

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 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 and T. Jamison. Also present were: Legal Counsel P. Huff and General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp. Public present were: Mr. Jack Kenton, Mrs. Marie Kenton and Mr. Tony Kack.

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 B. Rapp.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Financial expenditures for October 2015
- B. Minutes for regular meeting October 14, 2015

T. Jamison moved for approval, seconded by M. Hanson. Motion carried 4-0 with J. Curtis abstaining.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

5. **LEAK APPEAL – LAKE CASITAS MOBILE HOME PARK** – B. Rapp provided the usage and leak history on the property for the past three years. There was a large leak from the old galvanized iron pipes on the property in December 2012 and one in September 2015. The usage since 2013 shows they are achieving the goal of a 25% reduction. Mr. Tony Kack indicated he is helping Mr. Kenton with this leak issue. Mr. Kack requested that the Park be billed for the leak water at the Tier #1 rate and indicated that it was unfair to charge the park tiered rate the same as a single family tiered rates. B. Rapp responded that the Park pays only one base rate for the 2-inch meter so it financially compensates for purchasing the water in Tier #4. B. Kuebler noted that it may be appropriate to consider charging Tier 1 rates for leak water when the leak could not have been prevented. T. Jamison moved for the General Managers recommendation to deny the claim. Seconded by M. Hanson. Item carried 4-1 B. Kuebler voting "no".

6. **WATER RATE COST OF SERVICE ANALYSIS STATUS UPDATE** – B. Rapp presented two preliminary cost of service issues to the Board for consideration. The first was to distribute the Purchased Water Surcharge to only the pumped zones and distribute the cost to the highest Tiers in proportion to the quantity purchased. The second issue was to keep the Casitas Springs and Monte Via areas in rate Zone 1 and 2 respectively. The Board concurred with these two concepts and will make a final decision on their implementation when the rate study is completed.

7. **BOULDER RELOCATION ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS** - B. Rapp reported that the Boulder Relocation project by OST Trucks and Cranes has been completed. OST came in 28% under budget saving the District about \$21,700. T. Jamison moved to: Accept the project as complete, direct the General Manager to record the Notice of Completion and release the 5% retention of \$2,780.39 after the 35-day lien period. Seconded by B. Kuebler and carried 5-0.

8. **GROUND WATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – UPDATE KUEBLER & LEE** – B. Kuebler discussed the proposed Ojai Basin boundary update underway by the OBGMA which will be presented to the Board in December. The western boundary is being slightly adjusted in part by utilizing contaminated groundwater well data at the Caltrans maintenance yard which show the groundwater flowing west at that location. The facilitator has completed interviewing stakeholders and will likely schedule the next stakeholder meeting for January. B. Rapp mentioned that the National Marine Fisheries Service sent a letter expressing interest in participating in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

9. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WELLS, WATER STATUS** – Well #2 was 83.6 feet below the ground surface on November 1, 2015. Well #1 is producing 650 gpm and is the only well pumping.

Conservation was 20% below 2013. Revenues for October were 13% higher than the budgeted revenues for October which brings the District on schedule for meeting budgeted revenues.

- 10. OLD & NEW BUSINESS** – Ventura River Watershed Council November 5th at 9:00 a.m. B. Kuebler & B. Rapp will attend.

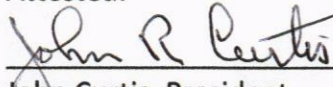
The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 4:35 P.M.


- 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. And City of Ventura vrs. VRWD, CPF-14-513875.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 4:53 P.M. No decisions were made.

- 12. MEETING ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 4:54 P.M. to Wednesday December 9, 2015 at 3:00 P.M.

Attested:


John Curtis, President


Ed Lee, Vice President