

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2011

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 February 9, 2011.

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

There were present Directors J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee, and E. Ramseyer and. Also present were General Manager Matthew Bryant, Office Manager/recording secretary Janet Schaefer, and Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Representing Phoenix Engineering was Mr. Jon Turner. Public present was Mr. George Galgas.

E. Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

T. Jamison moved to approve consent agenda items, seconded by M. Hanson and carried.

During Public Comment Mr. George Galgas stated that he attended the Ventura County Special District (VCSDA) annual dinner. Mr. Galgas was pleased to participate in the standing ovation given to VRCWD President Jack Curtis who was presented the Shirley Turner Award for outstanding service to Special Districts. President Curtis was also re-elected as Treasurer of VCSDA

Mr. Jon Turner of Phoenix Engineering briefed the board on the preliminary design report for the Valley Meadow Drive pipeline upgrade/replacement project. Mr. Turner went over the five options outlined in the report. Board members presented questions and discussed some of the obstacles and costs involved in the project. A workshop was scheduled for February 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to allow further study of the options presented.

Employee C. Lee provided a suggestion to allow employees who are not on call to take home a district vehicle after hours. After discussion of the liabilities involved compared to the benefit to the district, T. Jamison moved to deny the request seconded by E. Ramseyer and carried.

M. Bryant reported on the Matilija Dam Fine Sediment Study Group meeting held February 2, 2011. The group is comprised of 14 members formed from the original 50 participants. An outside facilitator was appointed to develop guidelines and rules governing the decision process. A final draft Charter will be up for approval at the next meeting. One of the items on the agenda for the meeting was a request that VRCWD represent itself and have a voice in the process rather than being represented by Meiners Oaks CWD. The request was denied. Staff indicated that it will work closely with Meiners Oaks CWD staff to ensure that VRCWD's concerns are properly expressed. Staff had sent a letter reiterating VRCWD's concerns with the possible deposit of fines adjacent to VRCWD well sites and the contaminants that may be contained in the fines. The response to the letter was that it was premature since a site has not been finalized for the fines disposal. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2011.

T. Jamison moved to approve Budget Transfer #4, seconded by M. Hanson and carried.

TO FUND EXPENSES EXCEEDING THE PROJECTED BUDGET AND UNANTICIPATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO TRANSFER:

FROM:	93500000 FUNDS COMMITTED FOR OPERATING		(\$78,100)	
	93700000 FUNDS COMMITTED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		(\$27,300)	
		TOTAL	(\$105,400)	
				<u>Comments</u>
TO:	70500000 SALARIES	\$51,000		GM increase and overlap of GM for training
	71500000 FICA	\$3,900		GM increase and overlap of GM for training
	71750000 PERS	\$6,800		GM increase and overlap of GM for training
	72000000 GROUP INSURANCE	\$6,600		GM increase and overlap of GM for training
	73500000 TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	\$3,000		New cell plan + one cell, 11 desk phones
	74500000 WORKER'S COMPENSATION INS	\$4,600		GM increase and overlap of GM for training
	78500000 BOARD MEMBER FEES	\$1,000		Additional meetings GM recruitment
	80400000 SECURITY	\$1,200		Camera monitoring by security company
	91500016 HYDRANT REPLACEMENT	\$1,800		Rice Rd
	91500045 RICE S OF ALVIRIA NEW VALVE	\$2,200		Rice Rd
	91500042 VLY MEADOW MAIN ENGINEERING	\$20,000		To meet the approved contract
	93200000 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$3,300		Add'l security camera, scanner for GM, printer for billing
		TOTAL	\$105,400	

M. Bryant reported on wells, production, and usage. The static aquifer level at Well #2 on February 1, 2011 was 19.6 feet below surface. The level has risen 10.2 feet since the first of last month.

L. Nielson reported that he reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ojai Valley Sanitary District for cooperative work on the Valley Meadow pipeline project.

L. Nielson reported that he reviewed the contract with Phoenix Engineering for the Valley Meadow pipeline project and suggested a change to the limit of liability to exclude any limit for gross negligence.

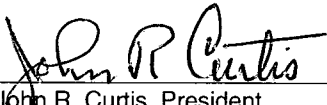
L. Nielson reported that the Meiners Oaks CWD (MOCWD) has requested that he be Counsel for the MOCWD. Although Mr. Nielson does not feel there is a conflict he wanted to be sure the board has no concerns or feeling that there is a conflict of interest. The Board had no objection. Mr. Nielson assured the board that if a conflict ever arose he would excuse himself.

Under Old Business M. Bryant reported that the Utility Worker I position was filled and the employee started January 31, 2011.


Under new business T. Jamison suggested that planning for the upcoming budget year ending June 30, 2012 have a full board workshop rather than the customary preliminary committee meeting. Director Jamison felt this would enable all board members to give input at the same time and expedite the process. M. Bryant reported that the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWAVC) will hold a Waterwise breakfast on February 17, 2011 the subject will be *California's Newly Proposed Toxicity Testing Policy*, M. Bryant will attend.

There being no further action to come before this Board on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 o'clock p.m.

Attested:



John R. Curtis, President



Ed Lee, Vice President