

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 11, 2012

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 January 11, 2012.

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, Counsel Lindsay Nielson, Counsel Paul Huff, and Utility Worker II Craig Lee. Public present were Mr. George Galgas, Mr. Russell Klassen, and Mrs. Nancy Klassen.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - President E. Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m.
 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by M. Hanson.
 3. CONSENT AGENDA - A. MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2011
B. MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 28, 2011
C. EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER 2011 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2011
- J. Curtis moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by E. Ramseyer and carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT - Mrs. Nancy Klassen addressed the Board regarding her husband, former Field Supervisor, Russell Klassen's service to VRCWD and appealed for his reinstatement.
 5. AWARD OF CONTRACT SCADA SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - The bid received from Instrument Control Services in the amount of \$56,790 was discussed. Staff recommended rejecting the bid and using the existing vendor ATSI to implement minor renovations not to exceed \$36,000. After much discussion of the pros and cons of fixing the existing system or putting in a new system, J. Curtis moved to 1) accept the bid from Instrument Control Services in the amount of \$56,790 2) authorize additional funding in the amount of \$19,000 3) give the General Manager authority for change orders up to \$5,700, 4) award technical assistance addendum to Water Resource Engineering Associates in the amount not to exceed \$7,050, 5) purchase of a new computer and software in the amount of \$4,600, seconded by E. Ramseyer and carried.
 6. VENTURA RIVER PROTECTION PLAN REPORT-APPROVAL OF COMMENT LETTER- Staff has reviewed the draft Ventura River Watershed Protection Report and met with other local agencies to identify similar concerns to formulate a comment response letter. An item of great concern is the pending Pumping Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) that is scheduled to be worked on this summer by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board for implementation by 2019. T. Jamison moved to approve the draft comment letter, seconded by M. Hanson and carried.
 7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - WELLS WATER PRODUCTION AND USAGE UPDATE - B. Rapp reported on wells, production, and usage. The static aquifer level at Well #2 on January 1, 2012 was 37.2 feet below surface. The level has raised 2.0 feet since the first of last month, and is 5.9 feet above the 20-year average for January.
 8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT - EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:17 o'clock p.m. to discuss personnel matters. All of the Public except for Mr. Russell Klassen left the meeting, General Manager Bert Rapp, Office Manager Janet Schaefer, and Utility Worker II Craig Lee also left the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 7:26 o'clock p.m. No decisions were made by the Board.
 9. OLD BUSINESS - B. Rapp reported that Casitas will consider restoring VRCWD's previous water allocations.
 10. NEW BUSINESS - AWA of Ventura County will hold a Waterwise Breakfast on January 19, 2012 the subject is *2012 Ventura County Weather Forecast and Effects on Local Groundwater Basins*. Director E. Ramseyer requested that a review of employee benefits be placed on the agenda.
 11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - There being no further action to come before this Board on motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 o'clock p.m.

Attested:



Ed Lee, President



Marvin Hanson, Vice President