

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

Pursuant to due and official notice, a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ventura River Water District was held at 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, California on February 11, 2015.

Directors present were J. Curtis, M. Hanson, T. Jamison, B. Kuebler and E. Lee. Also present were General Manager/Board Secretary B. Rapp. Public present were Mr. George Galgas and Mr. Bill Obrien.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – President J. Curtis called the meeting to order at 3:00 o'clock p. m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Bill Obrien.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** –
  - a. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY 2015.
  - b. MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 14, 2015

T. Jamison moved for approval, seconded by M Hanson and carried 5-0.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Bill Obrien complemented the Board for leading the effort to establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency over the Upper Ventura River Sub-basin. He encouraged the Board to leave ample time in the schedule to allow public involvement. He said that ground water managers are now evolving into ground water protectors to protect the water from such dangers as fracking and other groundwater contamination. When the Groundwater Sustainability Plan is prepared he advised that the GSA get a good groundwater hydrologist.

5. **MIDYEAR BUDGET REVIEW** – B. Rapp reported that the customers saved on average \$20 per month since July 1, 2014 and water usage was down 22%. The estimated revenue deficit by June 30, 2015 is \$357,000. Reductions in valve and hydrant replacements were recommended along with postponement of the blending pipe for nitrates because it wasn't needed this fiscal year. A discussion was held regarding the decision to replace Well #3 with Well #7. B Kuebler pointed out that since the aquifer may begin the summer at record low levels the new Well #7 may go dry before the summer is out and not help that much this year, then the District would have spent \$1,200,000 and not have the cash to help sustain it in the coming years if the drought and revenue reductions continue. J. Curtis mentioned that if Well #7 did go dry we would then know the capacity of the aquifer which would help the District manage its water and in negotiations with Casitas during future drought stages. B Rapp noted that even if Well #7 didn't help that much this year it will be invaluable if Well #3 collapses and we are left with only Well #1. Also Well #7 will be very beneficial to the customers in future normal dry years. The Board will make the final decision on Well #7 in April when they decide on awarding the drilling contract.

6. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY** – B. Rapp reported that the draft MOU and agreement for legal services is being reviewed by the other agencies. VRWD was chosen to be the contracting agency on behalf of the other agencies because of faster processing times. B Kuebler recommended deleting the words "at least" in section VI. a. of the MOU and would like to know from Russ McGlothlin if the total cost of \$40,000 includes the in-house 2.5% and other extra costs.

7. **2015/16 GOALS REVIEW** – B. Rapp reviewed the top 6 goals with the Board. M. Hanson requested a new long term goal be added to investigate solar power at the Parker pump station site.

8. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WELLS, WATER STATUS** - B Rapp reported that static water in Well #2 was 72.8 feet below the surface on 2/1/15. Well #1 is pumping at 712 GPM. Wells #2 & 4 are not pumping due to low water levels. Well #3 can be operated but is not needed due to low demand at the present time. One Notice

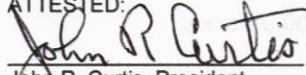
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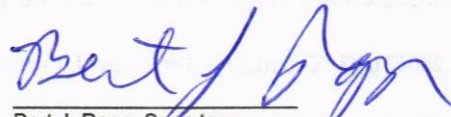
of Violation letter was issued in January. No penalties have been assessed. The customers used 41% less water in January 2015 compared to January 2014.

9. **OLD & NEW BUSINESS – AWA, VCSDA, ACWA** – None of the directors will attend the AWA meeting in February. M. Hanson requested that the issue of requiring a separate water service for 2<sup>nd</sup> units on a property be placed on the agenda for discussion at the March meeting.

10. **Meeting Adjournment** – Meeting was duly adjourned at 4:37 P.M.

ATTESTED:

  
John R. Curtis, President

  
Bert J. Rapp, Secretary