

VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 12, 2013

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 June 12, 2013.

Directors present were J. Curtis, M. Hanson, and T. Jamison. B. Kuebler and E. Lee were absent. Also present were General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp, Office Manager/recording secretary Janet Schaefer, and Counsel Lindsay Nielson. Representing Kear Groundwater was Mr. Jordan Kear. Public present was Mr. George Galgas.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President M. Hanson called the meeting to order at 5:32 o'clock p m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by T. Jamison.
3. CONSENT AGENDA – A. MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 8, 2013.  
B. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES FOR MAY 2013 AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2013.  
C. ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS VALVE AND HYDRANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.  
  
T. Jamison moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
5. AWARD OF CONTRACT MAINTENANCE OF WELL #1 & WELL #5 – B. Rapp discussed historical production vs. current production from Well #1. Proposals from Layne Christensen and General Pump for 1) replacing the pump, 2) enlarging the motor, 3) lowering of the pump, 4) cleaning the well were reviewed. Jordan Kear of Kear Groundwater discussed the problems with Well #5 that resulted in shut down of the well. Explorative tests can be conducted to determine the potential for rehabilitation or determination that the well is not salvageable. Exploration would include 1) pull the pump, 2) examine the pump, 3) video the well, 4) deviation survey to determine how straight it was drilled. J. Curtis moved to approve the low bids from Layne Christensen for \$61,121 for Well #1 and \$8,265 for Well #5, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.
6. SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER REVIEW – T. Jamison moved for approval of the Spring 2013 Newsletter to customers as presented, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.
7. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2013-279 REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF 2013 ELECTION – T. Jamison moved for approval of Resolution 2013-279, seconded by J. Curtis and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, B. Kuebler and E. Lee were absent.

RESOLUTION 2013-279

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
VENTURA RIVER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION  
TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2013, BE CONSOLIDATED  
WITH OTHER ELECTIONS CALLED TO BE HELD ON THE SAME  
DAY AND IN THE SAME TERRITORY

WHEREAS, an election shall be conducted for the Ventura River County Water District pursuant to the Uniform District Election Law commencing with Section 10500 of the Elections Code on November 5, 2013, for electing three Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes the Elections Division of the Office of the County Clerk to conduct said election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10400 et seq. of the Elections Code, said election may be consolidated with other elections to be held on the same day; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15651 et seq. of the Elections Code, in the event of a tie it shall be determined by lot, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to request that the District's General District Election be consolidated with any other election which may be held on the same date and involving the same territory.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS as follows:

THAT the General District Election of this District is to be held on November 5, 2013, and consolidated with any other elections held on the same date and involving all or a portion of the territory of the District pursuant to Section 10400 et seq. of the Elections Code; and further,



THAT, pursuant to Elections Code Section 10002, the District shall reimburse the County in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to the District.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

AYES: Curtis, Hanson, Jamison

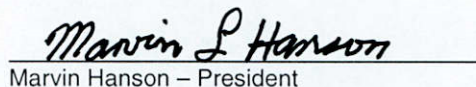
NOES: None

ABSENT: Lee, Kuebler

ATTEST:



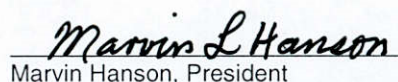
Bert J. Rapp, P.E. – Secretary of the Board



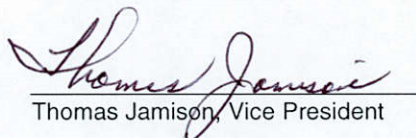
Marvin L. Hanson – President

8. FINAL BUDGET, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND SALARY RANGE SCHEDULE ADOPTION 2013/14 – B. Rapp discussed final changes incorporated since the review last month. T. Jamison moved for approval of the final draft as presented, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.
9. UPDATE ON BLENDING SCENARIO – Low aquifer levels are requiring the purchase of more supplemental water. B. Rapp discussed the savings to customers by blending VRCWD chlorinated water with Casitas MWD chloraminated water. There are some aesthetic taste and odor water quality challenges and possible nitrification involved in blending. The State Health Department wants the district to monitor nitrate levels and be prepared to take action to rectify nitrification if it arises. Mitigation would involve mixing systems and a chloramination system that could cost up to \$40,000 and \$1,000 a month for aqueous ammonia. Staff will test the water blending this summer. T. Jamison moved for approval of the proposed blending scenario, seconded by J. Curtis and carried.
10. APPROVAL OF COMMENT LETTER AB145 MOVE THE DRINKING WATER PROGRAM FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD – The primary reason for opposing the move is that the Department of Public Health is focused on public health whereas the State Water Board is focused on water quality not just for Human health but broader environmental health. J. Curtis moved to approve the draft letter of opposition to be signed by the Board President, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.
11. HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING IMPROVEMENTS APPROVAL – B. Rapp reported that the heating and air conditioning improvements for the office was considered to be too expensive at \$3,895. Part of that proposed work was to improve the heating and cooling of the Office Managers office that is not being properly heated in winter and cooled in the summer. Staff requests approval of a revised suggestion to purchase the parts and do the work with volunteer labor at a cost of about \$300. J. Curtis moved for approval, seconded by T. Jamison and carried.
12. WELLS, WATER PRODUCTION & USAGE UPDATE - B. Rapp reported on wells, production, and usage. The static aquifer level at Well #2 on June 1, 2013 was 52.0 feet below surface. The level has dropped 2.4 feet since the first of last month, and is 24 feet below the 25 year average for June. District wells cannot meet customer demand requiring the purchase of supplemental water since October 4, 2012. The Purchased Water Surcharge on the May 31, 2013 billing was at 48 cents per unit.
13. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – L. Nielson reported that the insurance carrier counsel has had the Klassen vs. VRCWD litigation moved to Federal Court. A mandated settlement conference will be scheduled.
14. OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS – AWA of Ventura County will have a Waterwise breakfast on Thursday, June 20, 2013. The subject of discussion will be the San Diego desalination plant. M. Hanson, L. Nielson and possibly J. Curtis will attend.
15. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - On motion duly seconded at 7:02 o'clock p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Attested:



Marvin L. Hanson, President



Thomas Jamison, Vice President