

**LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

5:00 PM

July 11, 2018

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Michael Paule.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Vice Chair Paule in the Board Room at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road in Calabasas, California. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Polan, Renger, Tjulander, and Wall.
Absent: Director Peterson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Polan, Renger, Tjulander, Wall
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Peterson

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Singer expressed concern that people will not want to drink the recycled water processed through Tapia Water Reclamation Facility (Tapia) or the Pure Water Project. He suggested an alternative of delivering the amount of potable water each resident needs for drinking and cooking purposes using the Arrowhead Water delivery model. He stated that residents do not need potable water to irrigate their landscaping, flush their toilets, take showers, or do laundry, and he suggested changing the pipeline to deliver recycled water from Tapia to customers' homes in lieu of building the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes Triunfo.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 4, 2018

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

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Pan, Paule, Polan, Renger, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Orkney

ABSENT: Peterson

5. **ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS**

A Pure Water Demonstration Project: Refined Configuration and Layout

Provide staff with feedback and direction on the refined configuration and layout of the Pure Water Demonstration Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen stated that the consultants would provide an updated presentation on the Pure Water Demonstration Project based upon the feedback received at the previous JPA Board workshop, including a revised configuration and layout and updated cost information. He noted that grant funding deadlines were approaching in terms of having the facility in operation, and completing some of the operational testing and reporting by the end of calendar year 2019.

Adam Zacheis, Project Manager representing Carollo Engineers; Andy Salveson, representing Carollo Engineers; and Sean Slattery, representing El Dorado Architects provided a PowerPoint presentation with a conceptual vision of the Pure Water Demonstration Project focused on architectural and engineering components.

The Board provided the following feedback:

- Concern with the proposal for parking in front of the building due to the proposed plaza area.
- Concern with not using a California landscape firm who is familiar with California native plants.
- Considering options for planting other drought tolerant plants, such as plants from Australia or the Mediterranean.
- Encouraging the use of plant species that are locally available.
- Considering the installation of a push button lighted crosswalk in the walkway to alert vehicles of pedestrians.
- Considering the installation of solar panels on the building's roof.
- Following up on whether any of the existing trees will need to be relocated as

part of the site plan.

- Reconsidering whether a circular traffic pattern is feasible around the building.
- Considering incorporation of water misters or hanging landscape in the outdoor space due to afternoon sun in the western exposure of the building.
- Concern with doors that stay open due to rodents and lizards that may enter the building, and keeping air-conditioning on inside the building.
- Considering installation of canvas shades for the proposed porch area.
- Considering what will be done with the extra space inside the building.
- Maintaining balance with having a high-tech site that is not overly opulent.
- Including the history and the reason for this project in the educational component, including static displays, video, and kiosks containing information.

Mr. Zacheis responded to a question regarding how the equipment would be moved in and out of the building by stating that moving the large equipment would be considered during construction so that it is only moved once. He noted that emphasis would be placed on the core unit processes in the main demonstration space.

The Board provided the following feedback:

- Providing video with messages that could vary by seasons.
- Providing high-tech videos with an entertainment element.
- Emphasizing safety of the water and considering inclusion of this as part of the fourth station.
- Including information in the education component regarding water quality, minerals, and elimination of pharmaceutical compounds so that people may understand the purity of the purified water.
- Ensuring that the equipment is attractive and appealing.
- Considering whether to install colored or clear piping.

Mr. Zacheis reviewed the estimated total direct costs, in the amount of \$1,725,750, for the following: general conditions; demonstration process installation and materials; architectural modifications; demonstration garden; solar carport; heating and air-conditioning; 25 percent contingency; general contractor overhead and profit; escalation to mid-point of construction; and sales tax. He noted that the estimated cost for the demonstration equipment would be an additional \$585,000, for a total estimated cost of \$2,310,750. He recommended the JPA pre-purchase the demonstration equipment in order to have greater control over the final price and to avoid the contractor's standard markup. He stated that the pre-purchased demonstration equipment would be turned over to the contractor for installation.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen summarized that based on the Board's feedback, Carollo Engineers would proceed with the design work and preparation of the design plans. He stated that staff would bring back an item to discuss the educational aspect and visitor experience, as well as a more complete project cost.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

