

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 19, 2023**

Director's present were: Bruce Kuebler, Ed Lee, Nathan Rosser and Peggy Wiles. Director Jack Curtis was absent. Also present were Attorney Stuart Nielson, General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, Assistant General Manager Alma Quezada.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - President Ed Lee called the meeting to order at 4:31 P.M. Flag salute led by Bert Rapp.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA) –**

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. **MINUTES JUNE 21, 2023**

- B. **PAYMENTS & CHECKS FOR JUNE 2023**

- C. **REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE FYE 2023**

Peggy Wiles moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Bruce Kuebler and the motion carried 4-0.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING TO INCREASE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION AND APPROVE ORDINANCE**

2023-1: Assistant General Manager Alma Quezada provided background regarding consideration of an increase in Board of Direction compensation. Compensation has not been increased since 2006. Ordinance 2023-1 was read into the record by title only. **Recommended action:** The Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt Ordinance 2023-1 to increase Director compensation for Board Meeting Stipend to \$300 per day and Committee Meeting and Other Service Stipend to \$229 effective September 20, 2023. Nathan Rosser approved of the recommended action, seconded by Bruce Kuebler.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 4:39 PM.

No public testimony was provided.

PRESIDENT ED LEE CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 4:40 PM.

The motion carried 4-0.

5. **CHANGING OF BOARD MEETING TIME:** At the June 21, 2023 Board Meeting the motion passed to change the Board Meeting time from 2pm to 4:30pm. Since then, a customer engagement survey has been distributed. After board discussion, Directors elected to not change the meeting time until after the new Director is seated and possibly more feedback is received. **Public Comment:** None. **Motion:** Peggy Wiles moved to postpone modifying the meeting time until after the new Director is seated, seconded by Ed Lee and the motion carried 4-0.

6. **RESOLUTION 2023-358 INVESTMENT POLICY:** The Assistant General Manager presented an updated Investment Policy for Board consideration. **Public Comment:** None. **Recommended Action:** 1) Adopt Resolution 2023-358. Bruce Kuebler moved for approval of the recommended action, seconded by Peggy Wiles and the motion carried 4-0.

7. **REVIEW GRAND JURY REPORT; WATER AVAILABILITY FOR WILDFIRES IN VENTURA COUNTY:** The Ventura County Grand Jury assessed the water availability for wildfires in Ventura County and provided recommendations for water purveyors. The District has until September 8, 2023 to respond. Staff has reviewed recommendations they viewed as beneficial to implement. The Board President will sign the letter. No action was taken.

8. **RECONSIDERATION OF CUSTOMER REQUEST TO WAIVE SEPARATE SERVICE LATERAL:** The owner of 64 Calle Vista Del Monte is requesting the District contribute 50% of the trenching cost for the new service lateral required for the properties new Additional Dwelling Unit. Both 64 & 48 Calle Vista Del Monte are served by one 1" service line that would not be suitable for a third service line. **Public Comment:** The property owner of 64 Calle Vista Del Monte, Christy Price requested that the District contribute 50% of the cost of the trenching in the street. **Recommended Action:** The General Manager recommended that the Board contribute up to 1/3 of the cost of the trenching to install a

separate water service pipe at 64 Calle Vista Del Monte. Bruce Kuebler moved for approval of the recommended action, seconded by Nathan Rosser, and the motion carried 3-1. Ayes: Bruce Kuebler, Ed Lee, Nathan Rosser. Noes: Peggy Wiles.

9. BOARD REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED & UPDATE ON THE UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY (UVRGA) – Bruce Kuebler reported no updates on the UVRGA meeting.

10. WATER & DISTRICT UPDATE: The static aquifer level at Well #2 on July 1, 2023, was at elevation 549.1, no change since the first of last month. The aquifer is currently 22.4 feet above the 35-year average for July 1st. Well #1 is pumping 1,076 GPM, down 62 GPM from last month. Well #7 is pumping 839 GPM, down 57 GPM from last month. Well #2, #3, #4 & #6 were offline in June. Supplemental Casitas water was not purchased. Sales dollars billed on July 31, 2023, amounted to \$189,301, under budget by \$71,322 for June. Water sold in June 2023 amounted to 25,630 HCF, a decrease of 56% below the 62,374 HCF sold in June 2013. On July 1, 2023, Lake Casitas level was at 73.8% of full capacity at an elevation of 541.65 feet. The lake has increased 0.14% since last month.

11. OLD & NEW BUSINESS: None.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No executive session was held.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Attested:


Bert J. Rapp, Secretary