

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

**April 23, 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 23, 2008.

Directors Present: Lemere, Roberts, Lieberknecht, Drain, Van Wingerden  
Directors Absent: None  
Others Present: Charles Hamilton  
Norma Rosales  
Suzie Lara  
Chip Wullbrandt  
Omar Castro  
Bob McDonald  
Cindy Abbott  
Alex Keuper

**MINUTES**

Following discussion, Director Van Wingerden moved and Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2008 Board meeting. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Director Drain abstained.

**MONTHLY BILLS**

Business Manager Norma Rosales presented the monthly bills for the period of March 27, 2008 through April 23, 2008. Following discussion, Director Drain moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve the monthly bills as presented, The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one from the public addressed the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SECOND  
AMENDMENT TO  
THE MARCH 1, 1989  
AGREEMENT WITH  
CARPINTERIA  
UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

Following discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to authorize the Board president to execute the Second Amendment to the March 1, 1989 Agreement between Carpinteria Valley Water District and Carpinteria Unified School District (CUSD) along with the recommendation that CUSD consider using the services of the Water District to arrange for a water use survey involving both the Water District and the Cachuma Resource Conservation Board. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**PROPOSED FY 08-09  
BUDGET AND  
WATER RATES AND  
CHARGES**

General Manager Hamilton gave a status report on comments and questions about the proposed Water Rates and Charges for the 08-09 Fiscal Year received from customers by staff and the General Manager. Mr. Hamilton also recommended that the Board consider a minimum of 6 units for the Base tier of the three tiered unit cost of water portion of the proposed water rate structure for customers whose average five year usage over the 4 month period of December through March usage is less than 6 units. Following discussion, the Board, through President Lemere, directed staff to adjust the

proposed rate structure to include the 6 unit minimum.

**DISASTER  
PREPAREDNESS FOR  
CARPINTERIA  
VALLEY**

Mr. Hamilton reported on the status of informal discussions held with other Carpinteria Valley agency managers about steps being taken to improve the coordinated disaster preparedness of the various agencies in the Carpinteria Valley. Director Roberts and Director Drain commented about the importance of bringing the Headquarters Well back on-line, the usefulness of the Carpinteria Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program for residents interested in becoming fully prepared and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training available to local agencies to ensure that they are certified to receive Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) monies to reimburse for local agency expenses. President Lemere directed Mr. Hamilton to continue to explore the matter with other agency managers and continued the item for further discussion at future Board meetings.

**GENERAL MANAGER  
REPORTS**

**FINANCE-MONTHLY  
STATEMENTS**

Mrs. Rosales reported on the Monthly Statements for the month of March 2008 and the LAIF quarterly statements for the period of January through March 2008.

**VILLA DEL MAR  
BILLING ERROR  
AND POSSIBLE  
CREDIT**

Following a brief presentation by Mr. Hamilton and Business Manager Rosales, and discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Van Wingerden seconded the motion to approve a two year credit in the amount of \$625.19 to Villa Del Mar Home Owners Association in response to their Manager's recent discovery of an over-billing by the District related to incorrect dwelling unit count. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**ENGINEERING-  
MONTHLY REPORTS**

District Engineer Bob McDonald presented the monthly Project Status and Water Supply reports for April 2008.

**OPERATIONS &  
MAINTENANCE-  
MONTHLY REPORT**

Operations & Maintenance Manager Omar Castro presented the Operations & Maintenance report for the month of April 2008.

**GENERAL**

**REVISED  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
WATERWORKS  
STANDARDS**

Mr. Castro provided a brief overview of the revised Waterworks Standards adopted by the State of California. He noted that they are mostly about general water system requirements, and not about specific water quality standards.

**COMB'S IN-LINE  
VALVE  
REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT ON  
FOOTHILL ROAD**

Mr. Hamilton reported briefly on the current status of the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board's in-line valve replacement project on Foothill Road with a projected date for the re-opening of Foothill Road to traffic by the middle of the following week.

**CITY'S 8<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
PEDESTRIAN  
BRIDGE PROJECT  
AND DISTRICT  
PIPELINE**

Mr. Hamilton reported briefly on his attendance at the Carpinteria City Council meeting held on April 14 to address the Council about the District's need for a bridge to support a replacement pipeline for its aged eight inch main pipeline now buried below Carpinteria Creek and the existing footbridge.