A Rancho Amendment Bin and Conveyance Modifications Project: Construction Award

Approve an additional appropriation, in the amount of \$381,868; award a construction contract to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, in the amount of \$1,408,700; and reject all remaining bids upon receipt of duly executed contract documents for the Rancho Amendment Bin and Conveyance Modifications Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Pan.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, responded to a question regarding the project timeline by stating that the equipment would be fabricated in three to four months before being brought onsite, and demolition and installation would take an additional two to three months to complete. He also responded to a question regarding the designation of equipment by trade name by stating that the Board previously took action to specify the equipment to match the existing equipment at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility. He noted that staff confirmed the equipment proposed by Pacific Hydrotech Corporation would meet this requirement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Polan, Renger, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peterson

Director Caspary stated that he wanted to ensure staff uses the proper respirators when dealing with the existing equipment. David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, assured the Board that staff follows the District's standard operating procedures for use of certain cotton respirators.

B Tapia Water Reclamation Facility Fiscal Year 2017-18 Rehabilitation Project: Construction Award

Award a construction contract to GSE Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,369,000, and reject all remaining bids upon receipt of duly executed contract documents for the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility Fiscal Year 2017-18 Rehabilitation Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Lewitt moved to approve Item 6B. Motion seconded by Director Tjulander. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Polan, Renger, Tjulander, Wall
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Peterson

C Tapia Process Air Improvements Project: Call for Bids

Authorize the issuance of a Call for Bids for the Tapia Process Air Improvements Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6C. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Polan, Renger, Tjulander, Wall
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Peterson

Director Polan inquired whether the selected equipment is made in the United States. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that staff would verify and provide that information.

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Orkney reported that the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District would be considering approval of conveyance of a grant deed and temporary construction easement deed to Calleguas Municipal Water District, and a permanent nonexclusive easement to Calleguas Municipal Water District and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District for the Calleguas-Las Virgenes Interconnection Project at its July 16th Board meeting. She noted that the Oak Park Commission and Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council approved this project.

Director Pan noted that an editorial was published in *The Acorn* several weeks ago related to this project, and she also submitted an editorial in support.

Director Paule noted that concerns would need to be addressed regarding the location of the pipeline construction along Lindero Canyon Road, communication to residents, and efforts to minimize the impacts to residents. He commented that this project is a necessary component for both agencies to provide water during

disasters and emergencies.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Director Caspary inquired regarding the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCO) recommendation to dissolve the Sativa Los Angeles County Water District. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that this small water system located in the Willowbrook/Compton area has experienced many challenges over the years due to aged water infrastructure, and it was under much pressure from the public due to brown water in the drinking water system. He stated that he was unaware of the outcome of LAFCO's decision to consolidate this small water system with another agency but would find out more.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A State and Federal Legislative Update

Director Polan referred to H.R. 434 (Denham) – New Water Available to Every Reclamation State Act, and inquired whether the JPA was in support of this proposed legislation. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that the JPA had not taken a position on this federal bill.

Director Polan inquired regarding S.32 (Feinstein) – California Desert Protection and Recreation Act of 2017. Joe McDermott, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach, responded that he would provide additional information at the next Board meeting.

Joe McDermott, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach, reported that the water bond measure, now known as the Water Infrastructure and Watershed Conservation Bond Initiative (2018), was assigned as Proposition 3 on the November 6, 2018 ballot. He stated that \$400 million would be set aside for recycled water projects if Proposition 3 passes. He also reported that 13 new bills were introduced at the federal level, including S. 3015 – Water Affordability Act, and H.R. 5596 – Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Act.

Director Tjulander inquired regarding S. 3012 – Water Technology Acceleration Act. Joe McDermott, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach, responded that he would provide additional information at the next Board meeting.

Director Paule expressed an interest in having an electronic link provided for the bills referenced in the State and Federal Legislative Update. Joe McDermott,

Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach, responded that he would explore the possibility of including an electronic link.

B Flow Augmentation to Malibu Creek: Cost and Economic Impact

C Pure Water Demonstration Project: Equipment Procurement

D Tapia SCADA System Update: Request for Proposals

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

12. CLOSED SESSION

A Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)):

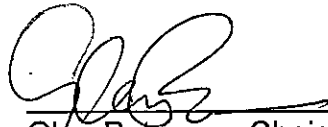
Zusser Construction, Inc. v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

The Board recessed to Closed Session at **6:40 p.m.**, and reconvened to Open Session at **6:50 p.m.**

Authority Counsel Keith Lemieux announced there was no reportable action.


13. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:50 p.m.**



Glen Peterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Michael Paule, Vice Chair