



LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas CA 91302

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

June 26, 2018

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by General Manager David W. Pedersen.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Board President Peterson in the Board Room at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302. Mary Capps, Secretary, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Charles Caspary, Len Polan, Glen Peterson and Lee Renger
Absent: Director Jay Lewitt
Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager
David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations
Michael McNutt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager
Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration
Mary Capps, Secretary
Wayne Lemieux, District Counsel

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Renger moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Polan, Renger, Peterson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lewitt

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A List of Demands: June 26, 2018: Ratify

B Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 12, 2018: Approve

C Request to Award Annual Purchase Orders

Authorize the General Manager to issue annual purchase orders, in the specified amounts, to the vendors listed in Table 1 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and authorize a 45-day extension, in the additional amount of \$6,000, for an existing purchase order with Vince Barnes Automotive.

D Fiscal Year 2018-19 Salary Resolution: Adoption

Pass, approve, and adopt Resolution No. 2537, establishing salaries for employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2537

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 2537 on file in the District's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

Director Caspary moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Polan, Renger, Peterson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lewitt

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A 60th Anniversary Recognition of Partner in Service: Las Virgenes Enterprise

Board President Peterson shared some history about the District's partnership with the Las Virgenes Enterprise and thanked Kathleen Sterling, publisher of the newspaper for continuing the legacy of her husband, Rodger Sterling, since his death in 2009.

Ms. Sterling thanked the Board of Directors for the District's partnership, contributions to the community and for providing water resources education to the community.

B Legislative and Regulatory Updates

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report. He noted that the Legislature would be headed for summer recess and that any bills in policy committee would need to be referred to a fiscal committee by the end of the week. Mr. Pedersen explained that there would be ten statewide propositions on the November ballot. Of interest to the District would be two bond measures: one that would be discussed under item 8A, related to the water bond for \$8.87 billion dollars, and another for veteran housing and home loans. Additionally, he explained there would be an initiative to divide the state of California into three separate states; an initiative on Proposition 13, relating to transfer of tax base for replacement properties; and a voter initiative to repeal the gas tax.

Mr. Pedersen stated that SB 623, the water tax/public goods charge bill, remained in the Committee on Rules, and there had not been any movement on it. He explained that AB 2050, the bill sponsored by Eastern Municipal Water District called the Small System Water Authority Act, had moved through committee well and passed out of the Senate's Environmental Quality Committee. Senator Henry Stern sits on the committee and voted in favor of AB 2050, which passed on a 6 to 1 vote.

Mr. Pedersen explained that SB 998 is the bill that would prohibit water shut-offs for non-payment. He stated that the District continued to weigh in on the proposal as it moved forward. He explained that SB 998 had been amended several times so the language is better, but the bill still has some provisions that cause the District to remain opposed, along with most major water associations.

General Manager Pedersen responded to a request for clarification as to the location of SB 998 by stating that the bill had passed through the Senate and was currently with the Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee, which is an Assembly committee.

C Water Supply Conditions Update

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report. He noted that the State Water Project Allocation remained at 35 percent.

Board President Peterson stated that the initiative to separate California into three states had a lot of peril because it says that the water stays in the state in which it fell, which could make a very dangerous situation for Southern California.

6. TREASURER

Director Renger stated that the Treasurer's report was in order.

7. FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

A Pure Water Demonstration Project: Equipment Procurement

Waive the formal bidding requirement and authorize an informal, competitive process for procurement of the treatment equipment for the Pure Water Demonstration Project.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, presented the report.

Director Renger moved to approve Item 7A. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Polan, Renger, Peterson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lewitt

B Tapia SCADA System Upgrade: Request for Proposals

Authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposals to develop plans and specifications for the Tapia SCADA system upgrade using either Rockwell Automation PLCs with the Schneider Wonderware HMI or Schneider Modicon PLCs with the Schneider Wonderware HMI.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations presented the report.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 7B. Motion seconded by Director Caspary.

Michael McIntyre, SCADA Analyst, responded to an inquiry regarding security by stating that the VPN performed encryption as well as two firewalls.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, responded to a question about the assumed equipment life by stating that it was 20 years.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Polan, Renger, Peterson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lewitt

8. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

A Resolution in Support of the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018

Pass, approve, and adopt Resolution No. 2536, expressing support for the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 2536

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE, WATER CONVEYANCE, ECOSYSTEM AND WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION, AND DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT OF 2018.

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 2536 on file in the District's Resolution book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

Michael McNutt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager, presented the report.

Director Renger moved to approve Item 8A. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Polan, Renger, Peterson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lewitt

B Celebration of District's 60th Anniversary: Title Sponsorship of Reyes Adobe Days

Authorize participation in Reyes Adobe Days, held October 11 through 14, 2018, as a title sponsor, in the amount of \$10,000.

Michael McNutt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager, presented the report.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 8B. Motion seconded by Director Caspary.

Michael McNutt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager, answered a question regarding whether or not the department had sufficient budget by stating that being a title sponsor would save the District budgeted staff time.

A discussion ensued about promoting the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo and promoting the District similarly at other community events.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Polan, Renger, Peterson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lewitt

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Las Angeles County Safe, Clean Water Program Funding Measure

B Community Choice Aggregation: Clean Power Alliance

10. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

(1) MWD Representative Report

Board President Peterson reported that he attended meetings at MWD earlier in the day, including the Executive Committee meeting and the Special Committee on Bay-Delta. At the Executive Committee meeting, they discussed modifying the leases in Palos Verde to make them more effective in terms of water savings. Additionally, a future agenda item was proposed to discuss a position on the federal appropriations bill that would exempt the California WaterFix from lawsuits. At the Bay-Delta Committee meeting, he explained that they had a presentation on the Yolo Bypass notch and plans for the Longfin Smelt. Mr. Peterson also mentioned that MWD would be having a revote on the California WaterFix at its next Board meeting.

(2) Other

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

Director Caspary reported that he attended the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission meeting, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority meeting and a Watershed Advisory Council meeting where they discussed changes to the work plan that had been requested by the Environmental Protection Agency, the primary funder of the Santa Monica Bay restoration efforts. He also explained that the third lawsuit in the last two years had been filed against the Bay Commission.

Director Lee Renger reported that he attended the AWAVC WaterWise Breakfast and noted that the Santa Clarita Water Agency had recently been formed through a merger of four smaller agencies. He explained that the agency planned to begin with a 15-member Board and would eventually bring it down to nine.

Director Len Polan reported that he also attended the AWAVC WaterWise Breakfast and noted that the Santa Clarita Water Agency had a 200-square-mile service area and 72,500 service connections. He explained that the agency covered groundwater, State Water Project water and water banking. He also stated that two private water companies were included in the make-up of the new Santa Clarita Water Agency.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager David Pedersen reported that the District had completed its Annual Water Quality Report, and he recognized the efforts of the Resource Conservation and Public Outreach Department for putting together the report. He noted that normally the JPA meeting would be held on Monday, July 2, 2018, but that it has been rescheduled to July 11, 2018, in light of the Fourth of July holiday.

(2) Follow-Up Items

D Directors' Comments

None.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

13. CLOSED SESSION

A Conference with District Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3): EEOC Complaint.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 5:54 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 6:48 p.m.

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux announced that the Board of Directors authorized and directed District Counsel to proceed.

14. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



GLEN PETERSON, President
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

ATTEST:



JAY LEWITT, Secretary
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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