

**VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 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 November 10, 2010.

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

There were present Directors J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee, and E. Ramseyer. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant, Office Manager/recording secretary Janet Schaefer, and Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Public present was Mr. George Galgas and, Mr. Bert Rapp.

J. Curtis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The consent agenda items were approved as presented. J. Curtis abstained.

The candidates for the ACWA Health Benefits Authority election were discussed and no ballot was cast.

The General Manager Recruitment Committee of E. Lee and E. Ramseyer reported that they met and narrowed down the list of qualified candidates. Further direction from the Board is requested in executive session at the end of the regular meeting.

M. Hanson moved to approve Budget Transfer #3, seconded by J. Curtis and carried. From: 93700000 Committed for Capital Improvements \$18,000, To: 91500043 Alviria & Rice Valve Replacement \$6,000, 91500044 Granito & Capello Valve Replacement \$6,000, 91500045 New Valve at Rice south of Alviria \$6,000. Under discussion M. Hanson complimented Staff on the valve replacement job being properly noticed and done in a timely manner and left clean on completion.

M. Bryant reported that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Valley Meadow project engineering have been sent out. M. Bryant has met with some respondents to tour the area and bids are due by December 15, 2010.

M. Bryant reported that the SCADA system upgrade project draft design documents have been received and are being reviewed by Staff for final revision.

M. Bryant reported on wells, production, and usage. The aquifer level at Well #2 on November 1st, 2010 was 50.1 feet below surface. The level is down 1.4 feet since the first of last month. The aquifer is currently 1.8 feet above the 21 – year average and 5.9 feet above the November 1, 2009 level.

Director J. Curtis requested the Board's support to represent VRCWD on the California Special District's (CSDA) Board of Directors. E. Ramseyer moved to instruct Staff to prepare a Resolution of support for the next Board meeting, seconded by E. Lee and carried.

L. Nielson reported on the urgent letter dated October 21, 2010 from Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD) regarding Amicus Curiae Letter Assistance. Yorba Linda Water District was sued in an inverse condemnation action alleging YLWD provided inadequate water service for fire suppression during a major fire storm. If the plaintiffs succeed in this case all water agencies in California could face similar liability for loss of property, structures, and lives in any fire. YLWD requested help by having district counsel write an Amicus Curiae letter to the California Supreme Court.

L. Nielson wrote Amicus Letter dated November 1, 2010 to the California Supreme Court in support of petition for review, California Supreme Court No S-187414, Yorba Linda Water District vs. Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Orange. This letter requested support for review by the Honorable California Supreme Court of this unprecedented finding that legislative immunities do not shield water districts from such claims that would have profound public policy and financial implications, and eviscerate the law of inverse condemnation which requires the "taking or damaging" of property.

Under Old Business M. Bryant reported that an advertisement has been placed in the Ojai Valley News for the Utility Worker I position and will close December 8, 2010. To date eleven applications have been received. The District's website is under construction and should be ready in a couple of weeks.

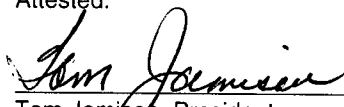
Under New Business M. Bryant stated that the VCSDA dinner meeting is December 7, 2010, Directors J. Curtis and M. Hanson will attend. AWAVC Waterwise breakfast meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2010, M. Bryant and L. Nielson will attend. AWAVC annual Corporate Night sponsorship request letter has been received. J. Curtis moved to support the AWAVC Corporate Night in the amount of \$100, seconded by M. Hanson and carried. Staff requested signatures for a letter to Rabo Bank instructing transfer of \$70,000 to LAIF on November 15, 2010 in accordance with district investment policy.

The meeting was adjourned to a break at 6:25 o'clock p.m. The President stated that the meeting would reconvene to an executive session after the break to discuss personnel matters. Public present and the recording secretary left the meeting.

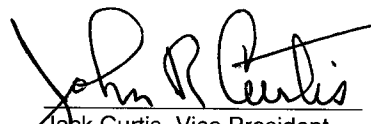
The break ended at 6:28 o'clock p.m. and was immediately adjourned to executive session. The meeting reconvened at 7:13 o'clock p.m. no action was taken.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 o'clock p.m.

Attested:



Tom Jamison, President



Jack Curtis, Vice President