



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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

February 26, 2013

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by President Caspary.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A Call to order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by President Caspary in the District offices. Deputy Secretary Conklin notified attendees that the board meeting was being audio recorded and called the roll. Those answering present were Directors Caspary, Polan, Renger and Steinhardt. Directors absent: Peterson.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Approval of agenda

On a motion by Director Barry Steinhardt, seconded by Director Leonard Polan, the Board of Directors voted 4-0 -1 to Approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2013, as presented.

AYES: Director(s) Caspary , Polan , Renger , Steinhardt

ABSENT: Director(s) Peterson

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No speaker cards were received from the public.

4. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Proclamation Recognizing the Service of Tin Comsooksri

President Caspary presented Tin Comsooksri with a proclamation in recognition of his service with the District. Mr. Comsooksri thanked the Board and stated he had enjoyed working at the

District and missed his coworkers.

B Legislative and Regulatory Updates

No report was given.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Director Lee Renger, seconded by Director Barry Steinhardt, the Board of Directors voted 4-0 -1 to Approve Consent Calendar 5A-5C as presented in the recommendations.

AYES: Director(s) Caspary , Polan , Renger , Steinhardt

ABSENT: Director(s) Peterson

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 8, 2013. **Approve**

B List of Demands: February 26, 2013. **Approve**

C Investment Report for the Month of January 2013. **Approve**

6. TREASURER

Treasurer Polan stated he requested clarification on a contract with RBF Consulting (Principal Engineer Zhao stated the work was being done due to a zoning change (parcel map waiver process, which will allow the District as a public agency to legally rent space)).

7. FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

A District's Radio System Upgrade

Appropriate funds in the amount of \$23,700.51 for the purchase of the additional radio equipment for the Radio System Upgrade Project.

Water Systems and Facilities Manager Miller discussed project costs associated with system requirements for narrow-band range radio operations.

The Board of Directors commented on security (signal is scrambled, encrypted and jumps around); justification of increase (additional costs were related to repeaters at offsite facilities, which were located in closets and previously unaccounted for as part of the radio system inventory); status of inventory (complete and all components are listed in AMMS (Advanced Maintenance Management System)); remembers there being an approval for \$30,000 to conduct an inventory of the radio system requirements.

Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach Reyes (acting on behalf of General Manager Pedersen) stated staff would research the question related to approval of a \$30,000 survey cost and report back to the Board.

On a motion by Director Barry Steinhardt, seconded by Director Lee Renger, the Board of Directors voted 4-0 -1 to Approve the recommendation as presented.

AYES: Director(s) Caspary , Polan , Renger , Steinhardt

ABSENT: Director(s) Peterson

B Equestrian Tank Evaluation (LVMWD Report No. 2508.00)

Receive and file the 2012 Equestrian Tank Evaluation Report No. 2508.00.

Principal Engineer Zhao responded to Board of Directors comments including: size of tank; ASR (Alkali Silica Reaction) cracking at Equestrian Tank and foundation for Westlake Pump

Station pumps; formation of calcium carbonate (gravel not water causes this to occur).

President Caspary stated it was prudent to look at cathodic protection of rebar.

On a motion by Director Lee Renger, seconded by Director Leonard Polan, the Board of Directors voted 4-0 -1 to Approve the recommendation as presented.

AYES: Director(s) Caspary , Polan , Renger , Steinhardt

ABSENT: Director(s) Peterson

8. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A Claims by Michaels Stores, Inc. and Costco Wholesale

Deny the claims from Michaels Stores, Inc. and Costco Wholesale.

Water Systems and Facilities Manager Miller discussed the fire system alarm and detector check; stated he had not met with representatives from Costco yet, but had met with Michael's representative regarding fire sprinkler pipe (cast iron), tilt-up building issues, pipe isn't coated (was on private side of meter); and corrosion was caused by soil.

