

**VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 27, 2016**

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: E. Lee, B. Kuebler, M. Hanson, T. Jamison and J. Curtis. Also present were: General Manager/Board Secretary Bert Rapp. Public present was Ms. Peggy Wiles.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Board President E. Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by J. Curtis
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Financial Reports for October, November and December 2015

J. Curtis moved for approval, 2nd by M. Hanson. Motion carried 5-0

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.
5. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION: PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES** B. Kuebler reviewed the draft process developed for selecting the two public stakeholder seats to serve on the GSA. The suggestion is that the Farm Bureau would recommend an appointment to represent the agg community and the Ventura River Watershed Council would select a representative from a non-profit organization. If an organization was involved in legal action against any of the Members of the GSA they are disqualified. J. Curtis commented that the Farm Bureau and Watershed Coalition need to have open processes when selecting candidates. B. Kuebler responded that he expected there would be requirements to assure openness.
6. **FY 2016/17 BUDGET THIRD DRAFT** – B. Rapp summarized the draft budget and draft Cost of Service Rate analysis. The Cost of Service analysis recommends fixed rates for Multi-family and commercial, distributing the Purchase Water Surcharge to only the well service areas and applying it from the 4th tier down to the 2nd tier in proportion to demand. The funds collected for the Water Sales Fluctuation Reserve would be applied to the tiers in proportion the historic fluctuation of the tiers. The maintenance items in the Capital Improvement Program for pump and tank maintenance were proportioned to the upper tiers base upon the pumping rates required for the lower tiers verses the upper tiers. The base rates were proportioned down from \$14.70 to \$10, Property tax revenue allocated to Tier 1, Tier 1 reduced from 10 units to 5 units and tier 2 increased from 7 units to 12 units. B. Kuebler recommended that the Board hold a special public meeting in July to present the Cost of Service Rates, special drought requirements and the texting smart meters.
7. **OLD & NEW BUSINESS** – None
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None
9. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M. to the regular meeting Wed. May 11, 2016 at 3:00 P.M.

Attested:



Ed Lee, President



Bruce Kuebler, Vice President