**PROPOSED EL  
CARRO WELL AND  
PIPELINES PROJECT**

Mr. Castro gave a brief status report about the scheduled repair of the Headquarters Well, noting that Bakersfield Well and Pump is waiting for delivery of parts but currently plans to mobilize at the well site during the week of May 5.

**STATE WATER  
TRANSFER – PXP  
OPTION  
AGREEMENT**

Mr. Hamilton reported that he had been recently contacted by a representative of Plains Exploration and Production Company (PXP) indicating PXP's desire to continue to hold and eventually execute its option to purchase up to 400 acre feet of the District's State Water Allotment, even though PXP no longer has plans to use the water for the previously proposed Purisima Hills housing development.

**STATE WATER  
TRANSFER - CITY  
OF GUADALUPE  
NEGOTIATIONS**

Mrs. Rosales reported briefly on the status of the process underway with the City of Guadalupe and Guadalupe City Council actions relative to their possible acquisition of up to 500 acre feet of the District's State Water Allocation.

**STATE WATER  
TRANSFER-  
UCSB/GOLETA  
WATER DISTRICT**

Mr. Hamilton reported that while no formal discussions have been established with UCSB for acquisition of some amount of the District's State Water Allocation, discussions that have included Goleta Water District lead him to believe that UCSB will make a formal request in the near future.

**STATE WATER SALE  
2008- LA CUMBRE  
MUTUAL WATER  
COMPANY**

Mr. Hamilton reported that he had communicated a price to La Cumbre General Manager Mike Alvarado for a one year sale – this year only - of some amount of the District's unneeded State Water, and that the La Cumbre Board will be considering the matter at an upcoming Board meeting.

**FOOTHILL  
STORAGE TANK-  
JPIA AND DIESEL  
FUEL SPILL  
COVERAGE**

Mr. Hamilton reported that the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority would be hearing a recommendation from its claims agent Dick Damon to reimburse the District with most of its costs associated with last year's accidental diesel fuel spill at the Foothill Storage Tank site on Rancho Monte Alegre.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REPORT OF  
PERSONNEL  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON  
APRIL 18, 2008**

Director Van Wingerden gave a report on the Personnel Committee meeting held on April 18, 2008. Following a brief summary by Mrs. Rosales of the options considered, Mr. Hamilton was directed by President Lemere to respond to the proposal presented by the union related to the question of probationary periods for existing District employees and "bumping" rights should they not succeed in a new position within the District.

**REPORT OF JOINT  
MONTECITO AND  
CARPINTERIA**

Director Roberts gave a report of the joint Montecito and Carpinteria Ortega Committee meeting held on April 23, 2008. Mr. Hamilton noted that there are two issues related to the underdrain leakage of concern at the Ortega

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DISTRICT ORTEGA  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD  
APRIL 23, 2008**

Reservoir: 1) the immediate need of this District to receive adequate water from the Reservoir during periods of peak demands; and 2) the difficulties in determining the cause of the underdrain leakage. He also noted that it could become a costly problem. He reported that District Counsel Wullbrandt was given direction during closed session relative to a possible course of action to address possible District losses. Mr. Hamilton also reported that the matter of the Joint Powers Authority agreement with Montecito Water District for Cater Treatment Plant capital improvements was discussed and that he was tasked with making a proposal for the joint Committee (to be called the Joint MWD/CVWD Operations Committee in the future) to consider.

**CONSENT AND  
WAIVER DOCUMENT  
PREPARED BY BEST  
BEST & KRIEGER**

Following a presentation by District Counsel Wullbrandt and discussion, the matter of the proposed Consent and Waiver document prepared by Best Best & Krieger concerning their written disclosure about conflict of interest as set forth in their letter dated April 9, 2008 was tabled for discussion at a future Board meeting, pending discussions to be held at other affected water agencies.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

There were no Director reports.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Board meeting will be a regular Board meeting held on May 14, 2008, at 4:00 pm at 1301 Santa Ynez Ave.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Lemere declared the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



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Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary