

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 12, 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 October 12, 2011.

There were present Directors J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee and E. Ramseyer. Also present were General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, Office Manager/recording secretary Janet Schaefer, and Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Public present were Mr. George Galgas and Mr. Ajaz Khan.

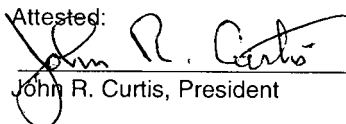
1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - President J. Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by T. Jamison.
3. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2011
 - B. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2011 AND EXPENDITURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

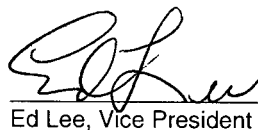
M. Hanson moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None.
5. REVIEW OF DRAFT CHANGES TO "RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE" INCLUDING RATES AND AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH PROTEST HEARING NOTICE

B. Rapp briefly went over the changes that were incorporated into the protest notice as a result of the Special meeting held on September 22, 2011. Additionally, another proposed change to the Rules and Regulations to establish rates for installing customer valves was discussed. The time table for the protest hearing process was included in the Board Memo. T. Jamison moved to approve authorization to publish the protest notice, seconded by M. Hanson and carried. The Board also gave direction to incorporate the customer valve rates in the final draft of the Rules and Regulations revisions that will be presented to the Board for adoption at the December 14, 2011 meeting,
6. SPECIAL RATE CONSIDERATION, MR. KHAN, 11300 N VENTURA AVE

B. Rapp reported that Mr. Khan could save \$9.21 per month by using both meters at his locations to take advantage of the lower tiers on each meter. Mr. Khan stated that he has his second meter disconnected at this time for construction purposes. J. Curtis explained that the usual process is that a customer applies for a construction meter that is attached to a fire hydrant and billed that way at a higher unit cost for the water. E. Ramseyer inquired if the higher water use was attributed to grading. Mr. Khan stated yes, it was due to grading at the site. After some Board discussion, E. Ramseyer moved for approval of the draft letter proposed by Staff to deny Mr. Khan's request for a special rate, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.
7. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT WELLS, WATER PRODUCTION & USAGE UPDATE - B. Rapp reported on wells, production, and usage. The static aquifer level at Well #2 on October 1, 2011 was 37.6 feet below surface. The level has dropped 4.0 feet since the first of last month, and is 11.1 feet above the 21-year average for October.
8. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS - None.
9. OLD BUSINESS - B. Rapp reported 1) that in addition to the previously reported main line leak on Rodeo Drive there was a second leak at a fire hydrant at Rodeo Drive and Encino Drive that has also been repaired. 2) B. Rapp met with various agencies regarding obtaining a water conservation grant. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of October. B. Rapp received a request from the Green Coalition to speak about the grant at their next meeting. 3) B. Rapp reported that an Eagle Scout has expressed interest in building a water fountain in front of the office to provide water for nature trail users, as previously discussed. Additionally, a Boy Scout has expressed interest in taking out the rock garden in front of the office and planting a native plant garden. 4) Director E. Lee advised that Casitas MWD has said for many months that they are working on their water allocation plan. Director E. Lee would like Staff to obtain in writing exactly what the allocation for Ventura River CWD is. 5) Staff was asked if any response was received regarding the letter sent to the one remaining irrigation customer about the proposed elimination of the irrigation rate. Staff indicated that nothing has been received to date from the customer.
10. NEW BUSINESS - B. Rapp reported 1) The AWA breakfast will be on October 20, 2011, B. Rapp, J. Curtis and L. Nielson will attend. 2) The VCSDA dinner in November will be November 9, 2011 and will conflict with the District's regularly scheduled meeting so no one from VRCWD will attend. 3) Director E. Ramseyer stated that the appointed Board members Marvin L. Hanson, Thomas W. Jamison and Eddie P. Ramseyer will need to be sworn in for their new term that begins on December 2, 2011. Staff indicated that the swearing in will take place at the regular November 9, 2011 Board meeting.
11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - There being no further action to come before this Board on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 o'clock p.m.

Attested:


John R. Curtis, President


Ed Lee, Vice President