

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

Directors present via Zoom video and teleconference were: Ed Lee, Jack Curtis, Peggy Wiles, Bruce Kuebler and Nathan Rosser. Also present were: Attorney Lindsey Nielson, General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, and Office Manager Amy Joy Bakken.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** President Ed Lee called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. MINUTES AUGUST 19, 2020
  - B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR AUG 2020
  - C. REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURES FOR FY 2019/20

Bruce Kuebler moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded Peggy Wiles and carried 5-0. (AYES: Jack Curtis, Bruce Kuebler, Ed Lee, Nathan Rosser and Peggy Wiles. NOES: None.)

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA) –** None.

4. **APPROVAL OF UVRGA AUDITOR SERVICES AGREEMENT**–The Board's comments on the Agreement from the prior Board meeting were provided to Brian Bondy of UVRGA. Items were added to the agreement per the Board's requests last month. **Recommended Actions:** 1) Approve the attached draft Agreement for providing audit services to the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. 2) Authorize the General Manager to sign the audit agreement with Bartlett Pringle and Wolf, LLP to conduct audit services for UVRGA. 3) Approve Budget Transfer #1 in the amount of \$12,000 to cover the reimbursable expense of providing the audit for UVRGA. Jack Curtis moved for approval of the recommended actions, seconded Nathan Rosser and carried 5-0. (AYES: Jack Curtis, Bruce Kuebler, Ed Lee, Nathan Rosser and Peggy Wiles. NOES: None.


5. **BOARD REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED & UPDATE ON THE UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY (UVRGA)-BRUCE KUEBLER-** The agency administrator, Summer Ward, had to resign from her duties for personal reasons. Brian Bondy hired an administrative assistant from the attorney's office to step into the administrative role for UVRGA. An amendment to attorney's contract was approved to allow for the change. The UVRGA Board decided to keep the mailing address for the agency the same (at Meiners Oaks Water District) to be delivered on to Brian Bondy. There was confusion regarding the UVRGA Board's action related to a lawsuit filed against Casitas regarding a public records request. The UVRGA Board rescinded their prior action and re-voted on the action in public open session. UVRGA has decided to put an ad in the local paper to get accurate information out to the public regarding why they are taking specific actions. No action was taken on this item.

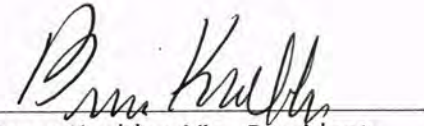
6. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON WATER & DISTRICT STATUS-** The aquifer is currently 6.9 feet above the 30-year average for September 1 at an elevation of 522.8 feet. Well #1 is pumping 974 GPM, down 8 GPM from last month. Well #2, #3, #4 & #6 were not online in August. Well #7 is pumping 746 GPM, down 20 GPM from last month. No supplemental water was purchased from Casitas. Sales dollars billed on August 31, 2020 amounted to \$279,307, over budget by \$19,045 for August. Water sold in August 2020 amounted to 41,752 HCF, a decrease of 33% below the 62,509 HCF sold in August 2013. On September 4, Lake Casitas level was at 41.7% of full capacity at elevation of 501.1 feet. The lake has decreased 1.1% or 1.4 feet and decreased 2,244 AF since last month. No action was taken on this item.

7. **OLD & NEW BUSINESS** – Bert Rapp went over the stipulated judgement and proposed physical solution related to the Adjudication lawsuit which was released September 15, 2020. No action was taken on this item.
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**- Ed Lee moved the meeting into executive session at 3:39 pm to discuss pending litigation. Ed Lee brought the meeting out of executive session at 3:55 pm. No action was taken.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm**

Attested:

  
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Ed Lee, President

  
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Bruce Kuebler, Vice President