

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 18, 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.

Directors present were J. Curtis, E. Lee, B. Kuebler, M. Hanson, T. Jamison and. Also present were Legal Counsel Lindsay Nielsen, General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp. Public present were Mr. George Galgas and Ric Vane.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Board President J. Curtis Called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by M. Hanson.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Financial expenditures for July 2015
 - B. Financials for February 2015
 - C. Minutes for regular meeting July 9, 2015

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

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
5. **LEAK APPEAL 30 LA CUMBRA** – B. Rapp noted that Mr. Vane had a renter who was non-responsive and Mr. Vane did all he could within the law to stop the leak. Mr. Vane therefore was requesting that he be charged the Tier #1 rate for the leak. E. Lee mentioned that if Mr. Vane did not pay the cost then the regular customers would have to make up the difference. B. Kuebler moved to deny the request. Seconded by T. Jamison and carried 5-0.
6. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – UPDATE KUEBLER & LEE** – B. Kuebler reported that the GSA Formation Committee met with Mindy Meyer with the Center for Collaborative Policy, the facilitator assigned to our group by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). DWR is expecting to provide us the facilitation services for Mindy Myer at their cost of about \$55,000. Another public outreach meeting is expected in October where we will obtain stakeholder input on Governance, voting, financial cost sharing issues. So far the Formation Committee has decided that there will not be alternates for the seats on the GSA Board and the most likely weighted voting solution may be that the three pumping entities would have veto authority. With regard to filling the two seats for ag and non-governmental organizations: the GSA Board would interview and select candidates for those seats. The GSA should be in a better position to compete for grants to fund the sustainability planning because we are being inclusive and working through this collaborative process.
7. **FLOOD PROTECTION OPTIONS FOR BALDWIN YARD** – B. Rapp reviewed the likelihood that there will be a large rain year in 2016 with the current El Nino forecast. This increases the probability of large river flows and therefore the Board may desire to consider adding flood protection to the Baldwin Yard property. The property has a history of flood damage dating back to at least 1969. Three flood protection alternatives were presented: 100-year \$4 Million and stop-gap measures: Concrete Barrier \$65,000 and relocating granite boulders \$65,000. Granite boulders are higher density than concrete and therefore are more stable during flood flows. B. Kuebler suggested that additional flood protection improvements be looked at for the pump station and the 150 Cage. E. Lee recommended that some of the boulders be set aside for use as flood fighting rocks. B. Kuebler motioned to have the General Manager negotiate an agreement with OST Trucks and Cranes to move the granite boulders from Casitas Springs to the Baldwin yard and return to the Board with the OST costs and other flood protection alternatives for the pump station and 150-cage at the September 9th meeting. Seconded by T. Jamison and carried 5-0.

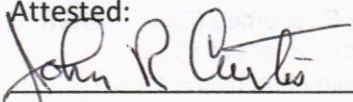
8. **2015 GOALS UPDATE** – B. Rapp reported on the status of the 2015 Goals. During the implementation of Goal #6 to test fire hydrants it was discovered that three pressure zones were about 20 psi low. The pressures were increased, fire flows restored and a monitoring system instituted to assure pressures remain at the proper levels. In Zone 5 it was learned that the Villanova Casitas turnout needs to remain on at about 50 psi so it will provide supplemental fire flow. Goal #4 was added to: "Review the water rate structure in accordance with the California Constitution article XIII D, section 6 and article X, section 2."
9. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WELLS, WATER STATUS** – B. Rapp reported that customer conservation was 39% in July compared to 2013 and revenues came in at \$100 below the projected budget revenues for July. Ground water levels at Well #2 were at 73.3 feet below the ground surface on July 1st. The wells are producing 989 GPM and are pumping about 18 to 20 hrs. per day on warm days. No supplemental Casitas water has been purchased to date.
10. **OLD & NEW BUSINESS** – Save the date for the AWA 9-17-15 Reception.

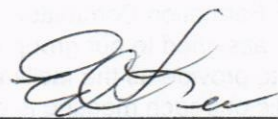
The meeting adjourned for at 4:50 p.m. for executive session.
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – An executive session was held regarding litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9, Government Code, Small vrs. VRWD case # 56-2015-00464077-CU-EI-VTA, Cross-Complaint City of Ventura case #CPF-14-513875.

No action was taken in executive session. The meeting reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

B. Kuebler noted that he will be out of country during the September Board meeting.
12. **MEETING ADJOURNED** at 4:57 p.m. to Wednesday September 9, 2015

Attested:


John Curtis, President


Ed Lee, Vice President