

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

August 22, 2007

President Lemere called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Carpinteria Valley Water District to order at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 22, 2007.

Directors Present: Lemere, Lieberknecht, Roberts, Van Wingerden, Drain
Directors Absent: none
Others Present: Charles Hamilton
Bob McDonald
Norma Rosales
Omar Castro
Suzie Lara
Eric Hvolboll

MINUTES

Following discussion, Director Van Wingerden moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to approve the amended minutes of the July 25, 2007 Board meeting. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Director Lemere abstained.

MONTHLY BILLS

Following a brief overview presented by Business Manager Norma Rosales, and discussion, Director Van Wingerden moved and Director Roberts seconded the motion to approve the monthly bills for the period of July 26, 2007 through August 22, 2007. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public addressed the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION NO. 854
TO ESTABLISH A
VISA CREDIT CARD
WITH MONTECITO
BANK & TRUST**

Following discussion, Director Lieberknecht moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 854 Establishing a Visa Credit Card Account with Montecito Bank & Trust for the Use of the District.

Roll call on Resolution No. 854 resulted as follows:

Ayes: Lieberknecht, Drain, Roberts, Van Wingerden, Lemere
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

The motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

**REPORT OF ORTEGA
COMMITTEE**

General Manager Hamilton gave a brief summary of the Ortega Committee meeting held on August 14, 2007 at Montecito Water District attended by

**MEETING HELD
AUGUST 14, 2007**

Directors Lieberknecht and Van Wingerden.

**AWARD OF
CONTRACT TO
PLOWBOY
LANDSCAPES, INC.**

Following discussion, Director Van Wingerden moved and Director Roberts seconded the motion to approve the award of contract by Montecito Water District to Plowboy Landscapes, Inc. in the amount of \$134,000 for Ortega Reservoir project landscaping, as well as a project contingency in the amount of \$13,400. Financial responsibility is shared equally by Montecito Water District and the Carpinteria Valley Water District.

**REPORT OF RATE &
BUDGET
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS HELD ON
AUGUST 6 AND 20,
2007**

Mr. Hamilton briefly summarized the agenda items of the Rate & Budget Committee meetings held on August 6 and August 20, 2007, attended by Directors Drain and Roberts.

**PLANS AND
PREPARATIONS FOR
CIP DEDICATION
CEREMONY**

General Manager Charles Hamilton gave an oral update on the preparations for the CIP dedication ceremony being held on September 19, 2007.

**CHANGES TO NEW
BILL FORMAT**

Business Manager Rosales distributed copies of the newly revised bill format and one with additional changes on the back. Comments were received from the Directors.

**NAMING THE 3 MG
STORAGE TANK**

Following discussion about several suggestions for a name for the new 3 million gallon storage tank, the matter was tabled by President Lemere for further consideration at the next Board meeting on September 12, 2007.

**DISTRICT USE OF
EDISON CARE
PROGRAM
STANDARD FOR
BILL REDUCTION**

Mr. Hamilton reported that he brought the matter of qualifications for a financial hardship reduction in the District's monthly bill to the committee as result of a customer request. He reported that the Rate and Budget Committee recommended that no changes be made except to extend participation to customers approved for participation in the Gas Company's program in addition to the Edison program. The Board concurred with this recommendation.

**REPORT OF
PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hamilton reported briefly on the hiring of two new employees as a result of recent retirement by one and a resignation by another employee in the Field.

**ALLOCATION OF UP
TO \$60,000 OF
CAPITAL COST
RECOVERY FEES**

Following an introduction by Mr. Hamilton and a project explanation by District Engineer Bob McDonald, and discussion, Director Drain moved and Director Van Wingerden seconded the motion to approve the allocation of up to \$60,000 of capital cost recovery fees for a District capital improvement in connection with, but not benefiting, the Mission Terrace development. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 855**

Following a brief summary by Mr. Hamilton of the importance of Tom Fayram's and the Flood Control District's key roles in two of the District's

**THANKING AND
COMMENDING TOM
FAYRAM OF
COUNTY FLOOD
CONTROL FOR
ASSISTANCE TO THE
DISTRICT**

CIP projects, namely the Headquarters Well and the Storage Tank, and discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 855 Thanking and Commending Tom Fayram of the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for his Responsiveness and Assistance to the Carpinteria Valley Water District as it Completed its Safe Drinking Water Capital Improvement Program.

Roll call on Resolution No. 855 resulted as follows:

Ayes: Lemere, Lieberknecht, Drain, Roberts, Van Wingerden

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

**GENERAL
MANAGER'S
REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL -
MONTHLY
STATEMENTS**

Mrs. Rosales presented the monthly financial statements for the period ending July, 2007.

**BILLING AND
ACCOUNTING
SOFTWARE
UPGRADE**

Mrs. Rosales provided the Board with a status report on the efforts she is coordinating with Casitas Municipal Water District and Montecito Water District in obtaining new billing and accounting software. Working together, the three agencies are seeking to reduce the software upgrade costs to each agency.

**OPERATIONS AND
MAINTENANCE -
MONTHLY REPORT**

Operations and Maintenance Manager Omar Castro presented the Operations and Maintenance report for the month of July, 2007.

**ENGINEERING -
WATER SUPPLY**

District Engineer Bob McDonald presented the Water Supply Report for the month of July, 2007.

**PROJECT STATUS
REPORT**

Mr. McDonald presented the Project Status Report for the month of July, 2007.

**STATE WATER
BANKING WITH
IRVINE RANCH
WATER DISTRICT**

Mr. Hamilton reported on the status of discussions with Irvine Ranch Water district and the Central Coast Water Authority exploring this District's participation in a water banking program operated by the Irvine Ranch Water District in Kern County west of Bakersfield. The District would use this program to store unneeded State Water in one year for use in a later year.

**POSSIBLE STATE
WATER SALE TO
GUADALUPE**

Mr. Hamilton reported on the status of discussions with the City of Guadalupe about their interest in acquiring up to 500 acre feet of the District's' State Water allotment. He noted that Guadalupe had provided the requested \$10,000 deposit to reimburse the District for any out-of-pocket

expenses as the discussions move forward.

ZACA FIRE

Mr. Hamilton reported briefly on the status of the Zaca Fire and his participation as well as that of other District staff preparing for possible power outages and an emergency evacuation in the Carpinteria Valley caused by the Fire. Mr. McDonald reported on the Zaca Fire's origin and fire safety implications of the Fire's origin for work done by the District or its contractors in remote areas.

**PROPOSITION 50
GRANT
APPLICATION**

Mr. Hamilton reported on the status of the District's Proposition 50 grant application for funds to replace the El Carro Well and provide some new related improvements. He reported that Steve Tanner of Pueblo Water Resources is assisting staff with the application process.

**REVISED CACHUMA
PROJECT DRAFT EIR**

Mr. Hamilton reported that Dr. Alex Keuper is preparing a brief comment letter relative to the revised Cachuma Project Draft Environment Impact Report under review by the State Water Resources Control Board. The State Water Board issues the permit under which the Bureau of Reclamation operates the Cachuma Project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT
REVIEW FOR
VENECO INC'S,
PAREDON PROJECT**

Mr. Hamilton reported that the District submitted a letter to the City of Carpinteria, to be distributed to all Directors, prepared by Pueblo Water Resources identifying hydrogeological information needed in the DEIR for Veneco's proposed Paredon Project. This information is deemed necessary for the District to evaluate possible impacts to the Carpinteria Valley groundwater basin, and its use by the District as public water supply source.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be a regular Board meeting held on September 12, 2007, at 4:00 pm in the Board meeting room at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

President Lemere declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45p.m.



Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary