

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

**March 12, 2008**

Vice President Van Wingerden called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Carpinteria Valley Water District to order at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

Directors Present: Roberts, Lieberknecht, Drain, Van Wingerden

Directors Absent: Lemere

Others Present: Charles Hamilton  
Norma Rosales  
Suzie Lara  
Alex Keuper  
Chip Wullbrandt  
Bob McDonald  
Tad Buchanan  
Kathy Stone

**MINUTES**

Following discussion, Director Drain moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2008 Board meeting. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one from the public addressed the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**AWARD OF  
CONTRACT FOR  
RMA PHASE 5 SANTA  
MONICA CREEK  
BRIDGE ABUTMENT  
CONSTRUCTION**

Following a presentation by District Engineer Bob McDonald and discussion, Director Drain moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to award contract for the RMA Phase 5 Santa Monica Creek Bridge abutment construction to Camarillo Engineering for a not to exceed cost of \$1,244,000 million, fully reimbursable by RMA Partners VI. Mr McDonald explained that an unusually low bid from RCC was withdrawn. A copy of their letter explaining the error in their bid was distributed to all Directors. Director Roberts stressed the importance of checking the validity of bonding information provided with the bids. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MARCH 5, 2008  
PRELIMINARY RATE  
STRUCTURE  
PRESENTATION**

General Manager Hamilton reported briefly on feedback received from customers relative to preliminary rate structure changes and budget information presented at Carpinteria City Hall on March 5.

**PROPOSED RATE  
STRUCTURE  
CHANGES**

Mr. Hamilton presented PowerPoint slides showing the "old" and the "new" pertaining to changes affecting the unit cost of water and the CIP component of the monthly service charge. He was followed by Dr. Alex Keuper whose

presentation included several PowerPoint examples of how the proposed rate structure changes would affect hypothetical customers. Director Roberts expressed concerns about the impact of the third tier of the conservation oriented water rate structure possibly adversely affecting customers whose December through March water use is very low, for example a customer with a summer beach rental when there may be no occupancy in December through March. Their base calculation would then be so low that the customer would reach a third tier very quickly in the summer months. Mr. Hamilton indicated that staff would continue to examine impacts to determine if there is a need for additional adjustments to the current model. Vice President Van Wingerden, speaking for the Board, directed Mr. Hamilton to proceed with the proposed rate structure changes, but also continue to seek refinements if warranted.

**PROPOSED FY 08-09  
BUDGET**

Business Manager Rosales presented an overview of the proposed fiscal year 2008-2009 Budget, and distributed copies of the whole proposed Budget as well. Mr. Hamilton requested that the Board meet again on Wednesday March 19 to fully consider the proposed FY 09 Budget, and this was agreed to by the Directors.

**GENERAL MANAGER  
REPORTS**

**LAKE CACHUMA  
QUAGGA MUSSEL  
ISSUE**

Mr. Hamilton reported briefly on the testimony provided to the Board of Supervisors on March 11 about the Quagga mussel threat. He reported that Supervisor Carbajal directed that a special task force be formed consisting of Supervisors Firestone and himself as well as other interested parties to reach some course of action relative to the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board proposal that Lake Cachuma be closed to outside boats for a period of time until measures are in place to ensure that no boat can introduce Quagga mussels into the Lake. Mr. Hamilton reported that he suggested that Director Roberts be a part of this task force. The Board agreed that he should do this, and Mr. Roberts expressed his willingness to participate.

**DIRECTOR ROBERTS  
LEAVES MEETING**

Director Roberts left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

**TERMINATION OF  
THE 1990 CROSS-  
CONNECTION  
PROGRAM SERVICE  
AGREEMENT**

Following a brief explanation of the reasons by Mr. McDonald, and discussion, Director Lieberknecht moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to approve the Manager's draft notice of non-renewal of the 1990 Cross Connection Program Agreement between this District and Montecito Water District and Lancaster Mutual Water Company. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

**PURCHASE OF  
EIGHT HAND HELD  
METER DEVICES**

Following a presentation by Business Manager Norma Rosales, and discussion, Director Lieberknecht moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to authorize the General Manager to purchase eight hand held meter reading devices and software for an approximate cost of \$52,000, utilizing capital cost recovery fees to fund the expenditure. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

**LETTER FROM  
ATTORNEY  
CHRISTOPHER C.  
JONES ON BEHALF  
OF DEBRA MURPHY  
AND MARK KING**

Following distribution of copies of a letter from attorney Christopher Jones on behalf of Debra Murphy and Mark King dated February 29, 2008, and an explanation by District Engineer about the circumstances related to the letter, Vice President Van Wingerden directed counsel Wullbrandt to work with staff to prepare and send a letter response.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**CACHUMA  
CONSERVATION  
RELEASE BOARD  
AND CACHUMA  
OPERATION AND  
MAINTENANCE  
BOARD MEETING**

Director Lieberknecht gave an oral report on the Cachuma Conservation Release Board meeting and the Cachuma Operation Board meeting held on February 25, 2008.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Board meeting will be a regular Board meeting held on March 19, 2008, at 4:00 pm in the Board meeting room at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Wingerden declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary