

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

Pursuant to due and official notice, a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ventura River County Water District was held at 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, California on September 12, 2007.

President E. Ramseyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

There were present Directors J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, and E. Ramseyer. Ed Lee was absent. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant and, recording secretary/Office Manager Janet Schaefer and, Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Representing Help of Ojai West Campus was Lisa Meeker and Kelly Randall. Public present was Mr. George Galgas of 523 E. Katherine Avenue.

T. Jamison moved for approval of the minutes of the regular Board meeting held August 8, 2007, seconded by M. Hanson and carried.

J. Curtis moved for approval of the Financial Statements for July 2007 and the disbursements for August 2007 Accounts Payable check numbers 8454 – 8503, Trust check number 2528, and Payroll check numbers 4148– 4162 totaling \$108,273, seconded by M. Hanson and carried.

Lisa Meeker, Director of Development and West Campus for Help of Ojai spoke to the Board regarding the use of the old Sheriff's Honor Farm site on Baldwin Road. Help of Ojai West Campus is a community resource center that meets basic community needs with emphasis on senior citizens. Additionally, a raptor rehabilitation facility operates from the site. The organization is requesting a Will Serve letter stating that VRCWD will continue to serve through the existing connection for the change of use. J. Curtis moved approval of a Conditional Will Serve letter with the conditions set forth that water from the VRCWD source only be used for domestic purposes and that all irrigation must come from the County's well located on site. Seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

EXHIBIT 'A'

September 12, 2007

CONDITIONS FOR WATER WILL-SERVE LETTER

Job Address: 370 W. Baldwin Rd Ojai, CA 93023
Assessor's Parcel Number: 032-0-070-070
Owner's Name: County of Ventura
Tenant's Name: HELP of Ojai
Telephone No.: (805) 646-9218
Mailing Address: PO Box 621 Ojai, CA 93024

The VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT has received a request to provide domestic water for the change of use to HELP of Ojai from a jail facility to a Community Resource Center for seniors and Raptor Recovery Facility, 370 W. Baldwin Rd, Ojai, CA 93023, APN: 032-0-070-070.

Conditions of Will-Serve are as follows:

- I. Irrigation:
All irrigation for agricultural purposes shall be provided from on site agricultural well. At no time shall water served by Ventura River County Water District be used for agricultural irrigation purposes.
- II. Domestic water for the above referenced parcels:
Water delivered to the above listed parcel from the Ventura River County Water District through an existing 4 – inch water service connection shall be for domestic purposes only and supplying water where potable water is required.

Any violation of the conditions or additions of unauthorized connected fixtures, buildings, or agricultural irrigation set forth shall be subject to discontinuance of water service for the above referenced property.

Matthew L. Bryant
Matthew L. Bryant - General Manager

9-12-07
Date

Agreed and duly authorized to bind HELP of Ojai to accept the terms and conditions of this Will-Serve letter:

Authorized Agent of HELP of Ojai - Title

Date

The ballot for the ACWA Region 8 election for the 2008-2009 term was discussed. M. Hanson moved to vote the recommended slate as presented, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.

M. Bryant reported that Casitas MWD held a public hearing for a proposed rate increase on August 29, 2007 and was attended by M. Bryant, J. Curtis and E. Lee. There was a large attendance by valley farmers to protest the amount of the increase proposed for their customer class. Historically, farmers have enjoyed a low rate. CMWD explained that the increase is to bring the rate closer to cost of service. CMWD Board approved the increase as presented. Resale gravity rates will go up effective September 1, 2007 from .565 cents per unit to .709 cents per unit. President Ramseyer asked Staff if the increase would be passed on to Casitas Springs customers. Staff advised that is not built into the rate structure as Casitas Springs is billed under Zone 1 rates because the supply is gravity fed. Zone 3 rates have automatic pass on and is built into the rate structure because the supply is at a pumped rate.

M. Bryant reported that a public hearing for a rate increase by Meiner's Oaks CWD will be held October 16, 2007 at 6:30 o'clock p.m. It was noted that the public notice of the rate increase indicates that the current rates do not support cost of service and MOCWD has been operating with the aid of reserve funds for two years and even after the proposed increase will still rely on reserve funds to some extent.

M. Hanson moved for approval of Budget Transfer #1 to fund completion of the Well 4 project, seconded by T. Jamison, and carried. From: 93700000 Capital Improvement Contingency Fund \$4,500. To: 91500031 Well #4 \$4,500.

M. Bryant reported on wells, production, and usage. The aquifer level in Well #2 on September 1st was at 57.5' down 6.7' feet from last month. As the water levels drop water production drops increasing the amount of water purchased to meet customer demand. The Purchased Water Surcharge billed August 31, 2007 was 39 cents per HCF. Requests to customers to reduce demand continue and demand did go down 6.4% from July. Lake Casitas is at about 85% of capacity.

M. Bryant reported that water purchases are at about 52 acre feet per month or a little over 1/3 of customer demand. Ojai Valley water purveyors are working together to produce a cooperative customer service announcement for public outreach for drought education and request for water conservation.

Staff reported that Ventura County Special District Association will hold a dinner meeting October 9, 2007. J. Curtis and M. Hanson will attend.

Staff reported that the 11th annual Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County member and policymakers reception will be held September 20th at the Ronald Regan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. Directors Curtis, Hanson, Jamison and Ramseyer as well as Counsel Lindsay Nielson will attend with their guests.

M. Bryant reported that the 15th episode of the Huell Howser California Water Series will air on KCET on September 13th at 7:30 o'clock p.m. The title of this installment is *Beyond Drought: Factors Affecting California's Water Supply*.

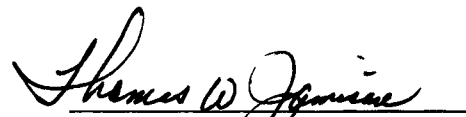
M. Bryant reported that the General Manager's of Casitas MWD, Meiner's Oaks CWD and Ventura River CWD were invited to speak at the Oak View Community Center on Sunday September 16, 2007 to discuss the state of the local water supply.

M. Bryant reported that the County of Ventura will launch a 5 million dollar Arundo removal plan along Matilija Creek and along the Ventura River from the Highway 150 Bridge north to Matilija Dam.

There being no further action to come before this meeting on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 o'clock p.m.

Attested:


Eddie P. Ramseyer, President


Tom Jamison, Vice President