The Board of Directors commented on commercial pressure regulators (different than residential as Building Code sets pressure on commercial based on zoning); when the law is clear why do we pay a consultant (Director of Finance and Administration Hicks stated the insurance company reviews); when buildings are constructed does the District set pressure (yes).

On a motion by Director Charles Caspary, seconded by Director Lee Renger, the Board of Directors voted 4-0 -1 to Approve the recommendation as presented.

AYES: Director(s) Caspary , Polan , Renger , Steinhardt

ABSENT: Director(s) Peterson

President Caspary stated if legal counsel discovers additional facts pertaining to either claim staff is to bring them back to the Board.

9. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports (1) MWD a. Representative Report/Agenda(s); (2) Other

(1) No report was given.

(2) Director Caspary reported on his attendance at, and serving as Chair of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) Watershed Advisory Council (WAC) meeting of February 13th, discussions included 2013-14 workplans, full review of the State of the Bay (last updated 2008), meeting was attended by three board members, twenty WAC members and fifteen members of the public and stated District staff will have an opportunity to provide Commission staff with more technical suggestions; and the SMBRC Governing Board meeting of February 21st, discussions included status of Bay Restoration updates, Wetlands/Climate Change Symposium on March 25th (will provide additional information as it becomes available), Dr. Eric Stein was appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Marina Del Rey Wetlands (Ballona Wetlands) restoration, election of Governing Board WAC member-at-large and stated Marina Del Rey Anglers was nominated for and received a seat on the Board.

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

Director Renger reported on his attendance at the AWA WaterWise meeting of February 21st,

which included a discussion of pollution from horses within the Santa Clara River.

Director Caspary routed a copy of the Bay Restoration Report to the Board.

C Director's Comments

Director Steinhardt discussed upcoming meeting attendance at ACWA's Legislative Symposium and EWRI's Climate Change Symposium; and Heal the Bay's upcoming press conference regarding Malibu Creek and suggest someone attend (President Caspary requested Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach Reyes provide information (Reyes stated there would be a State of the Creek report roll-out on March 19th and this report was referenced in the EPA TMDL)).

Director Caspary stated General Manager Pedersen planned on meeting with Heal the Bay on March 11th to review the report, and that there was a board meeting on March 12th during which the report could be discussed; Director Steinhardt stated the District should be prepared to counter data presented (President Caspary stated staff was preparing a strategy and Reyes noted the strategy would be presented at the March 4th JPA board meeting and there were additional upcoming meetings scheduled to discuss TMDL strategy).

D General Manager Reports

On behalf of General Manager Pedersen, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach Reyes provided an update of general business of the District including upcoming calendar events (AWA, SMBRC Wetlands Symposium, scheduling of a Joint Powers Authority watershed tour, Senator Pavley's Open House (Director Steinhardt stated he was attending this event)).

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Polan discussed the ACWA/JPIA Perspective newsletter, which discussed the District's responsibility to work closely with Cal/OSHA in regards to illness/injury policies (Director of Finance and Administration Hicks stated the District has a very active safety program, which includes an employee safety committee).

The meeting adjourned to break at 6:06 p.m.

The meeting convened into Closed Session at 6:13 p.m.

11. CLOSED SESSION

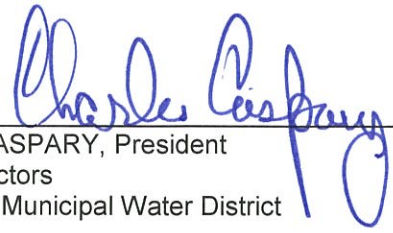
A Conference with District Counsel - Potential Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9): Two Cases

1. In the opinion of District Counsel, disclosure of the identity of the litigants would be prejudicial to the district.

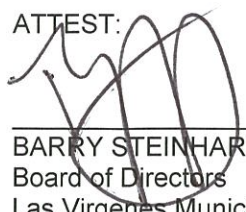
12. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 6:23 p.m. No reportable actions were taken during Closed Session.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



CHARLES CASPARY, President
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

ATTEST: 

BARRY STEINHARDT, Secretary
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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