

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2018**

Directors present were: Jack Curtis, Bruce Kuebler, Ed Lee and Marvin Hanson. Directors absent were: Peggy Wiles. Also present were: Attorney Lindsey Nielson, General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp and Office Manager Amy Joy Bakken. Public present were: Carl Enson.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**- President Jack Curtis called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Marvin Hanson.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. **MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2018**
 - B. **FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2018**

Marvin Hanson moved for approval of the consent agenda items, seconded Ed Lee, and carried 4-0.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)** – Carl Enson asked for an update on the recent news of the City of Ventura suing 100 water purveyors in Ojai. District Counsel Lindsey Nielson responded that the City of Ventura is applying for an adjudication of the entire Ventura River Watershed casting a broad net. The court will have to approve that before it can go forward and will take many years to fight it.
5. **BUDGET TRANSFER #1 – ACCELERATION OF PROJECTS** – Bert Rapp discussed projects that need to be completed sooner than planned. These include Valley Meadow Drive Phase (VMD Ph II), a chlorine dilution tank and fire flow enhancements for La Cumbre and Del Valle. VMD Ph II and the La Cumbre and Del Valle projects need to be moved up because the County is scheduled to pave roads that would be impacted by those projects in April 2019. Construction funding for these projects would total approximately \$1,081,000 to be transferred from the Capital Improvement Project Reserves. There was some general discussion about chlorine costs, budget reserves, and specifics of each project. Bruce Kuebler moved for approval of the recommended action to approve budget transfer #1 to add construction funding to the Valley Meadow Drive Water Main Phase II project, add chlorine dilution tank and La Cumbre & Del Valley Fire Flow enhancement, seconded Marvin Hanson and carried 4-0.
6. **ANNEXATION 650 BURNHAM ROAD – RESOLUTION 2018-316** – Bert Rapp gave an update on the status of the annexation to 650 Burnham Road. LAFCO staff is concerned that this annexation could lead to development of the 40 acres without further LAFCO review. LAFCO staff is also concerned about the environmental impacts of the annexation and enabling development in the 100 year flood plain. Bert Rapp showed how the parcel is in the current FEMA map's 100 year flood plain but in the draft version of the updated map it is not in the 100 year flood plain. He also stated that the parcel would have to be reviewed by LAFCO again if it tried to annex to the Sanitary District for development. He feels the environmental impact associated with annexation would be beneficial because it would prevent the need for a water truck driving up and down Burnham Road to bring water to the property. Bruce Kuebler asked for some language in the resolution to be clarified. Bert Rapp recommended postponing adoption of the resolution until the next meeting. The Board Consensus was to consider the resolution at the November 2018 meeting.
7. **UPDATE ON THE UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY (UVRGA) - KUEBLER** – Bruce Kuebler said at the last UVRGA meeting the grant agreement was approved that was developed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and now it has to be approved by Sacramento. At the local level, out of Glendale DWR office, they have agreed to change the cost share percentage to 26% to offset the inability to charge for agency formation and application costs. This will hopefully mean the agency comes out a little bit ahead. The main other item that was discussed at the meeting was the contributions by other member agencies to keep UVRGA running until the extraction fee is established. There hasn't been discussion as to whether or not the agencies

expect to be paid back. The current year budget is based on the member agency's \$50,000 contribution but there is also going to be an extraction fee which may come in to effect in January or February 2019. There was a general discussion that those paying a contribution would have that amount reduced or offset by the extraction fee. The main concern is what the County of Ventura and Casitas Municipal Water District are willing to contribute. The County may be willing to loan money after the extraction fee is established similar to what they are doing in the Mound Basin. The next meeting will be held in November and UVRGA will expect a response back from the County and CMWD. No action was taken on this item.

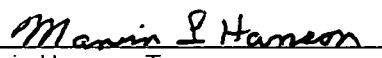
8. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WATER & DISTRICT STATUS** - The aquifer is currently 14.2 feet below the 30 year average for October 1 at an elevation of 497.1 feet. Well #1 is pumping 900 GPM, down 31 GPM from last month. Well #3 is pumping 194 GPM down 63 GPM from last month. Well #4 is off due to low water levels. Well #7 is pumping 665 GPM, down 20 GPM from last month. The wells are running at about 59% of their capacity to meet demand. No supplemental water was purchased from Casitas in September. Sales dollars billed on September 30, 2018 amounted to \$267,379, over budget by \$33,473 for September. Water sold in September 2018 amounted to 38,316 HCF, a decrease of 39% below the 63,102 HCF sold in September 2013. On October 3, 2018, Lake Casitas level was at 31.4% of full capacity at elevation of 483.12 feet. The lake has decreased 0.6% or 1.4 feet since last month and decreased 1,693 AF since last month. No action was taken on this item.
9. **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**– Bert Rapp stated the Board needed to schedule ethics training in November. The Board consensus was to schedule ethics training for Wednesday, November 28 from 10am to noon at the District Office.
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**– Jack Curtis moved the meeting in to executive session at 3:57 pm to discuss Real estate negotiations: Construction Access 2175 Valley Meadow Drive and Pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) (Pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) (City of Ventura v. VRWD, CPF-14-513875, Friend of the Court filing, Channelkeeper. Jack Curtis moved the meeting out of executive session at 5:21 p.m.

After the Executive Session Bruce Kuebler moved to approve the draft access agreement with Paul and Angie Booth at 2175 Valley Meadow Drive. Seconded by Ed Lee and carried 4-0.

Jack Curtis adjourned the meeting at 4:22 pm.

Attested:


 Jack Curtis, President


 Marvin Hanson, Treasurer