



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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

9:00 AM

May 28, 2019

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Angela Saccareccia.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **9:00 a.m.** by Board President Lewitt in the Board Room at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Jay Lewitt, Lynda Lo-Hill, Len Polan, and Lee Renger

Absent: Director Charles Caspary

Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager

Joe McDermott, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach

Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration

John Zhao, Interim Director of Facilities and Operations

Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board

Steven O'Neill, District Counsel

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AYES: Lewitt, Lo-Hill, Polan, Renger

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caspary

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A List of Demands: May 28, 2019: Ratify

B Minutes: Special Meeting of May 14, 2019: Approve

C Monthly Cash and Investment Report: April 2019

Receive and file the Monthly Cash and Investment Report for April 2019.

D Mulholland Bridge Temporary Pipeline Installation: End of Emergency

Declare an end to the emergency for the temporary pipeline installation across the Mulholland Highway Bridge near Troutdale Drive and Waring Drive, in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Director Polan expressed concern with the seven-year timeframe projected for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to construct a new bridge, and concern with potential hazards along the temporary bridge.

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

AYES: Lewitt, Lo-Hill, Polan, Renger

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caspary

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Legislative and Regulatory Updates

Joe McDermott, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach, provided updates regarding the following two-year bills: AB 1672 (Bloom) Solid Waste: Flushable Products; and AB 533 (Holden) Income Taxes: Exclusion: Turf Removal Water Conservation Program; and SB 332 (Hertzberg) Waste Water Treatment: Recycled Water. He noted that the Senate Budget Subcommittee did not support the Governor's Trailer Bill language for a tax on individual water users, and instead called for appropriation of \$150 million as an annual contribution from the General Fund, which would be linked to SB 200 (Monning), the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Tax Fund. He also provided an update regarding H.R. 2473 (Harder): Securing Access for the

Central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act.

A discussion ensued regarding H. Resolution 324 related to the United States-Israel economic relationship and encouraging new areas of cooperation. Mr. McDermott stated that he would provide additional information to the Board.

B Water Supply Conditions Update

Joe McDermott, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach, presented the report and reminded everyone of the continuing need to use water efficiently.

6. TREASURER

Director Lo-Hill stated that the Treasurer's report was in order.

7. FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

A Stunt Road Main Break: Declaration of Emergency

Pass, approve and adopt proposed Resolution No. 2556, declaring an emergency that requires immediate action without delay to perform asphalt restoration work on Stunt Road, near the Stunt Road Pump Station, in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

RESOLUTION NO. 2556

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT FINDING THAT AN EMERGENCY WILL NOT PERMIT A DELAY RESULTING FROM A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR PAVEMENT RESTORATION ON STUNT ROAD NEAR THE STUNT ROAD PUMP STATION IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Renger moved to approve Item 7A. Motion seconded by Director Polan.

John Zhao, Interim Director of Facilities and Operations, responded to a question regarding damages to the cement coating at the pipe joint.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Lewitt, Lo-Hill, Polan, Renger
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Caspary

8. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A Proposed Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Adopt the proposed Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20; authorize the General Manager to pre-pay the District’s annual required contribution to CalPERS for its Unfunded Accrued Liability, in the amount of \$1,494,083, and make a payment towards the District’s Unfunded Accrued Liability for Other Post-Employment Benefits, in the amount of \$1,393,400.

Angela Saccareccia presented a PowerPoint presentation.

General Manager David Pedersen addressed the proposed reorganization to reassign the Technical Services Group to the Resource Conservation and Public Outreach Department, and renaming the department to the Engineering and External Affairs Department.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 8A. Motion seconded by Director Lo-Hill.

A discussed ensued regarding the budget for the Pure Water Demonstration Project and confirming that Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) had budgeted its 29.4 percent share for the project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

- AYES: Lewitt, Lo-Hill, Polan, Renger
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Caspary

9. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

A Landscape Maintenance Services: Renewal of Agreement

Authorize the General Manager to execute a change order with Villa Esperanza Services, in the amount of \$19,000, for three additional months of landscape maintenance services.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Renger moved to approve Item 9A. Motion seconded by Director Polan.

Steven O’Neill, District Counsel, responded to a question regarding the Request for Proposals process for landscape maintenance services.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Lewitt, Lo-Hill, Polan, Renger
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Caspary

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Claim by Matthew Nicholson Beer and Elizabeth Nicholson

11. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

None.

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

Director Polan reported that he attended the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWAVC) WaterWise Breakfast Meeting on May 16th, where a presentation was provided regarding securing water supplies in the Sacramento Bay Delta following a major earthquake.

Director Renger reported that he also attended the AWAVC WaterWise Breakfast Meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding Las Virgenes Reservoir's ability to hold six months of water supply should a major earthquake affect water supplies from the Bay Delta, and Metropolitan Water District's ability to provide water to the District from local storage supplies.

Director Lo-Hill reported that she attended the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce's Mayoral Luncheon on May 16th, and the Heal the Bay "Bring Back the Beach" Event on May 23rd.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager David Pedersen reported that the District sponsored Oaks Christian School and Calabasas High School in Metropolitan Water District's 2019 Solar Cup. He noted that Oaks Christian School placed first in the Rookie Division, and Calabasas High School was recognized for having the "Hottest-looking Boat" in the Veteran Division. He also noted that both teams would be recognized at the June 25th Special Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. He also reported that the creek prohibition period for discharging to Malibu Creek began on April 15th. He noted that there have been challenges in managing the recycled water system due to cooler weather and decreased demand. He also noted that recycled water was being discharged to the Los Angeles River to comply with the creek prohibition period and until the demand for recycled water increased. He reviewed several

upcoming events listed on the calendar, including the JPA Meeting on June 3rd at 5:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting on June 11th at 9:00 a.m., AWAVC WaterWise Breakfast on June 20th, Calleguas – Las Virgenes Public Financing Authority Meeting on June 25th at 4:30 p.m., and Special Board Meeting on June 25th at 5:00 p.m.

(2) Follow-Up Items

D Directors' Comments

None.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Lo-Hill moved for a future agenda item for the Board to consider canceling one Board meeting in the summer and one Board meeting in the winter to allow staff to take time off with their families. Motion seconded by Director Renger.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

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

San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at **9:40 a.m.** and reconvened to Open Session at **10:21 a.m.**

Steven O'Neill, District Counsel, announced that the Board met in Closed Session and there was no reportable action.

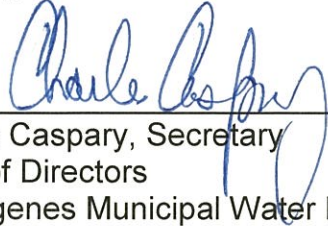
15. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **10:21 a.m.**



Jay Lewitt, President
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

ATTEST:



Charles Caspary, Secretary
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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