

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING MAY 12, 2020**

Directors present via Zoom video and teleconference were: Ed Lee, Jack Curtis, Peggy Wiles, Bruce Kuebler and Marvin Hanson. Also present were: Attorney Lindsey Nielson, General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp and Office Manager Amy Joy Bakken. Public present were: Eric Baldwin and Tesla representative Brian Ward.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** Vice President Bruce Kuebler called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA) –** None.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH TESLA FOR BATTERIES AT DISTRICT PUMP STATIONS-**
Bert Rapp discussed the application he submitted with Tesla, Inc to allow them to submit a grant application on behalf of VRWD to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to install 4-hour batteries at the Baldwin and Parker pump stations. A \$200 refundable deposit was made with Tesla to start the process of the grant application. If the grant is awarded there should be no cost to the District for the batteries or the 10-year service agreement. The cost of the installed batteries is about \$1,142,000 and the annual savings to the District in electrical cost is about \$14,000 per year. There was extensive board discussion regarding the technical aspects of the project, possible issues that could arise, the life of the battery and other details. Tesla representative, Brian Ward, gave thorough responses to all questions. **Public Comment:** Eric Baldwin asked Brian Ward some questions regarding the technical aspects of the project. **Recommended Action:** Bert Rapp recommended that the Board approve the included agreements with Tesla. Peggy Wiles moved for approval of the recommended action, seconded Ed Lee and carried 5-0 (AYES: Bruce Kuebler, Peggy Wiles, Ed Lee, Marvin Hanson, Jack Curtis. NOES: None.)
4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION –** Bruce Kuebler moved the meeting into executive session at 3:49 pm to discuss personnel matters. Bruce Kuebler moved the meeting out of executive session at 3:54 pm. The General Manager has authority to handle the personnel matter discussed. No action was taken on this item.

Bruce Kuebler adjourned the meeting at 3:54 pm.

Attested:


Bruce Kuebler, Vice President


Jack Curtis, Treasurer