

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

**April 9, 2008**

President Lemere called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Carpinteria Valley Water District to order at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday April 9, 2008.

Directors Present: Lemere, Roberts, Van Wingerden, Lieberknecht  
Directors Absent: Drain  
Others Present: Suzie Lara  
Norma Rosales  
Chip Wullbrandt  
Kate Rees  
Rob Almy  
Amy Orozco

**MINUTES**

Following discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting held on March 25, 2008. The motion carried by a 3-0-1 vote. Director Van Wingerden abstained.

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Following discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on March 26, 2008. The motion carried by a 3-0-1 vote. Director Van Wingerden abstained.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one from the public addressed the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CUSTOMER  
REQUEST FOR  
CREDIT FOR  
UNUSUALLY HIGH  
BILL**

Following a presentation by Business Manager Norma Rosales, and discussion, Director Van Wingerden moved and Director Roberts seconded the motion to approve a customer (account #08-21095) request for a credit on a high bill possibly related to a faulty meter in the amount of \$161.37. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**ADJUSTMENT ON  
CUSTOMER WORK  
ORDER #5674 FOR  
CHARGES RELATED  
TO DAMAGES BY A  
CONTRACTOR**

Following a brief presentation by General Manager Hamilton, and discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Van Wingerden seconded the motion to approve the Manager's recommendation to adjust a customer's work order #5674 and remove \$1399.92 worth of charges associated with damages caused by the customer to an inadequately marked District pipeline. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote,

**PRESENTATION BY  
KATE REES ABOUT  
CACHUMA PROJECT**

Kate Rees, General Manager of the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board, who was joined by Rob Almy, head of the County Water Agency, presented an overview of costs and benefits to Cachuma member agencies,

**BENEFITS AND COSTS**

including Carpinteria Valley Water District, specifically related to modified storm operations, spill water and the fish account surcharge storage at Lake Cachuma. Director Roberts suggested that there ought to be some way for Cachuma Project ratepayers to receive additional compensation for the modified storm operations, a flood control benefit that accrues to communities downstream of Cachuma. Counsel Wullbrandt suggested and Rob Almy concurred that congressional authorization to fund the flood control benefit might be a way to leverage funds for needed Cachuma Project improvements that would offset costs born only by Cachuma ratepayers. Mr. Almy also explained the origins and process by which \$100,000 of tax funds are annually contributed by the County for Cachuma Project benefit. President Lemere suggested that the matter be considered further at the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION AND OUTREACH FOR RATE AND CHARGES PROTEST HEARING**

Mr. Hamilton distributed copies of a draft insert for next week's Coastal View and other public information documents related to the proposed water rate structure changes and next fiscal year's Rates and Charges and Budget. He briefly discussed the cause of the error in the first customer letter, and the changes appearing in the revised mailings. He noted that the level of detail in the various documents going out to customers is very great, and is provided to the public in the interest of good government transparency, but that it will also likely generate a lot of questions from customers.

**MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION**

Following a call to special counsel Jeff Dinkin who joined in the discussion by speaker phone, and a brief explanation about the need for this item to be addressed again due to action being taken at the previous Board meeting that included managers not adequately represented on the agenda other than Mr. Hamilton, Director Roberts moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve a 6% salary increase for the General Manager, Business Manager, District Engineer, and Operation & Maintenance Manager effective July 1, 2008. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**REVISED BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Mr. Hamilton distributed copies of a revised Board meeting schedule for the remainder of the calendar year, and noted that additional meetings are likely to be need in the Fall. No action was taken.

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS**

There were no General Manager reports.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING**

President Lemere gave an oral report on the Central Coast Water Authority Board meeting held on March 27, 2008.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Board meeting will be a regular meeting held on April 23, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Lemere declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

*Charles B. Hamilton*

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Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary