

VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 11, 2014

Pursuant to due and official notice, a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ventura River Water District was held at 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, California on June 11, 2014.

Directors present were M. Hanson, T. Jamison, and B. Kuebler. E. Lee and J. Curtis were absent. Also present were General Manager/Board Secretary B. Rapp, Office Manager/recording secretary Janet Schaefer, and Counsel L. Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas.

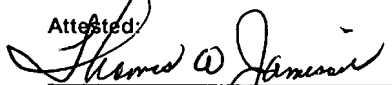
1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President T. Jamison called the meeting to order at 3:03 o'clock p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by T. Jamison.
3. CONSENT AGENDA – A. MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING APRIL 9, 2014, SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 29, 2014 AND SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 30, 2014.
B. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES FOR MAY 2014.

B. Kuebler moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by M. Hanson and carried 3-0-2 absent.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.
5. DRILL MONITORING WELLS FOR FUTURE REPLACEMENT OF WELL #3 – B. Rapp reported that the aquifer is at record low groundwater levels. In January and February the only well able to pump was Well #1. Well #3 was drilled in 1969 and is due for replacement in 2018. An opportunity exists to install monitoring wells near Well #1 to determine if Well #3 can be relocated in the area to try to locate the deepest parts of the aquifer. B. Kuebler moved for approval of the Staff recommendations, 1) Add a Capital Improvement budget line item to the 2014/2015 budget in the amount of \$100,000 for "Well #3 Monitoring Wells" 2) Authorize the General Manager to contract with Kear Groundwater in the amount of \$15,000 to prepare plans and specifications and provide inspection of the monitoring wells, seconded by M. Hanson and carried, 3-0-2 absent.
6. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL NEWSLETTER AND BANNERS – B. Rapp presented several examples of water conservation banners, six favorites were chosen. M. Hanson moved to approve the Staff recommendation to approve 6 banners at a cost of \$750, and to approve the spring 2014 Newsletter final draft, seconded by B. Kuebler and carried, 3-0-2 absent.
7. APPROVE FINAL BUDGET, SALARY RANGE SCHEDULE AND CIP 2014/15 – B. Kuebler moved to approve the final budget, capital improvement plan, and the salary range with the exception of the General Manager and the Office Manager are to receive the full 1% cost of living adjustment and the other employees will receive a flat \$598 cola adjustment. The General Manager's salary range will not expand past the 1% at this time, seconded by M. Hanson, 2 yes, 1 no, 2 absent. (Motion not approved because vote was not unanimous with 3 directors present.)
8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT WELLS, WATER PRODUCTION AND USAGE UPDATE – B. Rapp reported that the water level in Well # 2 was at 58.1 feet below the surface, down 0.9 feet since the first of last month, and 28.9 feet below the 25 year average for June 1st. Well #1, Well #2 and Well #3 are pumping and Well #4 is off due to air from low groundwater levels. Supplemental water has not been purchased from Casitas since March 31st. It is projected that there will be no Purchased Water Surcharge on the June 30th bill. Time of Use - Off Peak Pumping rates from Southern California Edison are now in effect.
9. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS - None
10. OLD BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS – B. Rapp reported that the AWA of Ventura County will hold a Waterwise Breakfast on June 19, 2014, B. Kuebler and B. Rapp will attend. A letter from Vince Ferrante requesting support and vote for him to fill CSDA Region/Network 5 seat C was reviewed, no action was taken. B. Kuebler reported that he attended the Meiners Oaks Water District (MOWD) drought plan meeting. Information on their plan can be found on their website. Mr. Galgas left the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 o'clock p.m. for a break. The meeting reconvened at 4:49 o'clock p.m. and immediately adjourned to executive session regarding pending litigation: Klassen vs. VRWD and potential litigation. Janet Schaefer left the meeting at 5:28 o'clock p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:45 o'clock p.m. President T. Jamison stated for the record that pending litigation was discussed and no decisions were made.

11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - On motion duly seconded at 5:45 o'clock p.m. the meeting was adjourned

Attested:


Thomas W. Jamison, President


Bert J. Rapp, Secretary