

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

December 5, 2007

President Lemere called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Carpinteria Valley Water District at Carpinteria City Hall to order at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday December 5, 2007, and led the Board in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present: Lemere, Lieberknecht, Roberts, Drain

Directors Absent: Van Wingerden

Others Present: Charles Hamilton

Norma Rosales

Kathy Stone

Alex Keuper

Brett Gray

Janet Gringas

Rebecca Bjork

Cathy Taylor

Susan Thomson

Tom Martinez

Reese Martinez

MINUTES

Following discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to approve the minutes with one amendment suggested by Director Roberts, of the regular Board meeting held on November 14, 2007. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public addressed the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION NO. 859
COMMENDING
CHIEF TOM
MARTINEZ UPON
HIS RETIREMENT
FROM CARPINTERIA
-SUMMERLAND FIRE
PROTECTION
DISTRICT**

President Lemere and General Manager Hamilton presented a resolution commending Carpinteria - Summerland Fire Protection District Chief Tom Martinez upon his retirement. Both Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Martinez briefly addressed the Board. Following discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 859 Commending Carpinteria - Summerland Fire Protection District Tom Martinez upon his retirement from the District. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Roll call on Resolution No. 859 resulted as follows:

Ayes: Lieberknecht, Drain, Roberts, Lemere

Nays: None

Absent: Van Wingerden

Abstain: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 860
COMMENDING
GENERAL MANAGER
BOB ROEBUCK
UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM
MONTECITO WATER
DISTRICT**

Following discussion, Director Roberts moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 860 commending Montecito Water District Bob Roebuck upon his retirement from the District. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Mr. Lemere and Mr. Hamilton then presented Mr. Roebuck with Resolution No. 860, followed by some brief remarks by Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Roebuck then briefly addressed the Board about the importance of the Ortega Reservoir project to both Carpinteria Valley and Montecito Water Districts. Mr. Roebuck served as the lead manager for this joint Montecito and Carpinteria Valley Water District project during his tenure at Montecito Water District.

Roll call on Resolution No. 860 resulted as follows:

Ayes: Lieberknecht, Drain, Roberts, Lemere
Nays: None
Absent: Van Wingerden
Abstain: None

**PRESENTATION BY
CATHY TAYLOR OF
THE CITY OF SANTA
BARBARA**

Mr. Hamilton made introductory comments about the next two speakers addressing the Board with information about major capital improvements necessary for the District to continue to provide “safe drinking water” and ensure “water system reliability.” He noted that coincidentally, due to a new mechanical problem at the District’s new well, at this time the Carpinteria Valley Water District is totally dependent upon water deliveries from the Cachuma system flowing through the City of Santa Barbara treatment facilities. Cathy Taylor, Water System Manager for the City of Santa Barbara, then made a presentation about Advanced Treatment Solutions for the Cater Treatment Plant. She presented information about the findings of a major pilot study evaluating the use of chloramines and ozone in treatment strategies to address safe drinking water regulations taking effect in 2012. Mr. Hamilton presented a table showing what part of the water rate structure would be impacted by the requirement that Carpinteria Valley Water District pay its fair share of new large capital costs associated with Cater and the new regulations.

**PRESENTATION BY
BRETT GRAY OF
THE CACHUMA
OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE
BOARD**

Brett Gray, Operations Supervisor for the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board (COMB), made a presentation about “South Coast Conduit System Reliability Funding.” He identified major capital improvements that need funding over the next several years and suggested an option for the Cachuma member agencies to fund them with the issuance of revenue bonds by COMB. He presented a way this could be managed without creating an increase above the current level of spending dedicated to capital projects by the member agencies. Mr. Hamilton concluded by stating that both Santa Barbara and COMB are considering costly capital improvements that are necessary and vital to the District’s mission to provide safe and reliable drinking water to its customers. He said that while this is challenging, given the Districts’ recent spending for its own Capital Improvement Program, it is encouraging that both Santa Barbara and COMB are proposing strategies that include possible grant funding and ways to prevent steep budget increases for this District.

**INDEPENDENT
AUDITOR'S REPORT
AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30,
2007 PRESENTED BY
DANNA MCGREW OF
BARTLETT PRINGLE
& WOLF, L.L.P.**

Business Manager/Auditor Norma Rosales made a presentation to the Board, entitled "Management Discussion and Analysis," as the first part of the Annual Reporting Package prepared by independent auditor Bartlett Pringle & Wolf for the year ending June 30, 2007. Following questions and discussion Director Roberts requested that staff also present information about budgets and actual spending. Mrs. Rosales said she would prepare this information for the next Board meeting. Dana McGrew, partner with Bartlett Pringle & Wolf, then presented the Financial Statements for year ending June 30, 2007. She presented the audited financial statements stating that the District had received an unqualified or "clean" opinion on the financial statements and that there were no modifications to the audit report. Director Lemere inquired about the annual management letter and Mr. Hamilton responded that it was not available for this evening's meeting and would be presented at the next meeting, when action would be requested of the Board to accept the Audit report.

**RESOLUTION NO. 861
APPLICATION FOR A
GRANT FROM THE
LOCAL
GROUNDWATER
ASSISTANCE FUND
PURSUANT TO THE
LOCAL
GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT
ASSISTANCE ACT OF
2000 (AB 303)**

Mr. Hamilton reported that proposed Resolution No. 861 is necessary to apply for an AB303 grant. He noted that the grant would fund modeling of the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin to assist the District in its management and operations as an AB3030 groundwater management agency. In response to a question from Director Lieberknecht he responded that the amount of the grant could be up to \$250,000. Following discussion, Director Lieberknecht moved and Director Drain seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 861 Application for a Grant from the Local Groundwater Assistance Fund pursuant to the Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 (AB303). The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Roll call on Resolution No. 861 resulted as follows:

Ayes: Lieberknecht, Drain, Roberts, Lemere
Nays: None
Absent: Van Wingerden
Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING

President Lemere announced that the next scheduled Board meeting will be a regular meeting held on December 19, 4:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

President Lemere declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary

