

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

**December 14, 2011**

President Van Wingerden called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Valley Water District at City Hall to order at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2011, and led the Board and others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present: Van Wingerden, Lieberknecht, Orozco, Brown

Directors Absent: Roberts

Others Present: Charles Hamilton

Brian King

Roger Myers

Sonia Fernandez

Jeff Dinkin (arrived at 6:15 p.m. for Closed Session)

Cathy Adams

**MINUTES**

Following discussion, Director Orozco moved and Director Brown seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011, 2011 Board meeting. The motion carried by a 3-0-1 vote. Director Lieberknecht abstained.

**GENERAL MANAGER  
REPORTS**

Following a brief overview provided by General Manager Hamilton of District revenues and expenditures to date, and discussion, Director Orozco moved and Director Lieberknecht seconded the motion to approve the General Manager Reports. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Dave Moore of 532 Arbor Verde addressed the Board about the need for all Board Meetings to be televised. He also emphasized that video recorded Board meetings should be archived so that District customers are able to watch the meeting proceedings at any given time.

Dave Morris addressed the Board about its commitment to transparency and televised meetings. He also suggested that the Board consider hiring a consultant to assist in the sale of some of its State Water Allotment.

**DRINK CARPINTERIA  
WATER COMMITTEE  
MEETING, 11-18-11**

Director Orozco reported that the Committee had met their objectives in the series of Drink Carpinteria Water events and were pleased with the community's turnout at this event and the end results.

**CACHUMA  
OPERATION AND  
MAINTENANCE  
BOARD (COMB)**

Director Lieberknecht gave a verbal report about the COMB meeting held on November 18, 2011

**JPIA/ASSOCIATION OF  
CA WATER AGENCIES  
CONFERENCE IN  
ANAHEIM,  
NOVEMBER 28-  
DECEMBER 2, 2011**

Director Lieberknecht gave a verbal report about the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Fall Conferences held in Anaheim. General Manager Hamilton also spoke about his attendance at ACWA conference and in particular his attendance at a session about water rate structures and communications with the public.

**TOUR OF CATER  
TREATMENT PLANT**

Director Orozco informed President Van Wingerden that because of poor weather, the previously scheduled tour of the Cater Treatment Plant will be rescheduled in January 2012

**EL CARRO WELL AND  
CENTRAL ZONE MAIN  
CONSTRUCTION  
PROJECT STATUS  
REPORT (BRIAN KING)**

Associate Engineer Brian King reported that the CZ main project in El Carro Lane is advancing despite some adverse weather since construction began in October. Residents have been able to access their homes during the construction. With 3,000 feet of new pipe in the ground, the next steps will be to pave over the trench line, then pressure-test and disinfect the main. The new main is anticipated to be tied into the existing system by the end of this month

**LETTER FROM  
REBECCA BJORK  
REGARDING  
EXPENSES FOR CATER  
TREATMENT PLANT  
NOT PREVIOUSLY  
BILLED**

President Van Wingerden stated that Rebecca Bjork of the City of Santa Barbara came to the last Board meeting to explain why the City did not bill the District for monies owed to them. It was the result of accounting errors beginning three years ago. General Manager Hamilton stated that at some point the District will need to respond to Ms. Bjork's current letter requesting payment by March 1, 2012 or proposing a payment plan from the District.

**TELEVISED BOARD  
MEETINGS IN 2012  
AND POSTING VIDEOS  
OF ALL FUTURE  
MEETINGS ON  
DISTRICT WEBSITE**

General Manager Hamilton, referring to the list of proposed Board meeting dates in 2012 in the agenda packet, stated that he considers it worthwhile for transparency purposes for the District to meet twice a month even when there is no need for Board action. He noted that many other districts only typically hold regular Board meetings once a month. In order for meetings to be televised they must meet at Carpinteria City Hall, and he noted that the City has been very helpful to the District in this regard. President Van Wingerden asked the Board Members to check their respective calendars against the proposed 2012 dates to be certain that there are no conflicts.

Director Brown emphasized that it is important to have all Board meetings televised as well as having meeting videos archived on the District's website. Director Brown asked if General Manager Hamilton could look into the best way to make this happen, and Mr. Hamilton responded that it was not a technological matter but he would need to look into staff capabilities. He was directed by President Van Wingerden to report to the Board about the archiving matter in January

**DRINK CARP WATER  
COMMITTEE  
DISSOLUTION AND  
CREATION OF TWO  
NEW COMMITTEES**

General Manager Hamilton recommended that the present Drink Carpinteria Water Committee be retired as its mission has been accomplished with the taste testing and the community response. Further, he suggested that the Board create two new regular standing committees: Community Outreach and Water Quality. Following discussion, a motion

was made by Director Orozco and seconded by Director Brown to discontinue the Drink Carpinteria Water Committee and create the Community Outreach and Water Quality Committees. Director Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

President Van Wingerden requested volunteers for the two new committees. Directors Orozco and Brown volunteered for the Community Outreach Committee and President Van Wingerden and Director Lieberknecht volunteered for the Water Quality Committee and were so appointed by President Van Wingerden.

**REFUND OF \$453.85 TO  
OVE-BILLED  
IRRIGATION  
ACCOUNT**

Following discussion, Director Lieberknecht moved and Director Brown seconded the motion to authorize the General Manager to issue a refund in the amount of \$453.85 to the over-billed irrigation account #17-170190-05. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**CERTIFICATES OF  
RECOGNITION FROM  
JPIA**

General Manager Hamilton stated that Director Lieberknecht was at the awards presentation in Anaheim when these Certificates were announced to the District. The District works closely with JPIA in reference to safety issues and Safety Officer Omar Castro takes safety issues very seriously and the District has recently been successful in self-regulating the work place and following safe procedures to prevent employee injuries.

**CLOSED SESSION  
CONFERENCE WITH  
LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE  
SECTION 54957.6  
DISTRICT  
NEGOTIATOR:  
JEFFERY A. DINKIN  
EMPLOYEE  
ORGANIZATION:  
INTERNATIONAL UNION  
OF OPERATING  
ENGINEERS, LOCAL 12**

At 6:20 p.m. President Van Wingerden adjourned the open session of the Board Meeting and re-convened the Board in closed session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. At 7:50 p.m., President Van Wingerden reconvened the Board in open session and announced that no action had been taken.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be preceded by a District Financial Corporation Meeting held on December 21, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., with the regular District Board meeting to follow at approximately 5:40 p.m. in the Carpinteria Valley Water District Board Room, 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Wingerden declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary