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NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

4:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017
VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
409 OLD BALDWIN ROAD, OJAI, CA 93023

Right to be heard: Members of the public have a right to address the Board directly on any item of interest to the public, which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The request to be heard should be made immediately before the Board's consideration of the item. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of 54954.2 of the Government Code and except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CONSENT AGENDA - NONE
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
(LIMIT PER PERSON – 5 MINUTES)
5. WATER BUDGET PROGRAM CONCEPTS
6. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WATER & DISTRICT STATUS
7. OLD & NEW BUSINESS
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

If you require special accommodations for attendance at or participation in this meeting, please notify our office 24 hours in advance at (805) 646-3403 (Govt. Code Section 54954.1 and 54954.2(a)).

VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT

DATE: November 9, 2017
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Bert J. Rapp, General Manager
SUBJECT: WATER BUDGET PROGRAM CONCEPTS

SUMMARY

At the October 18, 2017 the Board review sewer design concepts for the draft Water Budget Program. From that discussion some items were not resolved and scheduled for additional discussion at a special Board meeting November 9, 2017. The discussion items are:

1. The Board selected a Base Rate of about \$10 per month and Ichiko Kido with RDN indicated that she would need to report back to the Board on the precise amount of the Base Rate.
2. Make a final decision on using "Variable Tiers" or "Fixed Tiers".
3. Prepare exhibits demonstrating outdoor water usage calculations for small and large lot homes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The General Manager recommends the Board take the following actions:

1. Base Rate - use an even \$10.00 per month
2. Tier: Variable or Fixed - Use fixed tiers; RDN will be recommending the quantity of water in each Tier at the November or December Board meeting.
3. Review and comment on the small and large lot Water Budget Calculation Exhibits.
4. Eliminate the rate differential for pumping water from Zone 1 to Zone 2.

BACKGROUND

Monthly Base Rate - RDN has determined that rounding the Base Rate to \$10.00 is appropriate rather than having it a few cents below \$10, and is comfortable with using an even \$10.00 for the Base Rate for $\frac{3}{4}$ " & 1" water

meters. During future years the Board indicated they are comfortable with the Base Rate being increased proportional with increases to usage charges.

Fixed or Variable tiers - RDN is comfortable with using either Fixed or Variable Tiers. The consensus of the Board at the October 18th meeting was to use Fixed Tiers but wanted to wait until RDN could give the options for additional consideration.

Water Budget Calculation Exhibits - RDN will provide Water Budget Calculation Exhibits at the November 9th Board meeting.

Rate Differential For Pumping - RDN recommends eliminating the rate differential for pumping water from Zone 1 to Zone 2. Utility rate setting normally does not include small differences affecting rates. For example the neighborhoods receiving Casitas water directly do not require wells, tanks or pumps and the District does not attempt to separate these areas out into separate rate categories and account for their neighborhood specific costs. In the same way RDN recommends that the rates not be divided into pumped and not pumped areas but consider all water the same and have consistent water rates across the District. If the Board desires, a separate pump charge can be applied on the water bill for those who reside in Zone 2.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The variables selected for formulation of the Water Budget Program should not affect District finances.

Action: _____

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____

E. Lee _____ B. Kuebler _____ M. Hanson _____ J. Curtis _____ P. Wiles _____