

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 13, 2010**

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 January 13, 2010.

President T. Jamison called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

There were present Directors M. Hanson, T. Jamison and E. Lee and Director E. Ramseyer. Director J. Curtis was absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant, Carla Burke – substitute recording secretary for Janet Schaefer, and Counsel Paul Huff.

President T. Jamison stated for the record that the consent agenda is approved as presented.

E. Ramseyer motioned to deny and reject the request for a refund of NSF penalties and an alleged damage claim to customer James Rueter of 2276 Sumac Dr, seconded by M. Hanson and carried. GM M Bryant will inform Mr. Rueter of the Boards decision.

GM M. Bryant reported to the Board on the inactivation of Curtis Well 5 due to present Nickel levels. GM M Bryant reports that the presence of Nickel is coming from the material in the well. The Board has directed staff to examine the option of abandoning the well and selling the land as a legal lot, then report back to the Board with his findings.

GM M. Bryant reports that the new fitting has been installed at the Parker Tank site and the bypass line is in place. Staff has communicated with Superior Tank and has the leak repair tentatively scheduled for late February, early March, 2010. Upon setting a firm date with Superior Tank for the project of the leak repairs, staff will send a letter to affected residents informing them of the impending, scheduled work that will be done at the Parker Tank site.

The Board reviewed change order # 1 from Water Resource Engineering Associates, (WREA) that directly relates to the Water System Evaluation Study. Three items were addressed in the change order; A) Telemetry and SCADA modifications and upgrades, B) Easement research and related issues and, C) Additional hydraulic model runs, modification of system model and analysis of results for improvements currently scheduled. Director E. Ramseyer motioned to approve item "C", motion seconded by E. Lee and carried. Items A and B will be discussed with WREA Lou Nagy for discussion at the next Board meeting to take place in February, 2010. The Board will look at budgeting items A and B in the next fiscal years budget. Items A and B tabled.

M. Bryant reported on wells, production, and usage. The static aquifer level at Well #2 on January 1, 2010 was 43.1 feet below surface. The level has risen 11.2 feet since the first of last month. The aquifer is currently 1.7 feet below the 10-year average and 2.9 feet below the January 1, 2009 level. All wells are pumping well.

Under old business, GM M. Bryant informed the Board that the General Manager's meeting that will discuss addressing the County's excessive Fees is projected to take place some time in February, the date yet to be determined.

Under new business, M Bryant sent a letter to the County protesting the \$180.00 permit fee for raising of the valve stacks that the County's contractors buried in the course of paving the roadways. GM M. Bryant also shared the response from the County regarding the alleged "irregular" paving of Monte Via. The County will still hold VRCWD responsible if the "irregular" paving gets any worse. GM M Bryant will respond to the County and address this in the near future with the County.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Attested:

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Thomas W. Jamison, President

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Ed Lee, Treasurer