

APPROVED

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2025, MEETING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: **In Person**-John Newton
Michael Smith, David Schwabauer,
Steve Morgan

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Andy Waters

COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY: None

STAFF: David Fleisch, Assistant Director
June Kim, Sr Engineering Mgr.
Jean Fontayne, Staff Services II
Sean Hanley, Water Superintendent
Gilberto Minero, Staff Services
Specialist II
Homer Arredondo, Engineering Mgr.
Maryann Ranallo, Mgmt. Asst.
Tony Allen, Accountant
Art Aseo, Deputy Director

GUESTS: Chelsie Kennedy-Board of Director
Parvin's Office
Daryl Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by John Newton at 3:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF: Meeting on November 14, 2024, John Newton asked if everyone agreed with the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by David Schwabauer and seconded by Michael Smith. All Members present approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- Daryl Smith asked if all meetings are recorded and asked if they are all available for examination. The answer was yes, all meetings are recorded and when minutes are approved the recordings are eliminated but the minutes are always available.
- David Fleisch wanted the CAC Members to know that the agenda had changed. He wanted the agenda to flow a little better, moving Fiscal up to the front. It is structured basically the same as the old version. The reservoir and state information for drought conditions have been removed. John Newton said he thought the reservoir and state information was very informative and he wanted it left in. David Fleisch said we can get the information on our website. Other CAC

Members agreed they like the reservoir and state information. John suggested we put them back in the agenda. Others agreed.

4. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

A. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW- An update on the budget and financial status of the District.

- A snapshot of the entire financial Budget to Actual Analysis is on the first page. Operating and Revenue Budget Actual and Projection.
- John Newton is looking at the snapshot and asking why we have red lines, showing Fiscal Year 25 YE Projection (\$875,680) and on the next one (2,385,122) on the Sanitation side and \$3,000,000 were pulled out of reserves. Am I reading that right? If that's correct, I'm wondering if we didn't budget correctly in the beginning? David Fleisch is looking into this with Finance.

B. PROJECTS

CAPITAL PROJECTS - The Capital Project Status Report provides regular reporting on the status of active Capital Projects within the District.

- UV Disinfection Modernization-shop drawings have been submitted. Purchasing UV Equipment. Hiring a general contractor to do all the work.
- Concrete Basin Lining - we have received 95% design from consultant, and it will be going out to bid 3 months after UV Disinfection and Pump Station Projects.
- Stormwater Diversion & Groundwater Recharge-Consultant is designing and is on schedule.
- Solar Farm at MWRF-Waiting for CEC Loan Approval expected to be February 2025.
- Construct New Stockton Reservoir at Stockton Road-Right-of-way acquisition.
- Construction Well 99-We are going to hire a design consultant. We are getting contracts ready.
- Rehabilitation Well 20-We have hired a design consultant.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - Status Report provides updates on the status of active development projects within the District.

- Hitch Ranch - working on Phase 1 and 3 (part of the train project), working on the backbone of the construction, main streets and the upper phase.
- North Ranch-reviewed and approved plans by the City and Water & Sanitation.
- Hecate Battery Storage Project - They are submitting their plans to us. Seeing movement on their project.
- City Ventures - They are looking at what it's going to take to develop this area with what they are interested in. Beginning stages.
- High Street Depot Project-Not too much work for us. Meters going in. Re-assignment of easement is happening.
- City Library-Working to re-locate our sewer main.
- Vendra Gardens - Apartment Complex
- Beltramo Ranch - Received their agreement to install. Pre-construction meeting set for next week.
- Pacific Arroyo - in plan check. Trying to come up with a feasible plan. Challenges with Cal Trans.
- Arroyo Springs Apartments - Meeting with City of Moorpark to review.
- Patriot office Complex - Several water connections to go in.

C. O&M UPDATE –

WATER SALES TO BUDGET, SYSTEM STATUS AND AMI

- Water Efficiency - water is up compared to the last couple of years, but not as high as it used to be.
- Well Production - Well 15 had a mechanical failure, we will video it. The pump is the only issue. Well 20, well down. Well 95, well down.
- Local production vs. allocation has been significantly lower in the last few years. Because of the difficulty we have had with our wells, we have not produced a full allocation. We have had less allocation overall. We need to get the Wells back to productivity.
- Recycled Water Production. 10% of our water source. In August 2024, we got to the max we could produce.
- Complaints and Outages- color, odor, pressure. Most are customer issues. All have been resolved.

5. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – Provides the opportunity for the Director to present items that are not within the subject matter of the District's Staff Report

- A. LOS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER rulings by the LPV Watermaster and LPV Policy Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees.
- David Schwabauer is on the Committee and provided comments on the last meeting: Looking at the five-year projects. We are concerned with the economic impact were in and the fees we are looking at, need to reflect on the projects that are really helping to satisfy the need. A lot of studies are going on and not helping with the water we need. Recommendations are given to them from us (i.e. access to allocation of water). We have two seats on the PAC. Jeff Palmer will become the Waterworks representative, and Art is the Commercial representative.
- B. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UPDATRE- An update on decisions and/or rulings by the LPV Watermaster and LPV Policy Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees.
- John and David met, a week and a half ago, on the desalter and a couple of specific concerns were; how much allocation do we have? and what is the status of us putting in a pipeline? As you can see our current allocation is 2662 AF, 2548 is what we had for the year. We use all that already. We need 3-4,000 AF of ground water to do the desalter. We do not have that allocation. I spoke with the attorneys to make sure I (David) understood the way the current judgement is written. The Watermaster is unable to achieve any additional allocation. All appeals have been adjudicated. Appeals are in process, and the attorneys are probably looking at another year to get this resolved.
 - John Newton doesn't believe that the South Las Posas Basin is under the jurisdiction of Fox Canyon GMA under Moorpark. If this is the case, why do we need to wait to get additional ground water allocation? (David addressed this question later after the Meeting.) South of LA Ave and East of the plant. John is suggesting that we don't need an allocation from anybody.
 - The second issue relates to Salinity Management Pipeline. Art and I met with staff from Calleguas and Kristine McCaffery. They have a map with all the phases of the pipeline. Phase 2E which runs from Somis out to our plant is a future second and their position for any additional line they need an Agreement with their customers before they build the line. They are moving forward with Phase 3, which runs up Santa Rosa to Bell Canyon. Triunfo/Las Virgenes JPA has an agreement with them, and they need the line. A side benefit from Camarosa, they want access as well. They are in discussions, but do not have an Agreement. Our Capital needs for

this year have a higher priority. We can spend some time and effort on what groundwater we have access to, and how we can start this going down the road. David distributed notes taken during this meeting.

C. BOARD LETTER TRACKER - AN UPDATE ON VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT - A status report on items the district may be presenting or has recently been presented, before the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

- 3/11 Commercial Solid Waste Agreement
- 3/11 WWD1 Well 99
- 3/11 Public Hearings Approving increases to misc. fees
Cross connection fees, late fee, disconnection fee, lien fee.

D. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH – An update on how the District is reaching out to its customers concerning water conservation.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

We have decided to wait until January 13 to schedule the Desalter Study Session. Our intent is to have the Board of Supervisor, Janice Parvin available to attend.

- Recommending going quarterly with the CAC Meetings. Trying to focus on different needs. Can also have a special meeting, if necessary. The CAC Members agreed.
- Andy Waters is still on the Committee, and wishes to remain as a member of the CAC.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting March 13, 2025