

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

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5:00 PM

October 30, 2023

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Gary Burns.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Jane Nye 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 Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall  
Absent: Director Orkney

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Caspary moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Orkney

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Polan pulled Item 4E for discussion.

**A Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 2, 2023: Approve**

**B Financial Review for Fiscal Year 2022-23**

**Receive and file the financial review for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and adopt the updated Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.**

**C Carbon Tower Media Replacement: Authorization**

**Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to issue a purchase order to Carbon Supply Ince., in the amount of \$47,170, for carbon tower media replacement.**

**D Tapia Tertiary Filter Media Replacement: Authorization**

**Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to issue a purchase order to Dig Alert Done Right, dba Hydro Pros, in the amount of \$124,903.87, for tertiary filter media replacement.**

Director Polan moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 4A through 4D. Motion seconded by Director Coradeschi. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Orkney

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR – SEPARATE ACTION ITEM**

**E Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act: Authorization of Application Fee**

**Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to submit the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act application fee, in the amount of \$100,000, for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.**

Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration, responded to questions regarding Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act's (WIFIA) favorable interest rates and flexible terms compared to loans from other sources.

Director Polan moved to approve Consent Calendar Item 4E. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Orkney

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

### A State and Federal Legislative Update

Lowry Crook, federal lobbyist for the JPA with Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK), reported that the House of Representatives elected Rep. Mike Johnson as the new Speaker of the House. He stated that the current continuing resolution would expire on November 17th, and there were discussions regarding adoption of a new continuing resolution to fund the federal government through mid-December. He also reported that the House of Representatives passed the Interior and Environment Bill and the Energy and Water Bill; however, the Administration issued a veto threat to both bills as the spending levels were not as negotiated as part of the debt ceiling deal. He responded to a question regarding the status of bills listed in the bill matrix by stating that most bills were referred to Committees, and they might be added to larger bill packages. He also responded to a question regarding H.R. 1181 to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms by stating that no action had occurred since this bill was referred to Committee; however, BBK would flag this bill for the delegation to support. He also responded to a question regarding H.R. 1142 to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require consideration of economic impact in making a listing decision with respect to the list of threatened and endangered species by stating that he did not anticipate that this bill would move forward.

Syrus Devers, state lobbyist for the JPA with Syrus Devers Advocacy, LLC, reported that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) considered legislative bill proposals at the October 20th ACWA State Legislative Committee Annual Planning Meeting. He provided updates regarding SB 23 (Caballero) Water Supply and Flood Risk Reduction Projects Expedited Permitting, California Municipal Utilities Association's (CMUA) efforts on the *Solve the Water Crisis* bill, CSDA's legislative package, and the California Business Roundtable's efforts on placing a ballot initiative on the November 2024 ballot, which would restrict the ability of public agencies to raise taxes and fees including retroactively.

### B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, presented the report. He stated that the Wastewater Code Section 1211 Wastewater Change Petition application was received by the State Water Resources Control Board, and it could take up to one year to process the application. He also stated that staff would begin reporting on the \$10.2 million U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI grant every six months beginning November 17th. He reported that Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) would prepare a draft agreement for the Local Resource Program (LRP) to present to the MWD Board in March 2024. He also reported that tours of the Pure Water Demonstration Facility and Las Virgenes Reservoir were provided to staff from the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

He noted that proposals for the progressive design-build procurement of the new Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) and reverse osmosis concentrate pipeline would be due on November 6th, interviews with firms would be held in December, and a recommendation would be presented to the Board in February.

A discussion ensued regarding the LRP \$15 to \$20 million grant for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (Pure Water Project) over the life of the project to offset operations and maintenance costs, and exploring ways that Triunfo Water & Sanitation District might receive a proportional share of the grant.

