



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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

9:00 AM

October 15, 2019

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Dave Roberts.

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 Charles Caspary, Jay Lewitt, and Len Polan.
Absent: Director Lynda Lo-Hill and Lee Renger
Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager
Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs
Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration
John Zhao, Director of Facilities and Operations
Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board
Keith Lemieux, District Counsel

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Polan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lo-Hill, Renger

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A List of Demands: October 15, 2019: Receive and file

B Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 17, 2019, and Special Meeting of September 26, 2019: Approve

C Directors' Per Diem – September 2019: Ratify

D Monthly Cash and Investment Report for August 2019

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

E Amendment No. 1 to Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement: Approval

Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, increasing the authority of the Administering Agent to process budgeted works of improvement without further JPA approval from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

F Jim Bridger Pipeline Replacement Project: Continuation of Emergency

Approve the continuation of an emergency declaration to replace and upsize approximately 1,000 linear-feet of deteriorated, existing water main along Jim Bridger Road, from Jed Smith Road to the nearest shut-off valve.

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

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

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A MWD Representative Report

Glen Peterson, MWD Representative, reported that he attended the grand opening of the Regional Recycled Water Advanced Purification Center Demonstration Facility in Carson on October 10th. He also reported that the Communications and Legislation Committee deferred taking action for one month to consider co-sponsoring legislation to create a

program at the State Water Resources Control Board to identify and evaluate constituents of emerging concern in drinking water sources. He also reported that the MWD Board approved seeking legislation to amend the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, which would provide MWD with lead agency status for its activities. He noted that the MWD Board would hold a two-day workshop in October to discuss the future of MWD, and the MWD Board inducted new Directors Vartan Gharpetian from the City of Glendale and Tracy Quinn from the City of Los Angeles.

B Legislative and Regulatory Updates

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, reported that October 13th was the deadline for Governor Gavin Newsom to sign or veto bills, and the State Legislature would reconvene on January 6, 2020. He also reported that AB 756 (Garcia) Public Water Systems: Perfluoroalkyl Substances and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS/PFOS), had passed, which establishes new notification standards for PFAS/PFOS. He noted that PFAS has not been detected in the District's drinking water, which is provided by MWD, and the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Pure Water Project's advanced water treatment process would remove any PFAS. He also noted that staff was waiting on the results for detection of PFAS in the District's recycled water and compost. He also reported on the defeat of proposed legislation related to a water tax. He noted that the California WaterFix single tunnel project would move forward with new California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and design processes. He also reported that Governor Newsom vetoed SB 1 (Atkins), the California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019, which would have circumvented the California Administrative Procedures Act. He also reported that the District's Washington D.C. lobbyist had advised not to push further for H.R. 1764, which would extend the NPDES permit terms from five years to 10 years, due to concerns with potential impact of authorization of funding for the state revolving fund programs.

A discussion ensued regarding PFAS and whether groundwater supplies affected the District's service area. General Manager David Pedersen noted that MWD does not provide groundwater supplies to the District; however, other agencies that receive water from groundwater wells may need to purchase additional water from MWD as groundwater wells are taken offline due to detections of PFAS/PFOS.

Director Caspary noted that the State Water Resources Control Board was proposing limits on PFAS based on a study that was unpublished and not peer reviewed. He noted that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) had requested a copy of the study; however, they were unsuccessful in obtaining a copy. General Manager David Pedersen responded that he was aware that a summary of the study was released because the Orange County Water District (OCWD) had hired a toxicologist to review the study. He stated that he was unaware of the results of the review or whether just a summary of the study was released. He stated that he would follow-up with OCWD staff.

C Water Supply Conditions Update

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, presented the report.

D Update on Seasonal Irrigation Adjustment Outreach

Dave Roberts, Resource Conservation Manager, provided an update regarding outreach efforts for seasonal irrigation adjustments. He stated that this time of year typically showed an increase in wasteful water usage due to decreased evapotranspiration (ETo) values, shorter days, and customers failing to make adjustments to their irrigation systems. He noted that outreach efforts would include:

- Social media campaign
- Mailer/postcard with seasonal water use information
- E-notification
- Newspaper article in The Acorn and other newspapers
- Signage/banner at Headquarters and the sprayfields
- Distribution of lawn signs to properties and businesses in the service area
- Radio advertisements, including Spanish-language radio
- Developing message for incoming calls to Customer Service
- Developing business partnerships with local garden and home improvement stores
- Updating homeowners' associations contact lists
- Developing a list of landscape contractors
- Developing a list of property management companies

Mr. Roberts responded to a question regarding whether there were any metrics showing a reduction in wasteful water use by stating that a positive impact was being made prior to the Woolsey Fire last year. He stated that he would provide an update on the reduction of wasteful water usage to the Board at a future meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the different microclimates and ETo factors in the District's service area, looking into water usage by customers who have had weather-based irrigation controllers installed, conducting outreach to local pipe suppliers, conducting outreach to landscapers out in the field, and including a message in a postcard/mailer that customers may request via email as opposed to receiving a postcard/mailer.

