

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CARPINTERIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

January 17, 2007

President Lemere called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Carpinteria Valley Water District to order at 4:03 p.m. Wednesday January 17, 2007.

Directors Present: Lemere, Roberts, Van Wingerden, Lieberknecht
Directors Absent: Drain
Others Present: Charles Hamilton
Bob McDonald
Omar Castro
Suzie Lara
Norma Rosales
Chip Wullbrandt

MINUTES

Following discussion, Director Van Wingerden moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on December 20, 2006. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote. Director Roberts abstained.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public addressed the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old business.

NEW BUSINESS

**RATE AND BUDGET
COMMITTEE AND
BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULE FOR FY
2008 BUDGET
PROCESS**

General Manager Hamilton distributed copies of the latest Rate and Budget meeting schedule and a revised Board meeting schedule. He noted that the televised 7 pm meeting on February 21 at City Hall would provide information about the Proposition 218 process and the issues that the District is facing with the budget and rates. Adoption of FY08 Budget and Rates is scheduled for May 23, 2007, following the Proposition 218 hearing.

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL FOR :
CALIFORNIA
WATER AWARENESS
CAMPAIGN;
WATER EDUCATION
FOUNDATION;
CALIFORNIA FARM
WATER COALITION;
SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY SPECIAL
DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Hamilton requested Board consideration for renewal of the following voluntary annual memberships:

1. California Water Awareness Campaign, \$798
2. Water Education Foundation, \$664
3. California Farm Water Coalition, \$225
4. Santa Barbara County Special District Association, \$180

Director Lemere requested that the Manager provide some description of the services provided by the organizations. Following discussion, Director Lieberknecht moved and Director Roberts seconded the motion to approve renewal of all four memberships. The motion failed by a 1-3 vote with Director Lieberknecht voting yes. President Lemere then directed the Manager to follow up on Director Roberts' suggestion to come back to the

Board at a later date with examples of materials produced by the four agencies that would be of benefit to District customers, for further consideration.

**PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON
JANUARY 10, 2007**

Director Van Wingerden provided a brief report on the meeting of the Personnel Committee held on January 10, 2007 about staffing responsibilities and needs. Mr. Hamilton noted that another Personnel Committee meeting would be held to discuss this matter again before formulating recommendations, if any, for Board consideration in February or March.

**2.5% SALARY
INCREASE FOR
BUSINESS MANAGER**

Following brief discussion, during which the Manager noted that the proposed salary increase to be effective January 1, 2007 was previously discussed in closed session by the Board on December 18, 2006, Director Van Wingerden moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve the General Manager's recommendation to increase Business Manager Norma Rosales' salary by 2.5%, effective January 1, 2007. The motion carried by a 4 – 0 vote.

**GENERAL
MANAGER'S
REPORTS**

GENERAL

**WINDSTORM
DAMAGE AND
DISTRICT RESPONSE**

Operations and Maintenance Manager Omar Castro provided a brief summary of damages to the District during the windstorm of December 27, 2006, and the lengthy hours spent by on-call serviceman Joey Mendoza during and after the storm. Following discussion, President Lemere suggested that the General Manager consider some special acknowledgement for Mr. Mendoza's efforts, such as a gift certificate for dinner for two.

**EMERGENCY
SHUTDOWN OF
LATERAL 28**

Mr. Castro provided a brief summary of District response to a leak on a service located on Casitas Pass Road near Shepard Mesa Road and the resulting need to shut down Lateral 28 on January 4, 2007. He noted that nearly every employee of the District participated in this event and four employees worked throughout the night to resolve the problem before a contractor was brought in to complete the job the following morning. Mr. Hamilton noted that the incident highlights a major need to locate and exercise old valves throughout the District, to replace them in many locations, and add new ones in some. Mr. Hamilton noted that he would be acknowledging the very long hours put in by District Engineer Bob McDonald on this occasion with a gift certificate for dinner for two.

**H2KNOW,
FEBRUARY 2007**

Mr. Hamilton distributed copies of the draft February issue of H2KNOW and received comments from the Board.

**CCWA OPERATING
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hamilton reported briefly on his attendance at the Central Coast Water Authority Operating Committee meeting on January 11, 2007. Ray Stokes

MEETING	of CCWA reported at the meeting that no mid-year budget increase would be necessary this year.
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER PURVEYORS MEETING	Mr. Hamilton reported on his attendance at the Santa Barbara County Water Purveyors meeting held on January 11, 2007. He commented on the report presented by Dennis Gibbs, County hydrologist, indicating the high statistical probability that this year's rainfall would be no greater than average, if not below average.
INTERIM LEGAL SERVICES FOR GOLETA WATER DISTRICT	Mr. Hamilton reported that counsel Wullbrandt has been selected to provide interim legal services as counsel to Goleta Water District. Mr. Wullbrandt noted during discussion with members of the Board that Goleta Water District would waive any claim to conflict if an issue arose between Goleta Water District and Carpinteria Valley Water District and further that Goleta Water District would find counsel other than Price Postel and Parma if necessary. Director Lemere expressed his reservation about counsel Wullbrandt's independence and possible appearance of conflict of interest should he become permanent legal counsel for Goleta Water District.
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	Mr. Hamilton noted that he did not attend the January breakfast meeting of Carpinteria Valley agency managers and discuss the matter of emergency preparedness, but intends to do so in February.
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	
STORAGE TANK PROJECT- STATUS REPORT	Mr. Hamilton reported on the status of the Storage Tank Project and his trip to the Tank site with President Lemere before the meeting. Director Lemere raised questions about the fire protection measures and type of materials used in the building to be constructed behind the Tank. It will contain chlorination and other needed facilities. Mr. Hamilton indicated that he would report back to the Board on the questions raised by Director Lemere. Counsel Stone was conferenced in on the telephone during the discussion about the status of modifications to the detention basin and outfall structure on the lower Ranch, and communications with neighbors John and Suze Williams about the work in progress on the lower RMA property.
ORTEGA RESERVOIR- STATUS REPORT	Mr. Hamilton distributed copies of a December picture of the Ortega Reservoir roof construction in progress.
CIP DOCUMENTARY VIDEO - STATUS REPORT	Mr. Hamilton noted that he had not yet reviewed the current CIP documentary video but would make an effort to do so before the next Board meeting.
DIRECTORS REPORTS	There were no Director reports.
NEXT MEETING	The next scheduled Board meeting will be a Regular meeting held on <u>January 24, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room at 1301 Santa</u>

Ynez Avenue. Director Roberts suggested that the Manager look into possible funding available to the District as a result of recent bond measures that passed such as 1A,B,C,D, and E and also Proposition 84 and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Lemere declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary