

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

5:00 PM

March 2, 2020

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by James Wall.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Vice Chair Wall in the Conference Room at Oak Park Library at 899 N. Kanan Road, in Oak Park, California. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Caspary, Lo-Hill, Nye, Orkney, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall.
Absent: Director Lewitt

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen requested that Item 12A be removed from the agenda as there was no update.

Director Caspary moved to approve the agenda as amended with the removal of Item 12A. Motion seconded by Director Orkney. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lo-Hill, Nye, Orkney, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lewitt

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 2, 2020: Approve

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

AYES: Caspary, Lo-Hill, Nye, Orkney, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lewitt

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Welcome TWSD Director Jane Nye to JPA Board of Directors

Vice Chair Wall and the JPA Board welcomed Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Director Jane Nye to the JPA Board of Directors.

B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, reported that construction of the Pure Water Demonstration Project would be completed within two weeks. He noted that outstanding items included installation of the electrical connection by Southern California Edison, installation of the storefront, and installation of drywall, painting, and floor epoxy. He also noted that Astound would install the graphics for the visitor experience during the third or fourth week of March. He also reported that the shade structure canopy for the Demonstration Garden was installed. He stated that staff would be able to start up and test the equipment once the electrical connection was installed, and a soft start and tours would begin in early June.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Public Outreach Plan Update

Receive and file the Public Outreach Plan Update for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo and provide feedback on any additional outreach activities that should be considered.

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, presented the report and reviewed the Outreach Plan, Project Engagement Tracking Sheet, and Water Quality Attitudes Survey.

Director Renger moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Polan.

Director Polan noted a typographical error in the Outreach Plan Update, Item 2.14, the word "pale" should be "pail."

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lo-Hill, Nye, Orkney, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lewitt

7. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Orkney expressed concern with people purchasing large volumes of bottled water due to concerns with the coronavirus when tap water was currently available. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that there was much public concern due to the coronavirus and people were purchasing large volumes of bottled water, canned goods, medicines, hand sanitizers, etc. He stated that there were also concerns with whether upcoming conferences would be canceled; however, there were no recommendations to cancel conferences or travel. Director Lo-Hill suggested making a statement on the webpage regarding the safety of the water. Director Renger suggested sending a letter to *The Acorn*. Director Polan suggested making a statement that the National Institutes of Health reported there were visible pieces of plastic floating inside plastic water bottles.

Director Lo-Hill reported that she attended the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Washington D.C. Forum, where she joined a group to visit staff from Congressman Ted Lieu, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Congressman Brad Sherman, and Congresswoman Laura Sanchez's offices. She stated that the group addressed concerns related to extending the NPDES permit terms from five years to ten years, perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), infrastructure financing, and flushable wipes.

Director Shapiro reported that he hosted the Quarterly Tour held on February 8th, which was attended by approximately 25 people. He noted that staff discussed the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility, Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility, and Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo, and provided a video presentation.

8. **ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen provided an update regarding the Willow Incident. He noted that the Bark Park was reopened; however, the trailhead would remain closed until further notice. He stated that site remediation would continue for six to eight weeks. He also reported that the annual Washington D.C. Lobbying Trip would take place April 1st and 2nd. He referred to Item 10C, Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility Repairs: Approval of Change Order, and stated that the contractor had begun work to restore the biofilter, and composting operations would commence in the summer and run for three months before compost would be made available to the public.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A State and Federal Legislative Update

A discussion ensued regarding proposed water bond measures and Governor Gavin Newsom’s budget trailer bill.

B Tapia Water Reclamation Facility: Flood Protection Update

John Zhao, Director of Facilities and Operations, responded to questions regarding the materials used when the floodwall was constructed and its current condition.

Director Caspary suggested that staff follow-up with representatives of the California State Parks and Los Angeles County Flood Control District to ask that the District be allowed to clear vegetation that may impede flow near the floodwall.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen stated that staff would follow-up with the California State Parks regarding concerns with debris removal following storm events and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District regarding monitoring for debris build-up during storm events.

C Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility Repairs: Approval of Change Order

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

12. **CLOSED SESSION** – (This item was removed from the agenda)

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

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

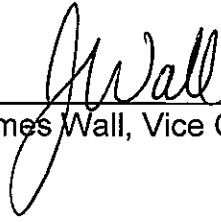
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **5:55 p.m.**



Jay Lewitt, Chair

ATTEST:



James Wall, Vice Chair