

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 17, 2019**

Directors present were: Peggy Wiles, Ed Lee, Jack Curtis, Bruce Kuebler and Marvin Hanson. Also present were: Attorney Lindsey Nielson, General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp and Office Manager Amy Joy Bakken. Public present were: None.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** President Peggy Wiles called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Peggy Wiles.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. MINUTES JUNE 19TH, 2019
 - B. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MAY & JUNE 2019
 - C. FY 2018/19 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

Bruce Kuebler moved for approval of the consent agenda items, seconded Marvin Hanson and carried 3-2 (AYES: Peggy Wiles, Bruce Kuebler, Marvin Hanson. NOES: None. Abstain: Ed Lee and Jack Curtis).

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)** – None.
5. **CONSIDERATION TO SWITCH BACK TO EDISON FROM CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE FOR ENERGY**– A recent unplanned Edison rate increase significantly increased the cost of power for large power users under the Clean Power Alliance (CPA). Staying with the Clean Power Alliance would cause a cost increase of 10.5%. The General Manager recommended that the Board switch back to Southern California Edison for the purchase of the District's electrical power. Bruce Kuebler stated his concern that the District may be beyond the 60 day contract period to freely change back. Bert Rapp stated he would confirm with CPA. Marvin Hanson moved for approval of the recommended action, seconded Jack Curtis and carried 5-0.
6. **NORTH BALDWIN TANK REPAIR**– The North Baldwin tank is in need of repairs for the corroding roof and some small holes in the floor. Costs were presented for various alternatives of repairing the tank. The General Manager recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to issue a purchase order to Superior Tank Solutions to patch the failing areas in the floor of the North Baldwin Tank in the amount of \$7,500 and proceed with the installation of a solar exhaust fan and passive cathodic protection for an estimated total cost of \$13,000. Bert Rapp stated that there was a chance the patching option would not be work and we may have to consider coating the entire floor or replacing some floor panels. Should costs exceed the approved budget to repair the tank of \$35,500, a special Board meeting will be scheduled to request approval of additional repairs. The tanks and pump station are scheduled to be relocated and replaced around 2030. Ed Lee moved for approval of the recommended actions, seconded Bruce Kuebler and carried 5-0.
7. **DECLARE SURPLUS: TANK AND EMERGENCY GENERATOR**– At the Well #6 site there is a 900 gallon steel tank and a 30 year old 80 HP diesel emergency generator that are no longer of value to the District. Removal of the items would improve access at the small well site. The General Manager recommended that the Board declare the 900 gallon tank and 80 HP diesel generator surplus and authorize the General Manager to list them on Craig's list and if there are no interested buyers then remove and dispose of the items. Jack Curtis moved for approval of the recommended action, seconded Marvin Hanson and carried 5-0.
8. **ADVERTISING FLOW, LEAK DETECTOR & CONTROL DEVICES**- Bert Rapp discussed different water monitoring and control devices that are on the market. These devices can provide real time water usage

rates and sometimes turn the water off when a leak occurs. He went on to show informational videos to the Board about the different devices. The General Manager recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to send out information emails and water bill stuffers to inform customers about water monitoring and control devices available for them to purchase. Bruce Kuebler asked that promotional materials for these devices state that VRWD water bills will be based on the District's meter reading only. Bruce Kuebler moved for approval of the recommended action, seconded Marvin Hanson and carried 5-0.

- 9. BOARD REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED & UPDATE ON THE UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY (UVRGA)-BRUCE KUEBLER-** Bruce Kuebler discussed the UVRGA meeting last week which mostly covered administrative items. The new Board Chair is Diana Engel with Bruce Kuebler as Vice Chair and Angelo Spandrio as the Secretary. It was determined at the meeting that the ad hoc committee created to negotiate and interface with the State offices regarding the California Water Action Plan would be terminated. Brian Bondy will be responsible for bringing policy issues back to the board as they come up. Bert Rapp will volunteer to participate in meetings with DWR with Brian Bondy to discuss GSP issues raised by litigation and the Water Board process. The next meeting won't be held until September because efforts will be focused on preparing the first invoice for the DWR grant. The three agreements between UVRGA and VRWD, MOWD, and Ventura were approved for the no interest loans. No action was taken on this item.

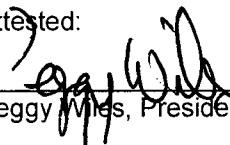
- 10. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WATER & DISTRICT STATUS** - The aquifer is currently 6.1 feet above the 30 year average for July 1st at an elevation of 533.6 feet. Well #1 is pumping 1,026 GPM, down 34 GPM from last month. Well #7 is pumping 750 GPM down 20 GPM from last month. Well #2,3 & 4 are not online. No supplemental water was purchased from Casitas in June. Sales dollars billed on June 30, 2019 amounted to \$183,318, under budget by (\$51,254) for June. Water sold in June 2019 amounted to 26,519 HCF, a decrease of 53% below the 58,444 HCF sold in June 2013. On July 1, 2019, Lake Casitas level was at 44.6% of full capacity at elevation of 505.42 feet. The lake has decreased 0.3% or 0.5 feet and decreased 713 AF since last month. The customer water budgets were reduced by 14% for the June billing because the actual ET was 14% lower than the average ET.

- 11. OLD & NEW BUSINESS** –Meeting coming up with VCSDA on the geologic history of Ventura County as well as a tour of California True Colors Garden. Ed Lee stated that the customer complaint log was missing.

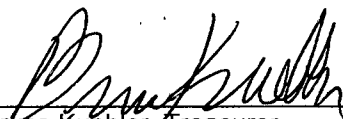
- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Lindsey Nielson stated no executive session was necessary and he gave a brief legal update. No action was taken on this item.

Peggy Wiles adjourned the meeting at 4:31 pm.

Attested:



Peggy Wiles, President



Bruce Kuebler, Treasurer