

## **APPROVED**

### **CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2025, MEETING**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:            None

COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY:        None

STAFF:                                        Jeff Palmer, Assistant Director PWA  
Art Aseo, Deputy Director  
Jean Fontayne, Staff Services II  
Sean Hanley, Water Superintendent  
Homer Arredondo, Engineering Mgr.  
Johnny Guardiola, Wastewater Super.  
Maryann Ranallo, Mgmt. Asst.  
Tony Allen, Accountant-zoom  
Brendan Gonzalez, Admin. Asst. III-zoom

GUESTS:                                      Chelsie Kennedy-Board of Supervisor  
Parvin's Office

\*\*\*\*\*

1.    **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by John Newton at 3:27PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF: Meeting on June 12, 2025, John Newton asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Michael Smith approved. Seconded by David Schwabauer. Abstained by John Newton, due to absence at June's CAC Meeting. All other Members present gave approval.

3.    **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

4.    **DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A.    **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW** – An update on the budget and financial status of the District.
- Healthy reserve on the Sewer Budget \$4.9 Million.

- An RFQ was turned in and we have a few firms that will be giving us bids. To review our systems and give us a long-term structural substantial plan.
- Is main trunk line in the Capital Improvements List? It is not.
- Introduction of Johnny Guardiola, New Superintendent of Wastewater.
- The Director of Water and Sanitation will be starting Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Paul Chan.
- Reddy would like us to look at the assets and do a Capital depreciation analysis.
- What will we expect in a couple of months? In a couple of months, we will have a scope of work, with a consultant on board. We expect rates to be transparent. This shows where our financial balances are. This needs to be with the Water and the Sanitation side.

**B. CAPITAL PROJECTS – The Capital Project Status Report provides regular reporting on the status of active capital projects within the District.**

- UV Disinfection-we are making progress. Structural design under review, replacing the chemical part of cleaning water with the UV prop. All recycled water will go through the UV prior to being sold to the Golf Courses.
- Concrete Basin lining -On hold.
- Groundwater recharge On hold.
- Structure Storage Building-On hold.
- MWRP Solar Expansion, powers our booster pump station 2-working on tax credits/grandfather agreements.
- Left-turn Lane handled by our Roads Department-On hold.
- Stockton Reservoir-On hold. Working with Real Estate. Acquisition of purchase of property has been difficult. Trying to work on alternative solutions

Construction of Well 99, we awarded the contract. In the early stages.

- Replacing Well 97-a higher priority project.
- Well 20 Rehab in design. Finalizing design. Preparing technical specifications.

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

- Hitch Ranch – Recently sold the property. Continuing to build on that project.
- Beltramo Ranch is under construction.
- Caltrans Weight Station South side, Eastbound. They want to put in a weigh station. We are discussing sharing water main improvements.
- High Street Depot moving along.

- Patriot project, seven commercial projects.

C. O&M UPDATE – WATER SALES TO BUDGET, SYSTEM STATUS AND AMI

- Operations & Maintenance-mild summer with increase water consumption.
- Import vs. Local water. Well 15 has put a significant dent in our ratio.
- Well 98, we have dialed it down, because it's getting more sand.
- Normally about 80% usage of Calleguas water is utilized. It is up to 88%. We have a priority of getting Well 20 up for use.
- Water production is up. We are close to what is feasible for recycled water.
- Main line leaks, none this year.
- Service leaks are down for 2025.
- AMI Report continues to add AMI Users. Make sure to set your alarm.
- Water Supply Conditions. State, all the reservoirs are at or above their historical mark.
- Projects List. Strategy is bringing up all the great things we are looking at doing. Well 99 Facility Design, Well 20 Rehab, Peach Hill, Tierra Rejada 1 & 2 recoating. Epoxy is coming off the roof. Stockton Reservoir (1/2-million-gallon tank), We are looking at extending that site.
- The College Trailer Park 18" ductile iron pipeline replacement. Today we would wrap the pipe in plastic, so the oxygen doesn't erode the pipe. Soil tests have been done.
- We have three tanks we're going to re-coat at Mountain Meadows. We have already coated the exterior.
- Home Acres Reservoirs, we have never been able to purchase any land. We have some old tanks that need new tanks. Grimes Canyon 744 Zone, tank was built in 1975. We currently have bolted tanks. We would like to add the tanks in 770 Zone.
- Well 95 is offline. It was built in 1947. We are looking into doing the liner. Well 98 is online. Built in 1990 and has a louvered screen section and gravel is starting to come in, making it sandy. Long term the carbon steel will just keep corroding.
- Well 15 is online and produces 800 gallons a minute. Built in 1993. Sleeved in 2004 with stainless liner. If we drill in the back corner, we might be able to get back up to 1200 gallons a minute and could get more years.
- Main line replacement was identified in the 2008 Master Plan. 4" pipe we recommend 8" main lines. Fire flow standards. Since it is 65 years old, we do have service leaks.

- 920 Pump Station. Tierra Rejada tanks identified in 2008 Master Plan, again in 2022. Only pressure zone that we cannot pump from our own system to the area.
  - We need Edison service at tank sites. Solar is adequate, but now we want to do active mixing, transmit faster, therefore we need Edison services.
  - CIP vs O&M Projects: new/replacement, increased capacity or same level of service.
  - Future Budget Options: Usually do match to import. Finding money is a challenge. No rate increase-cash reserves fall.
  - Increase in water rates has outpaced inflation.
5. 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.
- No real update, but John Demers is the new Executive Director for Fox Canyon Groundwater Management. He knows how to work with a lot of different agencies, specialty on environmental encroachment.
- B. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UPDATRE- An update on decisions
- We have a couple of meetings and a couple of efforts, in part of the judgement. Work on the ASR System that Calleguas built. It kicks off next week. The Desalter Project kicks off soon.
- 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.
- 8/12/2025 Receive and File Consumer Confidence Reports (Water Quality)
  - 8/26/2025 FEMA/CAL OES Hazard Mitigation Grant
- D. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH
6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- Reddy brought up Calleguas having a meeting about the water supply. District 19 is also interested in this meeting. We can have Calleguas do a joint meeting at the Calleguas site. Is everyone okay with this?

- Jeff had one question, next meeting is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and we would like to have the meeting on Tuesday, September 23? Everyone is in agreement. We will send out advance notice.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 5:27 PM

Next Meeting Tuesday, September 23, 2025