General Manager David Pedersen noted that the ETo value in October was 58 percent of summertime value.

6. TREASURER

The Treasurer's Report was deferred to the next Board meeting.

7. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A Series 2009 Sanitation Refunding Revenue Bonds: Discussion of Early Redemption

Consider the potential early redemption of the Series 2009 Sanitation Refunding Revenue Bonds and provide feedback to staff on the option.

Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration, presented the report. He stated that staff would bring back the necessary actions at the November 5th Board meeting, depending on the Board's feedback.

A discussion ensued regarding impacts to the proposed sanitation rate structure, the upcoming rate study, which would include looking into the cost of providing sanitation services, minimizing debt issuance in advance of the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo, and potential impacts of financing the AMR/AMI project.

The Board expressed support for the early redemption of the Series 2009 Sanitation Refunding Revenue Bonds.

B Pure Water Demonstration Project and Garden: License Agreement for JPA Use of Building No. 1

Approve the proposed License Agreement to allow the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority to use the area in and around Building No. 1 for its Pure Water Demonstration Project and Garden.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

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

A discussion ensued regarding maintenance of Building No. 1 and the indemnification section of the license agreement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Polan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lo-Hill, Renger

C Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget in Brief

Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget in Brief.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

A discussion ensued regarding the cost for facility repairs as a result of the Woolsey Fire. General Manager David Pedersen noted that cost recovery efforts were included on the last page of the Budget in Brief.

Director Polan referred to the rendering of the Pure Water Demonstration Facility and noted that he had previously expressed concern that the building frontage was bland. General Manager David Pedersen responded that he discussed Director Polan's concept with the architectural firm to add color to the columns.

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

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

8. ENGINEERING AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

A Long Valley Road Pipeline Replacement: Design

Authorize the General Manager to execute Scope Change No. 1, in the amount of \$17,391, to CannonCorp Engineering Consultants; and appropriate and budget \$17,391 for the design work to replace the existing, deteriorated pipeline along Long Valley Road, from Lasher Road to Hilltop Road.

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, presented the report.

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

Director Caspary expressed concern that the proposal indicated that as-built drawings may include available dimensions, depths, and valve information. Mr. McDermott, responded that staff would ensure that the as-built drawings shall include this information.

John Zhao, Director of Facilities and Operations, responded to a question regarding the District's paving specifications versus city paving requirements by stating that the on-call paving services would take into consideration the various cities' different configurations and charge the applicable unit prices.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Woolsey Fire Damage Reimbursement Update

10. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

None.

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

None.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager David Pedersen reported that the District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated on October 11th as a result of the Saddleridge Fire. He noted that the fire itself did not affect the District's service area; however, portions of the Twin Lakes and Chatsworth areas were evacuated. He also noted that the District received notification of a Southern California Edison (SCE) Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). He stated that one District facility was within SCE's notification area that was vital in responding to the fire, and staff was successful in having the facility removed from the PSPS notification area. He also reported that a recycled water valve at the intersection of Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Kanan Road was repaired on October 13th. He noted that the 24-inch water main for recycled water runs on Thousand Oaks Boulevard and services the western portion of the District into Ventura County. He stated that a shear pin had broken while staff was exercising the valve, and Toro Enterprises excavated and replaced the shear pin. He also stated that the work might exceed \$35,000, and staff would bring back an emergency declaration for the Board's consideration, if necessary. He provided an update regarding the December 2nd tour of the Padre Dam Advanced Water Purification Demonstration Facility and Ray Stoyer Water Recycling Facility, and noted that a tour of the Pure Water San Diego Project would also be included. Lastly, he reviewed upcoming events on the calendar.

(2) Follow-Up Items

D Directors' Comments

None.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board President Lewitt requested bringing back the District's Travel Expense Policy on a future agenda.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

13. CLOSED SESSION

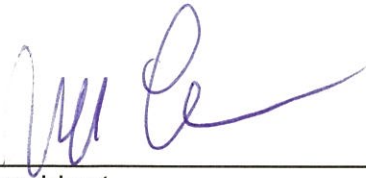
A Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3)) – One Matter

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 11:05 a.m.

Keith Lemieux, District Counsel, announced that the Board received a report in Closed Session and there was no reportable action.

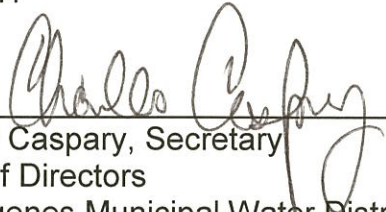
14. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 11:05 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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