

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

September 26, 2007

President Lemere called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Carpinteria Valley Water District to order at 4:02 p.m. Wednesday, September 26, 2007.

Directors Present: Lemere, Roberts, Drain
Directors Absent: Lieberknecht, Van Wingerden
Others Present: Charles Hamilton
Norma Rosales
Suzie Lara
Alex Keuper
Robert Regis

MINUTES

Following discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to approve the amended minutes of the September 19, 2007 Board meeting. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

MONTHLY BILLS

Following a brief overview presented by Business Manager Norma Rosales, and discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to approve the monthly bills for the period of August 23, 2007 through September 26, 2007. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public addressed the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

**LETTER FROM MR.
REGIS REGARDING
DIFFERENT WATER
RATE STRUCTURE
AND STAFF
ANALYSIS**

General Manager Hamilton referred to a copy of Mr. Regis' proposed water rate structure enclosed with the Board packet. Dr. Alex Keuper, Administrative Analyst, then presented a brief overview of the changes proposed by Mr. Regis, in general shifting costs from low water users to high water users. Mr. Regis pointed out a misunderstanding by Dr. Keuper and further clarified his proposed rate structure. Following discussion and questions by Directors, Dr. Keuper noted that what is unique about this proposal is the use of a variable monthly service charge and a fixed unit cost of water, opposite of what the District now has in place. Directors expressed interest in further review and analysis of Mr. Regis' proposal and a date was to be set for consideration by the Rate and Budget committee. President Lemere thanked Mr. Regis for his thoughtful proposal.

**MOU (#2) FOR
ADMINISTRATION
OF SANTA BARBARA
COUNTYWIDE
INTEGRATED**

Mr. Hamilton summarized the current status of the IRWMP process. He noted that IRWMP participants had agreed to prorate their share of project funds should the State not award the whole \$25 million requested of Proposition 50 grant funds. This District is seeking up to \$2 million for the El Carro Well replacement and mainline improvement project. The

**REGIONAL WATER
MANAGEMENT
PLAN (IRWMP) AND
PROPOSITION 50**

estimated District cost share of the administrative work directed by the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to the MOU is \$29,600. Following discussion, Director Drain moved and Director Roberts seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to execute the MOU as presented subject to final review and minor amendments approved by the General Manager. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

**ACWA COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENT
NOMINEES 2008-2009**

No recommendations were made for Association of California Water Agencies committee membership by Directors or staff

**ACWA REGION 5
BALLOT FOR
ELECTION FOR 2008-
2009**

Following discussion, Director Drain moved and Director Roberts seconded the motion to concur with the proposed nomination of ACWA Region 5 nominees for the election year 2008-2009. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

**GENERAL
MANAGER'S
REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL -
MONTHLY
STATEMENTS**

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

**BILLING SCHEDULE
FOR SEPTEMBER**

Mrs. Rosales briefly summarized the recent difficulties related to Field staff shortages and meter reading and the effect on the billing schedule. She noted that the next billing cycle is expected to proceed on schedule.

**RATE & BUDGET
COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Directors Roberts and Drain agreed to the next Rate and Budget Committee meeting to be held on October 26, 2007.

**OPERATIONS AND
MAINTENANCE -
MONTHLY REPORT**

O & M Manager Omar Castro will present this report at the next Board meeting on October 17, 2007.

**ENGINEERING -
WATER SUPPLY**

District Engineer Bob Mc Donald will present this report at the next Board meeting on October 17, 2007.

**PROJECT STATUS
REPORT**

District Engineer Bob Mc Donald will present this report at the next Board meeting on October 17, 2007.

GENERAL

**CIP DEDICATION
CEREMONY-
FOLLOW UP**

Directors discussed the CIP dedication ceremony, and President Lemere signed thank you letters to presenters. Mr. Hamilton noted that a video of the ceremony will be played on the local Channel 18 station for a couple of weeks.

**STATE WATER
BANKING WITH**

Mr. Hamilton noted that discussions are continuing with Irvine Ranch Water District and the Central Coast Water Authority that may enable this District

**IRVINE RANCH
WATER DISTRICT**

to store some of its unused State Water allotment in a groundwater bank in Kern County.

**POSSIBLE STATE
WATER SALE TO
GUADALUPE**

Mr. Hamilton reported that discussions with Guadalupe are on-going and will include a visit by Board President Lemere and himself to Guadalupe on September 20.

**REVISED CACHUMA
PROJECT DRAFT EIR
DISTRICT RESPONSE**

Mr. Hamilton noted that the District's response to the Cachuma Project Draft EIR was enclosed in the Board packet.

**SUSPENSION OF
CLOUDSEEDING
PROGRAM**

Mr. Hamilton noted that the Cloudseeding program this year will be suspended due to the loss of large portions of Cachuma and Gibraltar watershed habitat burned by the Zaca Fire, and the corresponding threat of excessive soil erosion.

**CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM**

**ORTEGA
RESERVOIR**

Mr. Hamilton had nothing new to report on this item.

**FOOTHILL
RESERVOIR**

Mr. Hamilton had nothing new to report on this item.

**DIRECTORS
REPORTS**

**CACHUMA
CONSERVATION
RELEASE BOARD/
CACHUMA
OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE
BOARD MEETINGS**

Mr. Hamilton provided an oral report about the CCRB and COMB meetings attended by Director Van Wingerden and himself on September 17, 2007.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be a regular Board meeting held on October 17, 2007, at 4:00 pm in the Board meeting room at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

President Lemere declared the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.



Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary