

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

March 24, 2012

1 The Board of Directors of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District met in Special Meeting at 4232 Las Virgenes Road, in Calabasas, California, at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2012.

President Renger called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Deputy Secretary Mundy called the roll. Those answering present were Directors Bowman, Caspary, Peterson, Renger and Steinhardt. The Chair declared a quorum present.

2 Backbone Improvement Program Update: General Manager Mundy stated the purpose of the meeting was to provide the community and Board of Directors an update on various evaluations the District has conducted in moving towards construction of the 5-Mil tank; provided a summary of workshops and updates provided July 30, 2011 through today including community outreach and staff efforts in response to addressing concerns/questions related to the tank project; and discussed public speaker protocols. Director of Facilities and Operations Lippman gave a presentation entitled "Backbone Improvement Program 5 Million Gallon Tank Workshop" discussing development of the water system since 1961; Dan Ellison an engineer with HDR Engineering gave a presentation entitled "Proposed 5MG Tank Purpose and Need" discussing the need for backbone improvements and storage; John Coffman, an engineer with AECOM Technology Services Corporation gave a presentation entitled "Site C Alternative Access and Cost Study" discussing alternative access alignments for construction; Kevin Smith a planner with ESA Environmental gave a presentation entitled "Environmental Constraints" discussing the biological and cultural resources affected by the alternative construction alignment; and Principal Engineer Zhao gave a presentation entitled "Three Springs Drive Traffic Impact Summary" discussing the initial study, 2009 Mitigated Negative Declaration, temporary traffic impact, coordination with City of Westlake Village, local communities and the Three Springs neighborhood. Mr. Mundy stated for clarification to the public, the alternative sites were under consideration as requested by the Board of Directors in order to address concerns posed by residents of Three Springs; and noted the alternative site construction costs do not include environmental review costs, which could be significant.

Board comments included: clarifications for elevation and location specifics of each alternative access site; comparison of regular daily peak hour traffic trips versus estimated peak hour traffic trips including construction; comparison of costs and timelines for construction of Site A versus Site C versus alternative site access routes; total volume of west end system storage; demands with/without water budgets and projected needs for 20x2020; time may be of the essence when considering current construction costs, which are significantly lower than in the past due to the economy; based on current values associated with current construction costs versus past construction costs; what level of conservation do we need from customers to avoid constructing the tank (regardless of conservation there would still be a deficit of 2-3 million gallons in the potable system and storage needs exist for fire flow and emergencies); what is the typical amount of time per year the District is unable to obtain water from Metropolitan, and if the District ran out of water and there was a fire what liability would the District incur (Mr. Mundy stated Legal Counsel Lemieux would have to respond to that question); customers may want to consider drought resist landscaping for purposes of water conservation and to decrease potential monetary loses should water not be available for outdoor use.

President Renger adjourned to break at 10:47 a.m.; and stated public comments would be heard after the break and that 17 speaker cards were received and each speaker would receive 5 minutes for comments.

The meeting readjourned at 10:52 a.m. Mr. Mundy reiterated the 5 minute comment period.

Seventeen speaker cards were received from the public: (1) Martin Jansen (Agoura resident), tank/traffic concerns, future cost of water, believes the Master Plan needs to be updated prior to final determination of whether the tank is needed or not; (2) Kris Barnes (Oak Forest), wildlife displacement concerns if alternative site through Triunfo Park is selected; (3) Doug Rumbaugh (Oak Forest), supports Site A and does not understand

why other sites are being considered; (4) Jim Parkes (Oak Forest), the District hired a team of experts who determined there is a need for the tank and what the best location was, politics aside it's a "no-brainer"; (5) Dick Langdon (Oak Forest), stated his questions were answered during the presentation; (6) John Storojev (Three Springs), concerned about safety, traffic flow, supports conservation and water efficient plants; (7) Rocky Carver (Oak Forest), concerned with water shortfall if not brought forward, does not like Triunfo Creek Park alternative route due to environmental reasons; (8) Neil Ticktin (Three Springs), is not concerned with construction traffic going through Three Springs if that is the best solution, is concerned with the process the District uses as there is a lack of collaboration and outside ideas are dismissed, critical of Master Plan, which is not a communication device (the 5-minute speaker period was exceeded and other speakers opted to give Mr. Ticktin their time), why aren't we prepared for emergencies now or was there a change to requirements, increase pumping capacity instead or storage, why isn't the fire department communicating or presenting fire flow information if it's a criteria for construction of the tank, why wasn't conservation considered (Director Caspary asked Mr. Ticktin to leave a copy of the written public comments he was reading from with Mr. Mundy, Mr. Ticktin emailed his comments to Mr. Mundy, which were dated and time stamped as "Saturday, March 24, 2012 11:32 AM" and will become part of the official agenda file); (9) Richard Ozar (Oak Forest), stated his questions had already been addressed; (10) Roy Good (Three Springs), look at reinstating of water budgets, concerned about high traffic times/emergency access, if the tank breaks will it flood Three Springs, displacement of animals such as snakes due to construction activity; (11) Arlene Post (Upper Terrace HOA), stated she was a former employee of the District, did not always agree with its positions as an employee or now as a customer, said the area is fortunate to have water service since the entire supply comes from Northern California, supports the tank as she doesn't want her or her neighbors to run out of water, which has happened before in Calabasas, Three Springs is the logical road, stated the District does provide information and the community should attend board meetings; (12) Dennis Washburn (Calabasas), President of Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains, offered assistance if needed as they are familiar with conservation and watershed issues, personal responsibility for sustainability; (13) Shari Geller (Three Springs), was not present when called upon to speak; (14) Kathleen Ramont (Three Springs), comment was Valley Fever testing last week was "negative", were any of these results "borderline" indicating some "positive" results, is it possible to get a copy of the Valley Fever testing results and concerns over seniors and those with existing respiratory disease (Mr. Lippman stated results were negative and a copy of the report was available on the District's web site); (15) Sharon Consoli (Oak Forest), discussed Valley Fever results as they are not 100% of the area only a sampling, traffic in Three Springs and why build a new road when there is an existing road; (16) Elana Eisner (Oak Forest), conservation related to gray water and where does the money come from for the construction project (Mr. Mundy discussed the District's financial and reserve policies, and gray water regulations, which are governed by county agencies); and (17) Jonathan Greenspan (First Neighborhood), does not want to see road built in Triunfo Park, does not understand why potable water is used for firefighting (Director Peterson commented that potable water is used for firefighting, and is not a major source of consumption, but water pressure is needed in the system) obligation of staff to provide unbiased, well thought out alternatives prior to the Board making decisions.

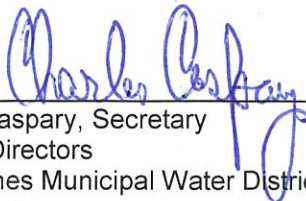
President Renger notified the public of upcoming meeting dates, which are the second and fourth Tuesdays.

3 Adjournment: The Chair declared the Special Meeting – Backbone Improvement Program Update adjourned at 11:52 a.m.



Lee Renger, President
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

ATTEST:



Charles Caspary, Secretary
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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