

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 16, 2023**

The director's present were: Jack Curtis, Bruce Kuebler, Nathan Rosser and Peggy Wiles. Director Ed Lee arrived at 2:28 pm. Also present were Attorney Stuart Nielson, Assistant General Manager Alma Quezada, and Office Manager Emily Arnbrister. Public Present for Interviews: Brian Burg, Laurel Lary, and Kurt Schultzel. Other public present: Marbe Manzano.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - Vice President Bruce Kuebler called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. Flag salute led by Bruce Kuebler.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)** – None.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. **MINUTES JULY 19, 2023**
 - B. **PAYMENTS & CHECKS FOR JULY 2023**

Peggy Wiles moved for approval of the consent agenda with changes to minutes reflecting her voting against the service line, seconded by Nathan Rosser and the motion carried 3-0, abstained Jack Curtis.

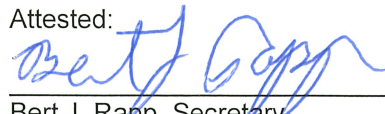
Peggy Wiles made a motion to skip item #4 and move on to other agenda items while waiting for attendees to arrive, seconded by Jack Curtis. The motion carried 4-0.

Director Ed Lee arrived.

4. **BOARD VACANCY INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES:** Three select candidates were interviewed; Brian Burg, Laurel Lary, and Kurt Schultzel. Each candidate was asked the same set of questions with individual followup questions as needed. There was general board discussion regarding the candidates. Bruce Kuebler recommended the appointment of Laurel Lary, seconded by Peggy Wiles. The motion carried 5-0.
5. **BOARD REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED & UPDATE ON THE UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY (UVRGA)** – Bruce Kuebler reported the UVRGA meeting was canceled.
6. **WATER & DISTRICT UPDATE:** The static aquifer level at Well #2 on August 1, 2023, was at elevation 546.7 feet and decreased 2.4 feet since the first of last month. The aquifer is currently 26.0 feet above the 35-year average for August 1st. Well #1 is pumping 1,089 GPM, up 11 GPM from last month. Well #7 is pumping 862 GPM, up 23 GPM from last month. Well #2, #3, #4 & #6 were offline in July. Supplemental Casitas water was not purchased. Sales dollars billed on July 31, 2023, amounted to \$224,763, under budget by \$32,512 for July. Water sold in July 2023 amounted to 29,639 HCF, a decrease of 52.5% below the 62,374 HCF sold in July 2013. On August 1, 2023, Lake Casitas level was at 73.2% of capacity at an elevation of 541.00 feet. The lake has decreased 0.8% since last month.
7. **OLD & NEW BUSINESS:** None.
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – No executive session was held.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm.

Attested:


Bert J. Rapp, Secretary