

**APPROVED**

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1  
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 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  
Paul Chan, Director Water & Sanitation  
Art Aseo, Deputy Director  
Sean Hanley, Water Superintendent  
Homer Arredondo, Engineering Mgr.  
Maryann Ranallo, Mgmt. Asst.  
Tony Allen, Accountant-zoom  
Gilberto Minero, Staff Services II-zoom

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

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1.    CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by John Newton at 3:29PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF: Meeting on August 14, 2025, John Newton asked that we wait for next meeting to approve the minutes. Reddy/John would like to see the minutes simplified. We will be recording the meeting and if a member of the public wants to hear the meeting they can listen to the recording. The minutes should be with decision/action items only. John asked that the action items on the agenda be bold. No minute approvals were made at this meeting.

3.    PUBLIC COMMENTS  
None

4.    DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION ITEMS

A.    WATER RATE PRESENTATION

Review of water flow/costs. Projecting 10% for 2026 and review of 7.4% for 2027-2031. Next meeting we will show tier model project list finance numbers. (i.e. projected 10-year, 5-year).

Is there a way to analyze the cost of service for agriculture as is for residential? John would like someone to get back to him on possibly adjusted water rates for agriculture.

10% rate increase recommendation has been recommended by Reddy Pakala with comments, next year he would like to see more of a detailed analysis for the allocated expense increase. More than just a proximation of the percentage above the Calleguas rate increase, as to how the 10% increase was derived. Reddy Pakala makes a motion to approve and Michael Smith second the motion. All Committee Members voted in favor of the 10% increase. Vote: Yea-5, Nay-0

## 5. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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

- Financial reviewed with the rate increase aligned.

### B. PROJECTS

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS

- UV Disinfection equipment shipping out to us today.
- Pump Station 1 will be upgraded along with UV Disinfection project
- Basin Lining-on hold
- Stormwater Diversion-on hold. Reddy would like to be involved when this gets up and running again.
- MWRP Solar Expansion-90% design  
Next CAC Meeting Homer will provide a Presentation explains the loan term, financing, how e-system works and power projections
- Left-turn Lane is on hold
- New Stockton Reservoir-land owner is not receptive to any request.
- Well 99 Facility-finished survey, data gathering.
- Rehabilitate Well 20-submitting for bid package this week.  
Reddy wants to look at the Feasibility Study for Stormwater Diversion. (emailed 10/23/25 to Reddy)

#### DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Vendra Gardens 90% complete
- City of Moorpark, City Library is still pursuing this project.
- Hecate Gwent Battery Storage is no longer pursuing this facility.

- Cal Trans Weigh Station is expecting us to cover a portion, not all of the cost of the new pipes
- Beltramo Ranch one quarter of the way completed.
- Pacific Arroyo- aggressive on maintaining their plan checks.
- Lassen Project. Looking at putting in condos.
- Patriot Office Complex behind Target we will start to see occupancy.

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

- Water Sales have been mild during the summer.
- Well 15 is online, Well 20 down, Well 95 down.
- Recycled water went to max and now coming down for the winter
- Mainline leaks still on average.
- Service leaks on average.
- AMI continues to slowly creep up.
- Historic average shows the water supply is in good shape

D. LOS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER rulings by the LPV Watermaster and LPV Policy Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees.

- Gone through several issues with adjudication. Appeals are going on.

E. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UPDATRE- An update on decisions

- The desalter study, the proposal is due Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. Oct/Nov we should have an idea where we are going with that.

F. 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.

G. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM

Next Meeting Thursday, December 11, 2025