

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING May 18, 2022**

Directors present via Zoom video were: Jack Curtis, Bruce Kuebler, Ed Lee, Nathan Rosser and Peggy Wiles. Also present were: General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, Office Manager Emily Arnbrister
Public Present: Carl Enson.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** President Peggy Wiles called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. **MINUTES APRIL 20, 2022**
 - B. **FINANCIALS MARCH & APRIL 2022**
 - C. **CONFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION 2021-335 REMOTE MEETINGS**

Director Kuebler asked if the April financials were missing because only the check registers were included. Office Manger Arnbrister replied that the check registers are provided for the most recent month and then the full financials the following month.

Bruce Kuebler moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded Ed Lee 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. **THIRD REVIEW OF 2022/23 BUDGET:** The third draft of the fiscal year 2022/23 budget was presented to the Board for review. The draft budget is reflective of recent expenses and revenues. Revenues are currently running 4% under budget. Preliminary costs for Capital Improvement Costs have increased significantly and are likely to impact the 10 year CIP program when final numbers are received. Director Kuebler mentioned an update to UVRGA pump fees and the notes for the water sales. **Public Comment:** None. **Recommended Action:** Review and comment on FY 22/23 budget. No action was taken on this item.
5. **RESOLUTION CONSOLIDATING ELECTION:** The next general election is November 8, 2022. Two Director seats are up for election, Jack Curtis and Ed Lee. It is normal practice for the District to consolidate the election with the County Election division such as described in Resolution 2022-342. Historically the District has not paid for candidate statements. **Public Comment:** None. **Recommended Action:** 1. Adopt Resolution 2022-342 2. Authorize the Board President to sign the 2022 Conflict of Interest Code. Jack Curtis moved for approval of the recommended action, seconded Ed Lee and carried 5-0. (AYES: Jack Curtis, Bruce Kuebler, Ed Lee, Nathan Rosser and Peggy Wiles. NOES: None.)
6. **BOARD REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED & UPDATE ON THE UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY (UVRGA)- BRUCE KUEBLER:** UVRGA adopted a 5 year looking forward budget. UVRGA received and filed a water monitoring system plan, to have public and director review.
7. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON WATER & DISTRICT STATUS:** The static aquifer level at Well #2 on May 1, 2022, was at elevation 527.4, dropping 2.6 feet since the first of last month. The aquifer is currently 6.7 feet below the 30-year average for May 1st. Well #1 is pumping 1,022 GPM, down 9 GPM from last month. Well #2, #3, #4 & #6 were not online in April. Well #7 is pumping 784 GPM, up 10 GPM from last month. No supplemental water was purchased from Casitas. Sales dollars billed on April 30, 2022, amounted to \$179,042, under budget by \$3,485 for April. Water sold in April 2022 amounted to 26,460 HCF, a decrease of 34% below the 40,335 HCF sold in April 2013. On May 1, 2022, Lake Casitas level was at 34.0% of full capacity at elevation of 488.11 feet. The lake decreased 0.5% since last month. 2023 Water Projects: Phoenix Civil Engineering and Staff have

been making progress on 2023 Water Projects. Preliminary designs are expected to be presented to the Board in June.

8. OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Peggy Wiles moved the meeting into executive session at 4:00 pm to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters. Peggy Wiles brought the Board out of executive session at 4:10 pm. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

Attested:



Bert J. Rapp, Secretary