

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2005**

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 March 9, 2005.

President M. Hanson called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

There were present Directors Jack Curtis, Marvin Hanson, Tom Jamison, Ed Lee, and Eddie Ramseyer. Also present were the District's Counsel Lindsay Nielson, General Manager Matthew Bryant, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer, Mr. George Galgas of 523 E. Katherine Avenue and, Mr. Peter Siebert, and Ms. Elaine Gregg representing Ms. Gertrude Pickett of 10885 Encino Drive.

E. Ramseyer moved for approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held February 9, 2005 seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the financial statements for January 2005, and the disbursements for February 2005. Accounts Payable check numbers 7020 - 7076, Trust check number-none, and Payroll check numbers 3681 - 3695 totaling \$61,215.41 seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

Ms. Gregg representing Ms. Gertrude Pickett of 10885 Encino Drive addressed the Board requesting relief for a high water bill caused by a leak that went undetected. Ms. Gregg felt that the District should offer some relief as she felt company policy had been violated. Ms. Gregg contended that Staff did not make sure the meter stopped turning when the service was turned on. Discussion included a written statement from Staff that the meter had stopped turning after it was turned on. Director E. Ramseyer expressed sympathy for the situation but also stated that the obligation and liability of VRCWD stops at the meter, anything beyond the meter is the property owner's responsibility. VRCWD was requested to turn the water on and did so at the customer's request. Director E. Ramseyer moved to give credit for half of the bill. The motion died for lack of a second. President Hanson expressed his sympathy for their situation but VRCWD could offer no relief. Mr. Siebert and Ms. Gregg left the meeting.

M. Bryant reported that he has been in contact with the homeowners in the area of the Curtis well site who would like to extend the main line and connect to VRCWD. M. Bryant scheduled a meeting with the homeowners for Friday March 11, 2005 to walk the area and discuss what will be required to accomplish the main line extension.

M. Bryant presented a water rate comparison of VRCWD vs. other agencies in the area. Base rates and tiers of service were discussed.

VRCWD Board member and Staff attended the public hearing at CMWD regarding a rate increase prior to the VRCWD meeting. A rate increase of 15% to resellers was approved. This will be passed on to VRCWD customers in Zone 3 as per the Rules and Regulations. The customers in Zones 1 & 2 will bear the impact of the increase when VRCWD has to purchase water to meet demand. Staff was instructed to place a bill note to Zone 3 customers notifying them of the increase when it is put in effect.

M. Bryant reported on Well rehabilitation. Well #3 water samples are complete and results are pending. Staff is waiting for those results to prepare the source water assessment required by DHS to put the well on-line. Staff hopes to have the SCADA tie in done by the end of March. Well #2 has been video logged and a recommendation for rehabilitation in the amount \$92,426. proposed by Layne Christensen. Director Ramseyer inquired as to why the cost is so high. Staff felt the viewing the video log would answer the question as to the degree of rehabilitation required. The video log was then viewed at the meeting. Staff indicated that a chemical wash and new pump are required. Additionally, more than \$20,000 of the cost is for environmental compliance alone. Well #1 will be the last well to be rehabilitated and based on production levels will require less extensive cleaning and a new pump at a proposed cost of \$47,871.18.

M. Bryant reported on water production and use. The aquifer level in Well #2 on March 1, 2005 was 6.8' to water.

E. Lee moved approval of Budget Transfer #4, seconded by J. Curtis and carried. From 93500000 Appropriation Contingency \$4000 to 9320000 Office Equipment \$4,000. To fund purchase of a new billing computer and set-up.

M. Bryant reported that the April 2005 VCSDA dinner meeting will be on April 5, 2005, Directors Curtis and Hanson will attend.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:50 o'clock p.m. to discuss potential litigation and a personnel matter.

Mr. Galgas left the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 7:17o' clock p.m. President M. Hanson stated that potential litigation with regard to the 12" main line failure and a personnel matter were discussed and no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 o'clock p.m.

Attested to:

Marvin L Hanson  
Marvin Hanson, President

  
Eddie P. Ramseyer, Vice President