

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 9, 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 L. Nielsen and General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp. Public present were: Mr. Jordan Kear and Mr. George Galgas.

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. Kuebler.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Minutes for regular meeting November 4, 2015

B. Kuebler moved for approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Lee. Motion carried 4-0, T. Jamison absent until 3:03 P.M.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

5. **OJAI GROUNDWATER BASIN BOUNDARY CHANGE** – J. Kear provided a summary of the proposed change to the boundary of the Ojai Groundwater Basin. The west basin boundary is shared with the Upper Ventura River Sub-basin boundary and will move to the east to reflect the current understanding of the geology. B. Kuebler moved to approve Resolution 2015-295 Supporting the Ojai Groundwater Basin Boundary Revision. Seconded by M. Hanson. Item carried 5-0.

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION 2015 – 295**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF OJAI GROUNDWATER BASIN BOUNDARY REVISION**

WHEREAS, The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency is proposing to modify the boundary of the Ojai Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS; current boundary of the Ojai Groundwater Basin does not follow the best available geologic data depicting the extents of the basin; and,

WHEREAS; The Ventura River Water District operates wells in the Upper Ventura River Sub-Basin; and,

WHEREAS, The north eastern boundary of the Upper Ventura River Sub-Basin borders the Ojai Groundwater Basin District therefore the Ojai Basin revision will slightly modify the Upper Ventura River Sub-Basin; and

WHEREAS; The proposed changes to the Ojai Groundwater Basin westerly boundary appear reasonable and consistent with known geology.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Ventura River Water District and; now therefore, approves the proposed boundary change to the Ojai Groundwater Basin proposed by the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency and depicted on the attached Exhibit A.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015.



AYES: NOES: ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Bert J. Rapp, P.E. Secretary John R. Curtis, President Edward E. Lee, Vice-President

6. **WATER RATE COST OF SERVICE ANALYSIS UPDATE** – B. Rapp presented the current analysis of the cost of service rate study. B. Kuebler recommended projecting the 1% annual average reduction in usage from 1990 along with the probable permanent conservation drop for the last two years to estimate the probable quantity of future usage. The Board consensus was to keep Zone 5 in the Zone 1 billing rate. B. Rapp showed how applying the revenue generation for the Water Sales Fluctuation Reserves restores the upper tiers. B. Kuebler noted that the Fluctuation Reserve funding should be placed on top of the flat rates. B. Rapp noted that the Board will probably want to implement the Cost of Service rate adjustments in February or March 2016 after the rain is proven.
7. **GROUND WATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY – UPDATE KUEBLER & LEE** – B. Rapp reported that during 2016 the Board will be reviewing sections of the JPA agreement. B. Kuebler discussed the inadequacy of the current DWR boundary for the Upper Ventura River Sub-Basin. B. Kuebler found that the DWR boundary is not logical, does not follow the geology of the basin, inappropriately cuts through areas such as Casitas Springs and a better boundary prepared by the County of Ventura is available. A cost proposal to study boundary has been requested from Jordan Kear and will be offered to the GSA Formation Committee for approval.
8. **REVIEW 2016 & 2017 BOARD CALENDAR** – B. Rapp presented the draft Board calendars for 2016 & 2017. There were no revisions to the calendars.
9. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT ON WELLS, WATER STATUS** – Well #2 was 85.7 feet below the ground surface on December 1, 2015. Well #1 is producing 630 gpm and is the only well pumping. Conservation was 37% below 2013. Revenues for November were 12% higher than the budgeted revenues for November which brings the District on schedule for meeting budgeted revenues.
10. **OLD & NEW BUSINESS** – AWA meeting December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, Transfer switch needs replacing on generator in Baldwin Yard, Well #1 needs to be rewired to be operated by the generator, Board recommended running the generators at Baldwin and Parker under load when the generators are exercised to help reveal problems. A violation notice will be mailed to the customers regarding the two coliform detections in August.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 4:48 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, City of Ventura vrs. VRWD, CPF-14-513875 and a personnel matter pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1).


The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:01 P.M. No decisions were made.

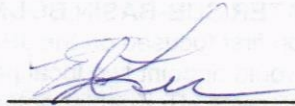
**12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS –**

B. Kuebler nominated E. Lee for President, seconded by M. Hanson, carried 5-0  
 M. Hanson nominated B. Kuebler for Vice President, seconded by E. Lee, carried 5-0  
 B. Kuebler nominated M. Hanson for Treasurer, seconded by E. Lee, carried 5-0

13. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M. to Wed. Jan. 13, 2016 at 3:00 P.M.

Attested:

  
 John Curtis, President

  
 Ed Lee, Vice President