

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2019**

Directors present were: Bruce Kuebler, Ed Lee, Jack Curtis and Marvin Hanson. Director Absent was: Peggy Wiles. Also present were: Attorney Lindsey Nielson, General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp and Office Manager Amy Joy Bakken. Public present were: Carl Enson.


1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** Vice President Ed Lee called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Ed Lee.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2019
 - B. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2019Jack Curtis moved for approval of the consent agenda items, seconded Bruce Kuebler and carried 4-0.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)** – None.
5. **VALLEY MEADOW DRIVE PHASE II WATER MAIN PROJECT-VERBAL UPDATE ON PROJECT PROGRESS-**Bert Rapp provided a verbal update on the final negotiations for Valley Meadow Drive Phase II. Final costs are estimated to come in 12%-14% over budget. Bert discussed some of the challenges of the job including utility conflicts, old cement slurry in the trench, abandonment of existing pipe, etc. No action was taken on this item.
6. **BOARD REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED & UPDATE ON THE UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY (UVRGA)-BRUCE KUEBLER-** – Bruce Kuebler discussed the most recent UVRGA meeting. There was one protest of the determined amount for pumping which was resolved by reducing the amount for the individual. The late fee was waived for VRWD for the extraction fee payment being mailed to the old address and never being received. The UVRGA attorney gave a summary of the three different processes going on and how they have to be kept separate: Adjudication, State Water Action Plan and Channelkeeper lawsuit. Bruce expressed frustration about the lack of plan to integrate those processes. No action was taken on this item.
7. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WATER & DISTRICT STATUS** - The aquifer is currently 12.5 feet above the 30 year average for October 1st at an elevation of 524.2 feet. Well #1 is pumping 1,024 GPM, down 2 GPM from last month. Well #4 is pumping 1,101 GPM, down 21 GPM from last month. Well #2, #3 & #7 are not online. No supplemental water was purchased from Casitas in September. Sales dollars billed on September 30, 2019 amounted to \$271,348, over budget by \$22,483 for September. Water sold in September 2019 amounted to 39,283 HCF, a decrease of 38% below the 62,102 HCF sold in September 2013. On September 1, 2019, Lake Casitas level was at 42.3% of full capacity at elevation of 502.06 feet. The lake has decreased 0.7% or 1 foot and decreased 1,650 AF since last month. The customer water budgets were unchanged for the September billing because the actual ET was equal to the average ET for that period.
8. **OLD & NEW BUSINESS** Bert Rapp discussed District activities underway including GIS collection, annual audit and Valley Meadow Drive Phase III. Bert Rapp and Lindsey Nielson also briefly discussed an update on the adjudication lawsuit. No action was taken on this item.
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** –None.

Ed Lee adjourned the meeting at 3:47 pm.

Attested:



Ed Lee, Vice President



Bruce Kuebler, Treasurer

