

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 11, 2008**

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 June 11, 2008.

President E. Ramseyer called the meeting to order at 5:31 o'clock p.m.

There were present Directors J. Curtis, T. Jamison, and E. Ramseyer. E. Lee and M. Hanson were absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E. Katherine Avenue.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the May 14, 2008 regular Board meeting minutes, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

J. Curtis moved for approval of the Financial Statements for April 2008 and the disbursements for May 2008 Accounts Payable check numbers 8854 - 8899, Trust check numbers 2544 - 2547, and Payroll check numbers 4286 - 4300 totaling \$55,884, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

T. Jamison moved to approve the personnel package as presented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

J. Curtis moved to approve setting the date for a Public Hearing for the proposed water rate increase for August 13, 2008, seconded by T. Jamison, and carried.

T. Jamison moved to approve the Public Hearing Notice in compliance with Proposition 218, seconded by J. Curtis, and carried.

T. Jamison moved for approval of Resolution 2008 – 230 setting reserves, seconded by J. Curtis, and carried by roll call vote.

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION 2008 – 230**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
FUNDING FOR RESTRICTED FUNDS FOR FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADES**

WHEREAS, the Ventura River County Water District, established in 1956, has approximately 33 miles of water mains, five water storage tanks, 2 water booster stations, and 5 water wells; and,

WHEREAS, since 1989 the district has replaced, and/or upgraded the major facilities and now must focus maintenance efforts on the underground pipelines many of which are forty (40) to fifty (50) years old; and,

WHEREAS, The VRCWD Board of Directors have identified over \$4 million in improvements and upgrades for the next 5 – 10 years; and,

WHEREAS, to pay for future replacement and upgrades to the aging water system a financial plan is needed to fund these activities; and

WHEREAS, the financial plan will consist of a reserve account to be established as a mechanism for accumulating restricted funds to be used to fund future; Capital Improvements, Operating expenditure shortfall, and Emergency repairs; and,

WHEREAS, development of a financial plan to accumulate funds for future rehabilitation and repair projects will eliminate the need of extreme water rate increases to offset these costs

WHEREAS, the Reserve account will be used for Replacement and Upgrade costs from the District's Capital Improvement Plan consisting of Water System Improvements, Shop Maintenance Equipment, Structures and Improvements, Office Equipment, and Auto/Equipment Replacement. The balance of restricted funds in Reserves shall be a maximum of \$1,500,000; and,

WHEREAS, maximum balance in Reserve funds may be increased or decreased as approved by a vote of the Board of Directors; and,

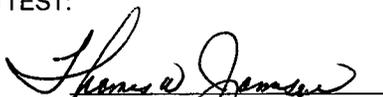
WHEREAS, the contribution to the Reserve account shall be based on annual depreciation as budgeted each fiscal year according to the Districts Depreciation schedule; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Ventura River County Water District the above shall be effective with the 2008 – 2009 Fiscal year budget starting July 1, 2008.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008.

AYES: Curtis, Jamison, Ramseyer  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Hanson, Lee

ATTEST:

  
 Tom Jamison, Vice-President

  
 Eddie Ramseyer, President

The draft budget and 5 – year Capital Improvement Plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 was discussed, T. Jamison moved to approval as presented, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

M. Bryant reported on the progress of the New Shop project, footings for the structure have been completed and inspected by Building and Safety. The electrical has been inspected. Staff as time permits will work on the other elements of the project. With the initial inspections the permit will remain active for a period of 3-years. Mr. George Galgas commented that he had inquired at the County Planning Division regarding our permit and was told we received the permit and was granted an extension until July 29, 2008 after that date we would be required to pay additional fees to re-activate the permit. Mr. Galgas did not want the District to miss the date. M. Bryant explained to Mr. Galgas that he had an e-mail from the County Building Official explaining that if progress inspections were performed the permit would be valid for up to 3-years. Mr. Galgas commented that he didn't want the District to have pay additional fees if the permit was to lapse.

M. Bryant reported he discussed with Ron Merklng of Casitas Municipal Water District about contributing towards having Water Conservation CD's developed. Currently there are six possible seven agencies partnering up towards the program each contributing \$4,673 each. Ron Merklng felt that if all the small agencies went in as a group it would be more affordable. J. Curtis suggested that the contribution be based on a percentage of customers each of the agencies have versus a set amount. After some discussion the Board felt that this might be a good Water Conservation outreach method.

M. Bryant commented since the Governor has declared a statewide drought releasing funds for Water Conservation that this sort of thing may qualify for funding, he will check to see if it qualifies and report back to the Board. M. Bryant has a copy of the CD and will show a demonstration at the next meeting.

M. Bryant reported that Governor Schwarzenegger formally declared a statewide drought. A copy of the Press Release and Executive Order S-06-08 was discussed. L. Nielson asked how the declaration would affect the District. M. Bryant responded that it does not affect the District until the Governor orders mandatory rationing. We have been asking for reductions in use since May 07. We will need to increase our efforts and outreach programs to educate our customers on more water conservation measures.

M. Bryant reported on wells, production, and usage. The aquifer level in Well #2 on June 1<sup>st</sup> was at 21.0' down 1.3' since May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Under Old Business M. Bryant reported that the Alert Antenna is schedule for install the week of June 16, 2008.

Under New Business was discussion regarding the AWA of Ventura County Water Wise Breakfast to be held on June 19, 2008 from 7:15 o'clock a.m. to 9:00 o'clock a.m., M. Bryant and L. Nielson will attend.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation at 6:36 o'clock p.m., Mr. Galgas left the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 6:45 o'clock p.m. President Ramseyer stated for the record that pending litigation was discussed with no action taken.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 o'clock p.m.

Attested:

  
 Eddie P. Ramseyer, President

  
 Thomas W. Jamison, Vice President