Mr. Slosser responded to a question regarding the possibility to construct a two-pipe system to expand and modify the Pure Water Project in the future if needed and possibly bring water supply from the ocean by stating that bringing water from the ocean had not been discussed as part of the project, and the AWPF would not be feasible for desalination. He also stated that there were other regional possibilities for water that would be more economical and feasible in the future. He noted that staff explored the possibility of a double brine line; however, there would not be significant cost savings, and it could cost an additional \$60 to 70 million.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A Proposed 2024 JPA Board Meeting Calendar**

**Review the proposed 2024 JPA Board Meeting Calendar and make any scheduling changes.**

Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, presented the report. She suggested that the Board cancel the January 1, May 6, and December 2, 2024 Regular Board meetings due to conflicts with holidays and conferences, and schedule Special Board Meetings on January 8, May 13, and December 10, 2024.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6A as suggested. Motion seconded by Director Coradeschi.

Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Orkney

### **B Tapia Control Building Roof Replacement: Award**

**Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a contractual services agreement with The Garland Company, Inc., in the amount of \$315,000, for replacement of the control building roof at the Tapia**

**Water Reclamation Facility.**

Shawn Triplett, Facilities Supervisor, presented the report.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 6B. Motion seconded by Director Coradeschi.

Mr. Triplett responded to questions regarding the roofing material, cooperative purchasing process, and construction start date.

Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Orkney

**C Farm Sprayfield Operations and Maintenance: Renewal**

**Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute Change Order No. 3 with W. Litten Land Preparation, in an amount not to exceed \$411,691, for the annual cost associated with operations and maintenance of the Rancho Las Virgenes Farm Sprayfields.**

Craig Jones, Resource Conservation Manager, presented the report.

Director Coradeschi moved to approve Item 6C. Motion seconded by Director Caspary.

Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Orkney

**D Malibou Lake Siphon Repair Project: Scope Change No. 3**

**Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute Change Order No. 3 with HDR, Inc., in the amount of \$137,730, for additional siphon alignment analysis and a revised design package for the Malibou Lake Siphon Repair Project.**

Alex Leu, Senior Engineer, presented the report. He noted a correction to the financial impacts, which would be allocated 28.93 percent to Las Virgenes

Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and 71.07 percent to Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD).

Director Burns moved to approve Item 6D. Motion seconded by Director Tjulander.

A discussion ensued regarding emergency repair work if needed prior to award of a construction contract, the cost allocation between LVMWD and TWSD for work related to the trunk sewer collection system, the March 2024 construction start date, and the Sanitary Sewer Management Plan for inspecting the trunk sewer collection system.

Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Orkney

**E     **Rancho Distribution Screw Conveyor No. 2 Project: Construction Award****

**Find that the work is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; award a construction contract, in the amount of \$123,300, to GSE Construction, Inc.; and reject all remaining bids upon receipt of the duly executed contract documents for the Rancho Screw Conveyor No. 2 Replacement Project.**

John Soderberg, Assistant Engineer, presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6E. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of evaluating the use of a belt-type conveyor system or alternative for future needs.

Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Orkney

**8.     BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Lewitt reported that he attended the California Special Districts Association Special District Leadership Academy held October 22nd through 25th.

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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that red flag warning conditions due to strong winds were in effect October 29th and 30th, and a power outage occurred at the recycled water pump station at Headquarters. He also reported that flow in Malibu Creek measured 2.32 cubic feet per second (CFS). He noted that it would take three consecutive measurements below 2.5 CFS to initiate flow augmentation, and the creek avoidance period would end on November 15th. He also reported that a new security system was installed at the entrance to the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility to allow staff to view and allow visitor entry. He noted that the TWSD Board had opted out of a proposed class action settlement related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) liability litigation, and the LVMWD Board would consider the proposed class action settlement in Closed Session at an upcoming Board meeting.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A Supply and Delivery of Sodium Bisulfite: Award**

**B Supply and Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite: Award**

**C Recycled Water Reservoir No. 2 Storm Repair Project: Construction Award**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

*Jane Nye*

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Jane Nye, Chair

ATTEST:

*Jay Lewitt*

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Jay Lewitt, Vice Chair