

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 10, 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 October 10, 2012.

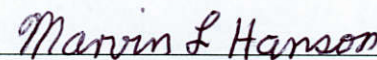
There were present Directors: J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, E. Lee and E. Ramseyer. Also present were General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, Office Manager/recording secretary Janet Schaefer, and Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Employees present were Mark Albertsen, Craig Lee, Carla Moore and Joe Zuniga. Public present was Mr. George Galgas.

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 J. Curtis.
3. CONSENT AGENDA – A. MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2012  
B. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2012 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2012  
M. Hanson moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by T. Jamison and carried. J. Curtis abstained.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
5. REVIEW OF HEALTH CARE AND RETIREMENT PROGRAMS – The Board of Directors requested a review of the health care provided to District employees because the cost of health care has been rising faster than the rate of inflation. B. Rapp presented five options and identified cost savings for the District and the cost increases to employees with each option. The potential options were discussed and reviewed by the Board. All District employees were given the opportunity to express their views. After much discussion, Staff was instructed to explore a cafeteria plan and bring information to a Special Board meeting tentatively set for Wednesday October 24, 2012 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.
6. REVIEW OF DRAFT CHANGES TO "RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE" INCLUDING RATES AND AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH PROTEST HEARING NOTICE AND ADOPTION OF 10 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – A rate increase is necessary so the District can begin to catch up on much needed repairs to the water system. There are several large projects needed over the next 10 years including pipeline replacements, well rehabilitations and water tank painting and coating. Staff presented, 1) Revisions to the 10 year Capital Improvement Program that were discussed at the last Board meeting. 2) Proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for Water Service to accommodate the rate change. 3) The draft Notice of Public Protest Hearing mailer to customers. J. Curtis moved to approve all three items as presented and authorize mailing of the Public Protest Hearing notice, 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, 2012 was 67.3 feet below surface. The level has dropped 9.3 feet since the first of last month, and is 18 feet below the 25 year average for October. District wells can no longer meet customer demand requiring the purchase of supplemental water since October 4, 2012.
8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.
9. OLD BUSINESS – B. Rapp reported concerned pumpers will meet October 11, 2012 to prepare for the October 18, 2012 meeting with the EPA regarding total maximum daily load (TMDL) for pumping of the Ventura River. E. Lee and B. Rapp will attend. The written request from pumpers to rescind the TMDL was rejected by the EPA.
10. NEW BUSINESS – The runoff election to select one Special District Alternate Member to the Ventura LAFCO was discussed. A ballot was cast for Elaine Freeman of Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. AWA will host a Waterwise breakfast on Thursday, October 18, 2012. The subject is *How Do We Survive the New Political Environment*, B. Rapp, J. Curtis, and M. Hanson will attend. Counsel L. Nielson will check his schedule and let Staff know if he will attend.
11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - On motion duly seconded at 7:18 o'clock p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attested:



Ed Lee, President



Marvin L. Hanson  
Marvin Hanson, Vice President