

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

5:00 PM

October 7, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led earlier in the evening by James Wall during the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Public Financing Authority Meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Vice Chair James Wall 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, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander and Wall
Absent: Director Lewitt

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 3, 2024: Approve

Director Caspary moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Jarecky. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lewitt

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, reported that Governor Gavin Newsom vetoed SB 366 (Caballero), The California Water Plan, Long-Term Supply Targets, due to concerns with cost. He also reported that SB 1255 (Durazo), Public Water Systems, Needs Analysis, Water Rate Assistance Program, related to low-income rate assistance, was not moving forward due to concerns with implementation; however, it was likely that this subject would return in 2025. He noted that three bills related to Proposition 218 reform were signed by Governor Newsom.

Lowry Crook, federal lobbyist for the JPA with Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK), accompanied by Chris Keosian, reported that BBK staff assisted with the letters of support for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI Program grant application. He stated that BBK would continue to advocate for Title XVI funding. He also reported that Congress had approved a continuing resolution to fund the federal government through mid-December. He noted that Congress needed to finalize the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), which authorizes Army Corps of Engineers projects, and fund Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) programs. He stated that there were discussions regarding a potential public lands package for land transfers, public land protection, monuments, etc., and reauthorizing the National Defense Authorization Act and the Farm Bill. He responded to a question regarding the bills listed in the matrix showing a large number of sponsors and whether these bills would likely pass by stating that BBK staff reviews whether the bills have bipartisan support or if the bills were referred to committees for action. He also responded to a question regarding H.R. 7634, Plastic Pellet Free Waters Act, by stating that this bill was not likely to pass; however, the bill might be reintroduced in the next Congress. He also responded to a question regarding the status of Colorado River Conservation Agreements and its funding from the Inflation Reduction Act.

B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, presented the report. He noted that a tour of the 14-mile stretch for the reverse osmosis concentrate (ROC) pipeline was provided to Directors Lewitt and Coradeschi on September 13th. He also

noted that the Walsh Team developed Basis of Design Reports for the Advanced Water Purification Facility and for the ROC pipeline, which were under review by staff and Jacobs Engineering. He also reported that contract amendments were needed to Walsh's contract to fast track the 1.5-mile section in Hillcrest Drive in Thousand Oaks to avoid conflicts with a city project, and for the addition of the purified pipeline to Las Virgenes Reservoir, source water line from the recycled water system to the Advanced Water Purification Facility, and the residuals pipeline. He stated that an information item regarding these contract amendments would be provided on the next agenda. He also reported that the second application for the Title XVI grant program was submitted for \$19.65 million in construction funding. He stated that key documents were submitted for the State Revolving Loan application to maximize the point score. He noted that he would provide a presentation to the City of Westlake Village City Council on October 9th regarding the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo and other projects. He also noted that the architectural review packet was submitted to the City of Agoura Hills, which would be forwarded to the Architectural Review Board. He responded to a question regarding the agreement for the service connection to Calleguas Municipal Water District's Salinity Management Pipeline by stating that the agreement was executed following the JPA Board's authorization, which included the JPA's commitment to fund the construction of the outfall facility.

A discussion ensued regarding the tour of the 14-mile stretch for the ROC pipeline, and increasing public outreach.

6. **BOARD COMMENTS**

None.

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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that the Rancho Las Virgenes Compositing Facility (Rancho) was offline due to the replacement of Conveyor No. 4, which was nearing completion. He also reported that work on the hot water loop replacement was underway, and there would be cost savings with the installation of fiberglass insulation. He stated that it was anticipated that Rancho would be back in service in two weeks. He also reported that the new siphon was installed for the Malibu Lake Siphon Replacement Project. He also reported that the flow in Malibu Creek measured 4.15 cubic feet per second (CFS), and there was no need for fish flow augmentation at this time. He reminded the Board that a Pure Beer Tasting event would be held on October 10th at Tavern Tomoko/Ladyface Brewery.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Assessment of Runoff from Fire Damaged Lands Amended with Biosolids

Veronica Hurtado, Water Reclamation Manager, responded to a question regarding whether the assessment included moisture conservation as a part of the measurements by stating that no quantitative measurements were used to test the moisture content of the soil or vegetation, and the primary goal of the study was to determine if there was any transport of nutrients and metals that might have come from the biosolids application through the runoff. She shared photographs of sample control plots. She also responded to a question regarding whether application of Class A biosolids would make a difference in burn areas by stating that there was not enough biosolids produced at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility to cover burn areas; however, biosolids could be applied near facilities and in high-risk areas. She also responded to a question regarding commercial compost sales as a revenue source for revegetation in burn areas by stating that there were other compost producers that market and sell compost, and the JPA was committed to providing free compost to customers. She also responded to questions regarding the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) plans for seeking a location to conduct a larger study and outreach efforts to customers regarding free compost.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

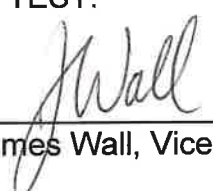
12. ADJOURNMENT

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