

## APPROVED

### CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2026, MEETING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE    **In Person-**, David Schwabauer ,  
Reddy Pakala, John Newton

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:            Michael Smith, Steve Morgan (zoom)

COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY:        None

STAFF:                                        Paul Chan, Director Water & Sanitation  
Art Aseo, Deputy Director  
Sean Hanley, Water Superintendent  
Homer Arredondo, Engineering Mgr.  
Jean Fontayne, PWA Manager-zoom  
Tony Allen, Accountant-zoom  
Brad Farlow, Accountant – zoom  
Kevin Kostiuk, Raftelis Financial  
Consultants  
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GUESTS:                                      Chelsie Kennedy-Board of Director  
Parvin's Office  
Marina Magana

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by John Newton at 2:03 P.M.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2026:

- Chair, John Newton, postponed due to Reddy not being present at the last CAC Meeting, therefore only two present to approve the minutes.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marina Magan introduced herself but had no questions or comments

#### 4. DIRECTOR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – Paul presented the sewer rate recommendation

- John stated that he was earlier in support of the new sewer rates during the first two presentations but after pondering it some more, he now asked that a review of capital improvement charges and sewer connection fees be provided to ensure that new developments are paying for the expansion of the system and not the rate payers.

- David questioned that the presentation did not take into consideration a very recent decrease in cost based on lowest bid for the Arroyo Simi Sewer Crossing Replacement.
- Paul confirmed that, due to the Brown Act, the presentation was created and posted before this information was confirmed.
- Reddy mentioned that years ago during his tenure as Director of Water and Sanitation, both water and sewer rate increases occurred in the first month of the calendar year. He was curious how the sewer rate increase shifted to the first month of the fiscal year. Paul explained that the sewer fees are included in tax rolls for the CSAs and District 16, and are paid on a fiscal year basis. It is possible that previous management changed the cycle for District 1 to match the rest of the CSAs and District 16 for efficiency.
- Reddy requested that we consider postponing the sewer rate increase and review water and sewer increases later in the year, which would provide one Prop 218 notice.
- CAC voted to delay the sewer rate adjustments to December to align with water rate adjustments to avoid having two separate Prop 218 mailings six months apart.

## 5. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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

- Financials discussed, Tony Allen provided insight into the sewer connection fees.
- Tony was tasked to determine the time of depleted funds.
- A question was asked is there separate revenue (bank) for connection fees?

### B. PROJECTS

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS

- UV Project has started construction. The contractor has set field office, installed underground electrical conduits, and excavated foundation for the UV structure. Submittals and RFIs are in progress.
- Recycled Water Pump Station has been combined with the UV Project. These will start and finish construction together.
- Concrete Basin #3 is on hold with budget constraints and other projects taking precedence.
- Stormwater Diversion is on hold. Assigning this to a new Engineering Manager to decide if the project may have reached a terminus by reviewing the feasibility study. Reddy stated this project

is not a viable source of water based on a study done during his tenure with W&S.

- Reddy suggested not displaying projects on hold. Highlight those projects that are active.
- Solar Expansion Project, their connection to SCE is completed and we are ready to operate.
- Stockton Reservoir is on hold due to staffing and budget constraints
- Well 99. Engineers are stretched thin; we are trying to finish the design.
- Well 20, rehab is in progress.

#### DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Hitch Ranch/North Ranch have the same activities going on. High Street Depot is completed, looking for tenants.
- Moorpark City Library Project actively excavating and doing demolition.
- New potential development to continue tracking, Arroyo Verde.

#### C. O&M UPDATE – WATER SALES TO BUDGET, SYSTEM STATUS AND AMI (Sean please edit and revise)

- Mild summer months and a rainy November and December. Over the last 10 years total sales per acre foot continue to trend downward. The trend has some to do with recycled water. We sold almost 1100-acre foot of recycled water.
- Wells/Source Production-Well 15 came on-line in May 2025. Well 20 is currently under construction with completion in May/June 2026. Well 95 will follow for repairs after Well 20 is completed. Well 98; we were able to put back on-line this month after some e-coli issues were fixed
- Recycled water takes up to about 13% of the water sold.
- Mainline and Service Leaks are staying consistent. We use our staff to make repairs.
- AMI customer engagement portal will be going on-line soon. We will have a presentation for you later.

#### WASTEWATER

- December 28, 2025, a huge storm collapsed an exposed, concrete encased 8" sewer line crossing in the Arroyo located between Moorpark Ave and Leta Yancy Road. We currently have a bypass using pumps and diverting. We intend to install an inverted siphon which uses pressure to push up to go down toward the treatment plant. Total costs to rent pipes, generators, and daily labor is about \$20,000 per month. We are scheduling to have this project finished by June 2026.

- Reddy inquired if there have been any recent CCTVs done on the ACP trunk line. Art responded that VRSD conducted CCTV on 1,200 LF of trunk line between Moorpark Ave and Leta Yancy Rd as part of the Arroyo Simi Sewer Crossing HDD project. Video revealed conditions inside the pipes with such severe corrosion and other defects. CCTV was also performed at Arroyo crossing near Collins Drive by Moorpark College. This pipeline shows minor deflection on top of pipe.
- Reddy inquired on the current influent flow at the Plant. Johnny responded it is about 2.0 MGD. Reddy stated that during his tenure, the flow was about 2.4 MGD. Homer explained that the influence has gradually decreased over the years due to water conservation programs and low flow fixtures installed by customers.

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

- Paul stated there are no new updates to report.

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

- Calleguas recently selected HDR for the Regional Desalter Program Study. Paul stated he will be attending future meetings and workshops. CAC selected Reddy to represent the CAC for future meetings.

F. BOARD LETTER TRACKER - AN UPDATE ON VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT

- The Arroyo Simi Sewer Line Crossing project will be presented to the Board for approval on 4/28/2026.

G. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Paul stated there have been no recent public outreach activities to report.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 3:41 PM

Next Meeting Thursday, June 11, 2026  
Staff to determine if a special meeting will be called