



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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

9:00 AM

April 2, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Len Polan.

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 Gary Burns, Charles Caspary, Andy Coradeschi, Jay Lewitt, and Len Polan.

Absent: None

Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager
Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs
Ivo Nkwenji, Information Systems Manager
Eric Schlageter, Interim 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 5-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Polan
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A List of Demands: April 2, 2024: Receive and file

B Monthly Cash and Investment Report: February 2024

Receive and file the Monthly Cash and Investment Report for February 2024.

C Water Main Breaks at 5745 Parkmor Road and Valley Circle Boulevard near Dorie Drive: Continuation of Emergency Declaration

Approve the continuation of an emergency declaration due to a 12-inch water main break at 5745 Parkmor Road in the City of Calabasas and a 30-inch water main break along Valley Circle Boulevard near Dorie Drive in West Hills.

Director Polan moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Polan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Water Supply Conditions Update

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, presented the report. He noted that the Department of Water Resources increased the State Water Project allocation from 15 percent to 30 percent. He reviewed the current 8-station index, which was at 100 percent of normal.

General Manager David Pedersen responded to questions regarding reservoir levels at the San Luis Reservoir, and the inability to pump and transfer water from the Delta due to turbidity and the presence of Steelhead Trout.

6. TREASURER

Director Coradeschi stated that he reviewed the expenditures.

General Manager David Pedersen responded to questions regarding the payment for Direct TV and the purchase of Keurig coffee machines by stating that Direct TV was used during emergencies to monitor the news, and the purchase of Keurig coffee machines was the result from an idea submitted to the Employee Idea Program.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Local Agency Formation Commission: Election of Special District Representative

Select a candidate to serve as the Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Representative, and authorize the General Manager to execute and return the official voting ballot no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2024.

General Manager David Pedersen, presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to select Gary Burns as a candidate to serve as the Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Representative and approve Item 7A. Motion seconded by Director Polan.

Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Polan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

8. ENGINEERING AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

A Potable Water Main Relocation at Lindero Canyon Road and Agoura Road Project: Design Award

Accept the proposal from DRP Engineering, Inc., and authorize the General Manager to execute a professional services agreement, in the amount of \$277,774, for the environmental investigation, design, bidding, and engineering report during construction for the Potable Water Main Relocation at Lindero Canyon Road and Agoura Road Project; and re-appropriate funding, in the amount of \$277,774, from CIP Job No. 10736 – Emergency Pipeline Construction Repair and Replacement to CIP Job No. 10819 – Potable Water Main Relocation at Lindero Canyon Rod and Agoura Road Project.

Alex Leu, Senior Engineer, presented the report.

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

A discussion ensued regarding the intent of the study to investigate the best course of action to replace or protect the piping, and to determine the responsible party for the

damage caused to the pipelines.

Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Polan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

B Stationary Emergency Generators for Critical Potable Water Pump Stations Project: Final Acceptance

Authorize the General Manager to execute a Notice of Completion and have the same recorded; waive liquidated damages; and in the absence of claims from subcontractors or others, release the retention, in the amount of \$101,179.34, within 30 calendar days after filing the Notice of Completion for the Stationary Emergency Generators for Critical Potable Water Pump Stations Project.

Alex Leu, Senior Engineer, presented the report.

Director Burns moved to approve Item 8B. Motion seconded by Director Caspary.

A discussion ensued regarding the operation, security, and allowable run time for the emergency generators.

Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Polan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

9. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

Director Coradeschi reported that he attended the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) State Legislative Committee Meeting on March 22nd, where they discussed per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) legislation, AB 2735 – Joint Powers Agreements Public Utilities, AB 2079 – Groundwater Extraction Large Diameter High Capacity Wells Permits, and AB 1594 - Medium- and Heavy-duty Zero-emission Vehicles Public Agency Utilities.

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

Director Polan reported that he attended the Association of Ventura County Water Agencies (AWAVC) WaterWise Program on March 21st, where a presentation was

provided regarding the Delta Conveyance Project.

Director Coradeschi reported that he also attended the AWAVC WaterWise Program on March 21st.

Board President Lewitt reported that he also attended the AWAVC WaterWise Program on March 21st, and noted that he spoke with Graham Bradner, Executive Director of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) regarding any discussions with state elected officials the Delta Conveyance, Project. He noted that Mr. Bradner indicated that not much discussion had occurred.

Director Coradeschi stated that he spoke with Syrus Devers, the District's state lobbyist, regarding the concept of the Delta Conveyance Project.

Board President Lewitt stated that Jeremy Wolf, Legislative Program Manager, would ask Mr. Devers to include the Delta Conveyance Project in the talking points for the upcoming ACWA Legislative Symposium.

Director Caspary suggested that the District also reach out to other State Water Project-dependent area agencies.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager David Pedersen stated that staff would hold a meeting with Syrus Devers to discuss talking points for the ACWA Legislative Symposium scheduled on April 10th, including the Delta Conveyance Project. He noted that Kristine McCaffrey, General Manager of Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas), indicated that Calleguas was in support of the project. He also noted that ACWA was in support of a comprehensive fix in the Delta, but had not endorsed the Delta Conveyance Project. He also reported that the District would participate at the Great Race of City of Agoura Hills on April 13th, and provide information on the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. He also noted that the District would participate in Earth Day events at Pepperdine University on April 9th, City of Calabasas on April 13th, and City of Westlake Village on April 20th. He also reported that staff was coordinating meetings with medical associations to support and endorse potable reuse. He noted that Board President Lewitt referred staff to Brian Barry, Executive Director of the Ventura County Medical Association, who was provided a tour of District facilities. He stated that staff anticipated that the Ventura County Medical Association was likely to support and endorse the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. He also stated that staff was working on reaching out to the Los Angeles County Medical Association. He also reported that staff was scheduling presentations to the local City Councils regarding updates on water supply conditions, Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo, and conservation rebates. He asked the Board to provide opening remarks at the City Council presentations. He also reported that staff met with Directors Coradeschi and Polan to discuss the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo and architectural elements for the Advanced Water Purification Facility. He noted that this topic would be included on the April 8th JPA agenda. He provided an update on the

Malibou Lake Siphon Replacement Project, and noted that the contractor had mobilized at the construction site. He also provided an update regarding the rehabilitation of Lift Station No. 1, and noted that wastewater was diverted to the City of Los Angeles to allow the inspection of the wet well. He also reported that Tapia Water Reclamation Facility received 2.38 inches of rain on March 30th, influent measured 19 million gallons per day (MGD), average flow was 11.7 MGD, and Malibu Creek reached 1,138 cubic feet per second (CSF). He noted that staff from the Delta Conveyance Project were interested in hosting a tour of the project location, as well as the Bethany Reservoir and alignment. He asked the Board to inform staff if they were interested in attending.

The Board expressed an interest in a tour of the Delta Conveyance Project location, and suggested extending an invitation to other agencies.

General Manager David Pedersen also reported that the Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD) Board appointed Carl Jarecky as the new TWSD Director. He stated that he would send a welcome letter to Director Jarecky, and invite him on a tour of District facilities.

Eric Schlageter, Interim Director of Facilities and Operations, responded to questions regarding construction activities for the Malibou Lake Siphon Replacement Project.

(2) Follow-Up Items

General Manager David Pedersen stated that staff would work more diligently to capture Board follow-up items.

D Directors' Comments

Director Coradeschi noted that Dave Eggerton, Executive Director of ACWA, was interested in visiting the District.

Board President Lewitt noted that Mr. Eggerton also expressed an interest in learning about the District's international partners.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **9:59 a.m.**



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

ATTEST:



Gary Burns, Secretary
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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