

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2012

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 May 9, 2012.

There were present Directors: J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee and E. Ramseyer. Also present were General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, and Counsel Paul Huff. Public present was Mr. George Galgas.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - President E. Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by J. Curtis.
3. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2012 AND SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP APRIL 25, 2012.
 - B. EXPENDITURES FOR APRIL 2012 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2012
 - C. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: REIMBURSEMENT TO MARK ALBERTSEN \$116.55 FOR TUITION REIMBURSEMENT AND TO BERT RAPP \$408.71 FOR AWWA SPRING CONFERENCE


M. Hanson moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
5. BUDGET REVIEW – General Manager Rapp presented the draft budget that included the items approved at the April 25th budget workshop. Rapp also indicated the with the help of Office Manger Janet Schaefer and our auditor the beginning and ending cash balances were added to the budget for clarity. Also Meter Maintenance was moved from "Operating Expense" category to "Fixed Assets". Two items were recommend for addition to the budget after the April 25th workshop they were \$2,500 for and Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) and \$5,900 for ArcEditor computer program for the GIS system. The Board unanimously elected to fund the ArcEditor and not fund the AED.

J. Curtis discussed taking advantage of the current low interest rates and low competitive construction costs to complete the Valley Meadow Drive pipeline project sooner than the scheduled 2019 construction year. The Board elected to stay with the pay as you go approach. Rapp indicated that the "Operating Surplus" which is currently at a deficit of \$137,031 for FY 2012/13 needs to be a positive \$340,000 per year to meet the objectives of the 10 year Capital Improvement Plan.
6. REVIEW OF DRAFT SPRING NEWS LETTER – The Board opted to print the newsletter in color and delete question #2 regarding customer input on softening the water. B. Rapp is to final the newsletter and publish it.
7. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT – WELLS, WATER PRODUCTION & USAGE UPDATE - B. Rapp reported on wells, production, and usage. The static aquifer level at Well #2 on May 1, 2012 was 29.2 feet below surface. The level has risen 7.7 feet since the first of last month, and is 5.7 feet below the 20-year average for May and 2.8 feet above the April 1st drought trigger that indicates purchased water may be required this summer. Chart 2 indicates that ground water supplies are on the same track as 2009 when the District purchased water from September to February 2010, so the District will likely purchase water this fall. .
8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.
9. OLD BUSINESS – B. Rapp reported that he and J. Curtis attend the Casitas Board meeting on Monday May 7th and expressed concern that the Casitas Resale rate is \$1.40 per unit while their Tier 1 Residential Rate is \$0.83 per unit. At the Casitas Meeting Steve Wickstrum indicated the \$1.40 per unit cost is offset by the lower Stand By charge which works out to only \$4.64 per home for resale situations verses \$17.16 per home for Casitas Residential Customers. B Rapp handed out an analysis comparing Casitas Residential and Resale Rates. B Rapp also reported that on May 4th Steve Wickstrum indicated he is making progress responding on the Allocation issue.
10. NEW BUSINESS – The Board made no nominations for the LAFCO Special District Alternate Member. AWA of Ventura County will hold its WaterWise breakfast May 17th J. Curtis and B Rapp will attend. VCSDA will hold it's monthly meeting June 5th Jack Curtis will attend.
11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - There being no further action to come before this Board on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 o'clock p.m.

Attested:



Ed Lee, President



Marvin Hanson, Vice President