

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

5:00 PM

August 5, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by David Rydman.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:02 p.m.** by Chair Jay Lewitt in the Board Room at Triunfo Water & Sanitation District headquarters at 370 N. Westlake Boulevard, Westlake Village, California, 91362. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander and Wall

Present via

Teleconference: Director Coradeschi

Absent: None

Director Coradeschi requested attendance via teleconference under the AB 2449 “Just Cause” provision due to contagious illness, and he confirmed that no one was in the room with him at his teleconference location.

Steven O’Neill, Legal Counsel, explained the “Just Cause” provision under AB 2449 for remote participation.

Director Polan moved to make a finding that telephonic attendance by Director Coradeschi was warranted. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried 10-0 by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Wall moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Nye. Motion carried 10-0 by the following roll call vote:

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 1, 2024: Approve

Director Polan asked to pull Item 4A for discussion. He noted that the minutes included a discussion regarding the names of the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo and the Advanced Water Purification Facility, and he expressed concern regarding the use of two different names. Director Shapiro noted that the overall project was the Pure Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo, and the Advanced Water Purification Facility would be a specific facility.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen noted that Consent Calendar Item 4A was for approval of the July 1, 2024 minutes.

Director Polan moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Jarecky. Motion carried 10-0 by the following roll call vote:

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

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A State and Federal Legislative Update

Syrus Devers, state lobbyist for the JPA with Syrus Devers Advocacy LLC, provided an update regarding AB 1255 (Durazo), Public Water Systems, Needs Analysis, Water Rate Assistance Program. which would impose a mandatory Low-Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program on all water districts with over 3,300 connections. He stated that legislators had been attempting to create a LIRA program for low-income consumers since 2017 when a water tax was proposed to

fund LIRA statewide. He noted that there were concerns with the administrative burden that AB 1255 would create, including tracking and documentation.

A discussion ensued the proposed bill, which would be funded by ratepayers' voluntary contributions who would then need to opt-out as opposed to opt-in.

Lowry Crook, federal lobbyist for the JPA with BBK, accompanied by Chris Keosian, reported that the House of Representatives passed the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill on July 22nd, which authorized Army Corps of Engineers' projects, and the Senate passed its WRDA bill the previous week. He stated that the House of Representatives WRDA bill would make water supply a higher priority for the Army Corps of Engineers, which could assist in prioritizing updating the water control manuals for Lake Oroville to allow additional water storage. He also reported that the House of Representatives passed the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and attempted to move the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, which was stalled due to disagreements regarding funding. He also reported that the Senate Appropriations Committee passed the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act and the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill. He noted that perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) became designated as hazardous under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) effective July 8th, and there was now potential liability anywhere that PFOA and PFOS are found in any concentration going forward.

B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, presented the report. He responded to questions regarding the State Water Resources Control Board Water Rights Order for the Wastewater Change Petition to allow effluent from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility to be diverted to the Advanced Water Purification Facility, the application to Calleguas Municipal Water District for a discharge service connection to the Salinity Management Pipeline, and Advanced Water Purification Facility timeline for completion.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A Tapia Aluminum Sulfate Tank Replacement Project: CEQA Determination and Call for Bids

Find that the work is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and authorize the issuance of a call for bids for the Tapia Aluminum Sulfate Tank Replacement Project.

John Soderberg, Assistant Engineer, presented the report.

Director Burns moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Caspary.

Mr. Soderberg responded to questions regarding the factor for dosing aluminum sulfate.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

B Title 22 Engineering Report Update: Approval of Contract Amendment No. 2

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to approve Contract Amendment No. 2, in the amount of \$100,894, with Larry Walker Associates for the Title 22 Engineering Report Update.

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6B. Motion seconded by Director Burns.

Mr. Slosser responded to questions regarding addressing comments from the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Caspary reported that he hosted the Quarterly Wastewater Tour held on July 20th attended by approximately 20 participants, which included tours of the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility, Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility, and Pure Water Demonstration Facility. He noted that participants were very engaged in learning how wastewater is treated.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that flow at

Malibu Creek measured 4.85 cubic feet per second (CFS). He noted that the flow had measured below the 2.5 CFS threshold for two weeks in a row; however, the flow increased in the third week and augmentation was not needed. He reminded the Board of the JPA Special Meeting scheduled on August 8th for a workshop regarding to consider architectural renderings and the initial concept for the public benefit area for the Advanced Water Purification Facility.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Repair of Boiler Hot Water Loop at Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility: Update

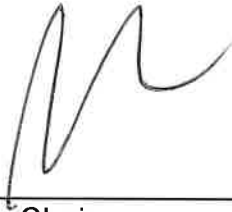
Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen noted that the cost for the replacement of the hot water loop system was now estimated at \$609,000 due to the cost of stainless-steel material for the pipe.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

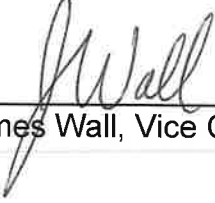
12. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **5:54 p.m.**



Jay Lewitt, Chair

ATTEST:



James Wall, Vice Chair