

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 9, 2013

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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 9, 2013.

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 Paul Huff. Public present were Mr. George Galgas, and Mr. Joseph (Smokey) Stanton.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President M. Hanson called the meeting to order at 5:30 o'clock p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by T. Jamison.

With consent from the Board, item 7 was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

7. REQUEST BY MR. STANTON SPECIAL TIER RATE – Mr. Stanton stated that he has a triplex that is served by one ¾" meter, and requested a special tier rate that would allow more units at the lowest tier. Staff recommended that Mr. Stanton install two additional meters and put each dwelling on a separate meter, as would be the required by the current Rules and Regulations. Separate meters would allow each dwelling to have 10 HCF water units billed at the lowest tier rate. Mr. Stanton indicated that he does not want to install separate meters and would have to re-plumb, even if the meters were provided at no cost. Mr. Stanton felt that since the dwellings were built before the separate meter requirement was in place, they are "Grandfathered" and a special tier is warranted. Director E. Lee explained that all customers are billed on the same tier structure with two pump zones and a variance cannot be granted. Director J. Curtis suggested Mr. Stanton handle distribution of the bill to his tenants since there is no provision for a special tier. Mr. Stanton left the meeting at 5:50 O'clock p.m.

3. CONSENT AGENDA – A. MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2012.


B. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER 2012 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR
NOVEMBER 2012.


C. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: REIMBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS FOR COMPLETED CLASSES,
BERT RAPP & JOE ZUNIGA. - Public Disclosure was made of disbursements made on October 29, 2012, check # 11533 in the amount of \$185.52 to Bert Rapp, and check # 11534 in the amount of \$185.52 to Joe Zuniga, to reimburse them for successful completion of a GIS class. J. Curtis moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
5. FIRST READING OF RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE: PURCHASING, BIDDING PROCEDURES, SURPLUS PROPERTY, AND PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – Proposed changes were reviewed and some minor changes suggested. Staff will bring back a final draft at the next Board meeting.
6. APPROVAL OF COMMENT LETTER ON DRAFT PUMPING AND DIVERSION TMDL – Staff presented a draft letter to the U.S. EPA commenting on the draft TMDL for pumping and water diversion and related water quality impairments for reach 4 of the Ventura River. T. Jamison moved for approval of the letter with any required amendments that will be approved by Directors Curtis and Lee after the January 18, 2013 Stakeholder meeting, and for the General Manager and the President to sign the letter, seconded by E. Ramseyer 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 January 1, 2013 was 66.4 feet below surface. The level has risen 4.1 feet since the first of last month, and is 23.7 feet below the 25 year average for January. District wells can no longer meet customer demand requiring the purchase of supplemental water since October 4, 2012. The Purchased Water Surcharge billed on the December 31, 2012 billing was at 55 cents per unit. The Burnham Rd. area was taken off the purchased water supply and put back on the well system on December 28, 2012.
8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.
9. OLD BUSINESS – B. Rapp reported that State Compensation Insurance fund paid a dividend of \$1,572.58. VCSDA will have the annual awards dinner on February 5, 2013. AWA of Ventura County will have a WaterWise breakfast on February 17, 2013.
10. NEW BUSINESS – B. Rapp reported on a complaint letter received regarding failure to respond to an emergency call. The causes of the failure and mitigation measures to prevent future failures were discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT - On motion duly seconded at 6:37 o'clock p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attested:


Marvin Hanson, President


Eddie Ramseyer, Vice President