

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

August 5, 2009

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 5, 2009.

Directors Present: Drain, Lemere, Lieberknecht, Roberts, Van Wingerden,
Directors Absent: none
Others Present: Charles Hamilton
Norma Rosales
Rob McDonald
Alex Keuper
Brad Milner
Alison Evans
Dave Gardner

MINUTES

Following discussion, Director Van Wingerden moved and Director Roberts seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2009 Board meeting. The motion carried by a 4-0-1 vote. Director Roberts abstained.

MONTHLY BILLS

Business Manager Norma Rosales presented the monthly bills for the period of June 16, 2009 through July 28, 2009. Following discussion, Director Van Wingerden moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. 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

**STATE WATER SALE
COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Directors Van Wingerden reported briefly on the State Water Sale Committee meeting held on August 4, 2009, noting that Director Lieberknecht attended in Director Roberts' absence at the meeting.

**ADDENDUM TO 2006
WATER RELIABILITY
STRATEGIES
REPORT FOR 2030**

Brad Milner of Kennedy/Jenks presented an overview of the water supply and demand tables in the draft Addendum to the 2006 Water Reliability Strategies for 2030 report. Following discussion, including distribution of copies of an article published in Noozhawk on August 4, 2009 entitled "New State Standards Open Floodgates for Graywater Use, and comments by Dave Gardner of Fugro West relative to the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin safe yield. No action was taken.

**CEQA PROCESS FOR
DETERMINATION
AND DISPOSITION
OF SURPLUS STATE**

Alison Evans of Kennedy/Jenks addressed the Board about the status and schedule of CEQA documents, an Initial Study and a Negative Declaration, for the Determination and Disposition of State Water Project Allotment Surplus. She noted that they would be complete and released for public

**WATER PROJECT
ALLOTMENT**

review after the Board's acceptance of the Addendum at a later date. No action was taken.

**CARPINTERIA
GROUNDWATER
BASIN- ANNUAL
REPORT FOR 2008**

David Gardner of Fugro West briefly commented on the District's 2008 Annual Report on the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin. He noted that while water levels had gone down as a result of a second relatively dry year, they are not at all near historical low levels. He also noted that there was no change in the general good quality of groundwater throughout the Basin. Following discussion President Lemere then directed Mr. Hamilton to also engage the services of Mr. Gardner relative to concerns about possible impacts to the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin caused by the proposed Paredon Project by Venoco.

**PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Director Van Wingerden gave a brief summary of the discussion at the Personnel Committee meeting held on August 3, 2009 attended by Directors Drain and Van Wingerden. The items discussed included the hiring of a Helper to replace a Utility Worker and the use of contract labor for meter reading. No action was taken.

**PUBLIC
INFORMATION
QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS**

Following a brief discussion about the status of the Question and Answers pertaining to various District operations and financial status, to be posted on the website, Mr. Lemere directed that the Rate & Budget Committee meet one more time to complete a final review with staff before the Q&A are posted on the website.

**GENERAL MANAGER
REPORTS**

**MONTECITO WATER
DISTRICT
REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Hamilton reported briefly on the status of the process related to the proposed Montecito Water District Reorganization that would result in several large agriculturally zoned parcels receiving water service from the Carpinteria Valley Water District. He reported that he would be arranging an informational meeting of the Strategic Water Management Committee (Directors Lemere and Lieberknecht) with LAFCO Executive Director Bob Braitman in the near future. President Lemere suggested that Mr. Hamilton also make arrangements for the whole Board to visit and become acquainted with the proposed area to be reorganized. No action was taken.

**EL CARRO WELL
GROUND LEASE
UPDATE**

Counsel Mark Manion of Price Postel and Parma gave a brief summary of the status of the appraisal process relative to the El Carro Well site and ground lease with the City of Carpinteria. Director Matt Roberts did not participate in discussion relative to this agenda item. No action was taken.

**ORTEGA
RESERVOIR UPDATE**

District Engineer Bob McDonald gave a brief summary of the statement of Claims and cost of Repair filed with the court for the Ortega Reservoir Project lawsuit. Total estimates including potential CEQA costs approach \$8.5 million.

**WHITAKER
CONTRACT
(RANCHO MONTE**

Mr. Hamilton reported briefly on the status of the contract with Whitaker Contractors, Inc. for facility installations in the Rancho Monte Alegre (RMA) area. He noted that a one month extension with Whitaker is

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necessary at this time, to be prepared by District conflicts counsel Kathy Stone. A decision to either restart construction or terminate the contract and secure the site for the long term is anticipated by mid-September.

**STRATEGIC
PLANNING UPDATE**

Mr. Hamilton reported that with the Board's commitment he believes that with Administrative Analyst Dr. Alex Keuper taking the lead, District staff in the next several months could prepare a new 2010 Strategic and Capital Facilities Plan. The last such Plan was completed in 1999. Following discussion and commitments by Directors Lemere and Drain of the Strategic and Capital Facilities Plan Committee to be available for up to two meetings per month to work with staff. Mr. Lemere directed Mr. Hamilton to proceed with the development of the Plan as proposed. Mr. Hamilton noted that regular updates of the draft Plan would also be presented to the whole Board for their consideration and input.

**DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS
UPDATE**

Mr. Hamilton had nothing new to report on the status of Carpinteria Valley-wide disaster preparedness, in particular a simulated disaster emergency. He noted however that with the new prospect of hiring contract labor to do meter reading there would be much more time available for District Field staff to exercise and change out valves in the District's aging distribution system. This will be of great value during a major earthquake related emergency when multiple leaks occur and sections of main line must be isolated.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

**CENTRAL COAST
WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

President Lemere gave an oral report about the Central Coast Water Authority meeting held on July 23, 2009.

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

Director Lieberknecht gave an oral report about the Cachuma Conservation Release Board and Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board meetings held on July 27, 2009. Mr. Hamilton also distributed copies of the letter he prepared and sent to COMB General Manager Kate Rees dated August 4, 2009, responding to her letter dated July 31, 2009 and her memo to the COMB directors dated July 27, 2009 pertaining to this District's request that cost sharing for the new COMB bond issue be addressed before action taken by this Board obligates the District to 30 years of bond debt service.

**SPECIAL DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION
MEETING**

President Lemere gave an oral report about the Special District Association meeting held on July 27, 2009.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be a regular Board meeting held on August 26, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:16 p.m. President Lemere declared the meeting adjourned in memoriam to former Director Harold Sullwold who recently passed away.

Charles B. Hamilton

Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary