconded by J. Curtis. Mr. George Galgas asked the President to be heard and recommended that Director M. Hanson recuse himself from the vote since He volunteers at Help of Ojai. President T. Jamison said if that were the case he would also have a conflict. President T. Jamison consulted Counsel Paul Huff who determined there is no conflict. The motion carried 5 -0.
7. AWARD OF CONTRACT HYDRANT & VALVE REPLACEMENT – E. Lee moved to accept the General Manager's recommendation 1) Award the Hydrant and Valve Replacement Project 2014 to Frank's Rooter & Pump Service Inc. in the amount of \$34,980.00 and authorize the General Manager change order authority on the contract of \$19,000.00 to cover unknowns and the replacement of 3 additional valves if needed. 2) Authorize the Board President and General Manager to sign the agreement. Seconded by J. Curtis and carried 5 – 0.
8. NAME CHANGE – DROP "COUNTY" FROM NAME – E. Lee moved for approval of Resolution 2014-288 changing the name of the District to "Ventura River Water District" seconded by B. Kuebler and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION # 2014 – 288
RESOLUTION CHANGING THE NAME OF THE
"VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT"
TO
"VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT"

WHEREAS, On August 14, 1956 the Ventura River County Water District was formed; and

WHEREAS, the word "County" in the name of the water district causes some confusion and makes the name very long; and

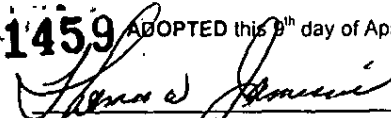
WHEREAS, California Water Code section 31006 for County Water Districts provides "...any district formed under this division may, by resolution of the board of the district spread on its minutes, change the name of the district. That changed name need not include the word "county." Certified copies of the resolution changing the name of the district shall be recorded in the office of the county recorder..."; and

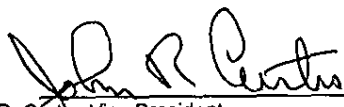
WHEREAS, the estimated cost to implement the name change is \$675; and

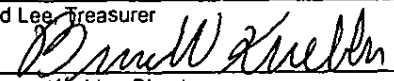
WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to spread out the effort making the name change over several years to ease the transition.

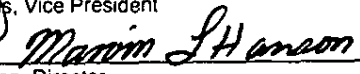
NOW THEREFORE: The Ventura River County Water District Board of Directors hereby directs that the District shall be known by two names until December 31, 2016: "Ventura River County Water District" and "Ventura River Water District"; beginning January 1, 2017 the name of the District shall be "Ventura River Water District."

1459 ADOPTED this 9th day of April 2014.


Tom Jamison, President


John R. Curtis, Vice President

Ed Lee, Treasurer

Bruce Kuebler, Director


Marvin Hanson, Director

Ayes: Curtis, Hanson, Jamison, Kuebler, Lee
Noes: None
Absent: None


9. PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW - B. Rapp presented a preliminary draft budget that included a postponement of purchasing a \$53,500 truck because of the purchase of the 2002 Explorer, \$120,000 will go into the Water Sales Fluctuation Reserve, Re-drilling Well #5 is included at \$320,000 along with a mixing valve in the south Alto Tank for \$12,000 and boots for the Operators at \$600 per year. A Budget Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday April 30, 2014, Staff requested that the Board review the presented preliminary budget and comment.
10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON WELLS, WATER PRODUCTION & USAGE UPDATE - B. Rapp reported on wells, production, and usage. The static aquifer level at Well #2 on April 1, 2014 was 65.6 feet below the surface. The level rose 19.2 feet since the first of last month, and is 25 feet below the 25 year average for April 1st. The Purchased Water Surcharge on the March 31, 2014 billing was 46 cents per unit. Well #3 was turned on March 14th and is pumping 275 gpm. Wells #2 and #4 have been shut down due to lack of production from low groundwater levels. Wells #1 and #3 are meeting demand without purchased supplemental water. If demand raises Wells #2 & #4 can be turned on for a while. Nitrate levels in Well #1 are holding steady at 29 mg/L and are tested monthly.


The meeting was adjourned to a break at 4:26 o'clock p.m. The meeting reconvened at 4:31 o'clock p.m. and was immediately adjourned to executive session at 4:31 o'clock p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Galgas left the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 4:49 o'clock p.m. President T. Jamison stated for the record that Personnel Matters were discussed and no decisions were made.
- Item 11 ATTORNEY'S REPORTS - Executive Session to be held after item 12 Old & New Business.
11. OLD & NEW BUSINESS - B. Rapp Reported that the Ojai Valley Sanitary District offered Ethics Training at their facility. However Ethic This year can be conducted on-site as a free service with membership in CSDA. B. Rapp reported that the CSDA has updated a Personell Policy that District's can purchase and it will be kept up to date by CSDA. B. Rapp reported that a rate setting webinar is available at the District office on April 29, 2014 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. E. Lee reported that he will not be present at the June & July 2014 meetings. E. Lee reported that the court of appeals has ruled that public official personal computers are not subject to the Public Records Act.
12. ATTORNEY REPORTS - The meeting adjourned to executive session at 4:30 o'clock p.m. to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation. J. Schaefer left the executive session at 4:37 o'clock p.m. The executive session ended at 4:47 o'clock p.m. no action was taken.

B. Rapp & B Kuebler reported on the Steelhead conference they attended.
13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - On motion duly seconded at 4:55 o'clock p.m. the meeting was adjourned to a training webinar on Rate Setting under Proposition 218 & 26 on April 29, 2014 at 10:00 A.M.

Attested:


Thomas W. Jamison, President


John R. Curtis, Vice President