

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

# MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM April 9, 2013

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At the request of President Caspary, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Director Polan.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A Call to order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Caspary in the District offices. Deputy Secretary Conklin called the roll. Those answering present were Directors Caspary, Peterson, Polan, Renger and Steinhardt.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Approval of agenda

General Manager Pedersen requested the addition of 11 C: Closed Session Conference with District Counsel - Existing Litigation: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District v. Millgee Investment Company, Inc.

On a motion by Director Lee Renger, seconded by Director Leonard Polan, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to Approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2013, as amended.

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No speaker cards were received from the public.

## 4. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Solar Cup Update

Ty Kastendiek, a teacher with Los Angeles County Office of Education, currently assigned to Camp David Gonzales, stated he is working with students to create a boat, which will be used to compete in the Solar Cup. Mr. Kastendiek discussed modifications made to the boat from lessons learned during last year's competition; and presented a Public Service Announcement prepared by students participating in the event.

# **B** Bay Delta Conservation Plan Video

Director Peterson provided an introduction of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan video; and Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach Reyes stated the video is posted on the District's web page.

# **C** Assessment of District's Existing and Future Potable Water Storage Needs

General Manager Pedersen stated upon being hired as general manager he was asked by the Board to provide his assessment of the District's existing and future potable water storage needs, and gave a presentation discussing his evaluation, reference materials utilized to make his assessment, water systems/storage, purposes of water storage, operational storage, emergency storage, fire flow storage, demand assumptions, 2010 Urban Water Management Plan, 2007 Potable Water Master Plan, existing storage deficits, future storage deficits, potable water/1235 foot backbone system, additional storage required, other considerations (site conditions/constraints, water quality, uncertainty of future demand projections, 2008 Freeway Complex Fire), cost per gallon of storage, conclusions (potable water system has deficiencies under current and future conditions, current deficiencies are in Jed Smith and 1235 foot backbone - West Zones, future deficiencies are in Jed Smith, Seminole and 1235 foot backbone - West Zones).

A summary of Board comments included: a request was made for staff to look at specific wildfires such as Ramona and Oakland related to water usage information, and for the fire department to speak to, or make a presentation related to the subject; discussion of 1235 foot backbone system location; incorporation of 20x2020 in 2007 Master Plan and 2010 population (look at numbers in the report again); look at different conservation methods; boil order could be issued and in this economy reduce not spend.

# D Legislative and Regulatory Updates

General Manager Pedersen discussed support for AB 803 (Gomez): Water Recycling Act of 2013 and support for AB 1349 (Gatto) CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund.

Director Peterson stated Metropolitan issued a letter of support for SB 135 (Padilla): Earthquake Early Warning System; and that Senator Pavley recently signed a letter requesting studying of a 3,000 cfs (cubic feet per second) facility and that a meeting should be set-up and coordinated with Metropolitan to include the Board President, General Manager, himself and Calleguas/Metropolitan Director Gail Pringle.

## 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

- A Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 12, 2013. Approve
- **B** List of Demands: April 9, 2013. **Approve**

C Directors' Per Diem: March 2013. Ratify

## 6. TREASURER

Treasurer Polan reported he reviewed the checks and everything was in order.

## 7. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

A Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP Leadership Committee: Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding

Authorize the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and other members of the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Leadership Committee for the purpose of developing, administering, updating, and implementing the Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP.

On a motion by Director Lee Renger, seconded by Director Glen Peterson, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to Approve the recommendation as presented.

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

**B** Updated Legislative Policy Principles

Approve the updated Legislative Policy Principles.

General Manager Pedersen stated the legislative policy principles had last been reviewed in 2007 and the proposed update includes new language for Climate Change and key modification language to Delta Sustainability, Public Goods Charge and CEQA. Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach Reyes provided an overview of the proposed changes.

On a motion by Director Leonard Polan, seconded by Director Charles Caspary, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to Approve the recommendation as presented. AYES: Director(s) Caspary, Peterson, Polan, Renger, Steinhardt

### 8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A 1,235 Ft. Backbone Calabasas Pipeline Project: Public Outreach

General Manager Pedersen discussed outreach and provided an overview of the project map and Mureau Road land profiles.

A summary of Board comments included: proposed work schedule; permits (Caltrans, City of Calabasas, County of Los Angeles (all have different work hours under the permits)); signs including notifications on 101 Freeway and the construction hotline are important.

President Caspary requested staff discuss the over-watering issue with the homeowner's association; Director Steinhardt requested a board member participate in meetings with the cities; Director Polan requested the bicycle community be notified (notifications were made to clubs, bike shops, Serious Cycling)

## 9. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- A Organization Reports (1) MWD a. Representative Report/Agenda(s); (2) Other
- (1) MWD Representative Peterson reported on general business of Metropolitan including Cynthia Kurtz (City of Pasadena) seated as new board member; capacity charge resolution approved; support of CEQA package approved; support of AB 1156 Palo Verde Irrigation

District Act approved; and stated the meeting was adjourned in recognition of City of San Marino's 100 Year Anniversary.

- (2) None.
- **B** Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

None.

- C General Manager Reports (1) General Business; (2) Follow-Up Items
- (1) General Manager Pedersen provided an update on general business of the District including Lindero bridge construction is set to begin mid-May (the District does not have any facilities in the bridge); working on indexing of video recordings; calendar (JPA Malibu Creek Watershed Tour, Strategic Planning/Labor Negotiations Workshop, CASA Conference, ACWA Conference, community calendar (book presentations, Story Pirates); Oak Park MAC; EPA/Regional Water Quality Control Board Watershed Forum (different than the proposed meeting being coordinated by Neil Ticktin); and Malibu Lagoon Ribbon Cutting (May 3rd at 11:00 a.m.)).
- (2) General Manager Pedersen provided an update related to board meeting follow-up items.
- D Director's Comments

Director Polan reported Bay Delta is putting baby salmon in rice fields, which has been successful (Director Peterson stated this was being done in the Yolo Bypass area); and stated he went to Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility last Saturday, the process was easy to use, shovels and masks were provided, staff was helpful, the program is very popular/successful.

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None. The meeting convened into break at 7:15 p.m.

### 11. CLOSED SESSION

The meeting reconvened into Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

- A Conference with District Counsel Existing Litigation:
  - 1. Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson
- **B** Conference with District Counsel Potential Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9): One Case
  - 1. In the opinion of District Counsel, disclosure of the identity of the litigant would be prejudicial to the district.
- **C** Conference with District Counsel Existing Litigation:
  - 1. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District v. Millgee Investment Company, Inc.

## 12. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting convened into Open Session at 7:47 p.m. No reportable actions were taken during Closed Session. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Board of Directors Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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

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