

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM June 25, 2013

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A Call to order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 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

On a motion by Director Lee Renger, seconded by Director Glen Peterson, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to Approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2013, as presented.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No speaker cards were received from the public.

President Caspary stated a request had been made to consider "9A: Claim by Dan Meyer" at this point in the meeting and that he would allow Mr. Meyer to address the Board now, but consideration of the item would be made in accordance with the published agenda.

One speaker card was received in regards to "9A: Claim by Dan Meyer"; (1) Dan Meyer discussed outages at his residence, his pump burned out and Las Virgenes should pay for the pump, which he will install himself; every other time the pump burns out he will pay for it and

every other time Las Virgenes should pay for it.

A summary of Board comments included: pressure switch/pressure reduction is a good idea (Mr. Meyer stated he would take a shutoff valve under advisement).

4. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A 5-Million-Gallon Tank: Summary of Alternatives to Address Storage Deficiency

Consider the alternatives to address the storage deficiency in the western portion of the District's potable water system, identify the alternative or alternatives that best address the problem, and direct staff accordingly.

General Manager Pedersen gave a presentation entitled "5-Million-Gallon Tank: Summary of Alternatives to Address Storage Deficiency", which discusses purpose; alternatives (44 potential alternatives); proposed process; historical annual water demands; Tank Sites A, B, C, and D; Tank Sites E and F; Equestrian Tank Expansion; LVMWD-Calleguas Interconnection.

Director Steinhardt stated there was a 45th alternative, which was to utilize swimming pools for fire flow.

General Manger Pedersen proceeded to review with the Board of Directors each of the 45 alternatives and compare them to a brief list of criteria including (1) mandatory customer action required; (2) public (opposition) perception; (3) sustainable (i.e. produces on-going results); (4) meets regulatory requirements for max day demand and fire flow; (5) cost (relative to \$9-million); (6) feasible for implementation.

The Board of Directors after discussing criteria requested staff further investigate 9 of the 45 alternatives numbered (1) Tank at Site A; (17) install bladder in Las Virgenes Reservoir for treated water; (18a) voluntary expanded water conservation; (18b) mandatory expanded water conservation; (20a) voluntary irrigation shutoff controller; (20b) mandatory irrigation shutoff controller; (21) expand conservation rebates; (23) moratorium on new meters (west end); and (31) Calleguas Municipal Water District interconnection.

A summary of direction from the Board included: add "(7) Probability" to screening criteria, and outline an approach for conducting of a probability analysis (scope of work, request for proposals, potential consultants).

Director Polan requested an item to discuss a Group Think Fund (Legal Counsel Lemieux stated this is not an alternative, but a way to develop alternatives).

B Web Analytics

Communications and Media Coordinator Peters gave a presentation entitled "LVMWD Website Google Analytics Report", which discusses category definitions (total website visits, unique visitors, page views, pages per visit, average duration, new visitors, returning visitors, bounce rate (single page use without using links)); visits to web site; visits to board meeting video; Top 10 page views April through June 2013.

General Manager Pedersen stated future web analytics reporting to the Board of Directors would be included in his "Monthly Report of District Activities".

C Legislative and Regulatory Updates

General Manager Pedersen reported AB 72 was recently signed into law, future Oaths of Office would be taken at noon on the first Friday in December and that Legal Counsel would prepare

a Resolution to amend the Code accordingly; AB 145 (Perea) Drinking Water Program (oppose along with ACWA); new EPA-TMDL deadline is July 2nd.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Director Glen Peterson, seconded by Director Lee Renger, 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 May 14, 2013. Approve
- **B** List of Demands: June 25, 2013. **Approve**
- C Investment Report for the Month of May 2013. Approve

6. TREASURER

Treasurer Polan reported all financial data looked good and that a special courier is paid to take deposits to the bank, which he supports 100%.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Calabasas Road 10-inch Water Main Repair and Replacement: Continuation of Emergency Authorization

Approve continuation of the emergency authorization for the General Manager to replace approximately 1,500 feet of deteriorated 10-inch water main on Calabasas Road following informal bidding procedures in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

Director of Facilities and Operations Lippman provided an update in regards to the emergency authorization including: bids expected on June 26th and also on June 26th an update would be provided to the City of Calabasas City Council on the Calabasas Road 10-inch water main emergency repair and the 30" pipeline.

On a motion by Director Lee Renger, 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. GENERAL MANAGER

A California Direct Potable Reuse Initiative

Approve a \$50,000 total contribution provided in two equal amounts over Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15 to the WateReuse Research Foundation for the California Direct Potable Reuse Initiative.

General Manager Pedersen gave a presentation entitled "Meeting California's Water Needs and Goals - Advancing Direct Potable Reuse", which discusses California Recycled Water Goals; Success Stories/Public Acceptance; Success of WateReuse Research; Up to 100,00 unknown chemicals in wastewater; 120 drinking water regulations; Pharmaceuticals 2001; Type of compounds that will pass through reverse osmosis; Senate Bill 918 (Pavley); Indirect potable reuse concept; Direct potable reuse concept; Research needed; How to fund SB 918; Four pillars of funding (public, private, vendors, philanthropy); Committed water agencies; Committed consulting engineering firms; Metropolitan Foundational Action Program; Recommendations (contribute \$50,000 over two fiscal years).

A summary of Board comments included: ATP (advanced treatment process); lack of suitable

groundwater basin/is groundwater recharge economically feasible (groundwater is poor quality, direct potable reuse is the best option for Las Virgenes); is Triunfo participating (Las Virgenes has not asked Triunfo as the District is looking at this from a potable supply stance).

General Manager Pedersen reported that Eastern Municipal Water District is looking at a zero-liquid waste brine concentrator study.

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

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

B Records Management and Library Services: Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 4

Approve Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for Professional Services with Ictus Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$43,680 for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

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

9. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A Claim by Dan Meyer

Deny the claim from Dan Meyer.

President Caspary stated Mr. Meyer's public comments were heard earlier in the meeting.

A summary of Board comments included: did Las Virgenes turn his water off/on (not that staff could find, customer is on a hydro-pneumatic system, so it experiences pressure changes, the Code does not guarantee pressure, staff did not find any abnormality in pressure during date of the event); did we send an outage notice (no, as customer did not have an outage).

Director Renger stated if customer is aware of a pressure problem then it's his responsibility to install a switch to correct the problem.

On a motion by Director Charles Caspary, seconded by Director Barry Steinhardt, the Board of Directors voted 3-2 to Approve an alternate recommendation for Dan Meyer to be offered a one-time payment of \$100 to purchase a pressure switch (Legal Counsel Lemieux stated settlement would be contingent upon claimant signing a settlement and release of claim prepared by legal counsel).

AYES: Director(s) Caspary , Polan , Steinhardt

NOES: Director(s) Peterson, Renger

B Prepayment of CalPERS Fiscal Year 2013-14 Employer Contribution

Authorize the General Manager to prepay the CalPERS Fiscal Year 2013-14 annual employer contribution in the amount of \$1,736,776.

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

10. 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 Water District including: Bay Delta Conservation Plan and 23 lawsuits had been filed pertaining to the Delta Stewardship Council.
- (2) None.

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

Directors Renger and Polan reported on their attendance at the AWA WaterWise breakfast, which included a presentation of the Carlsbad Desalination Project (an estimated 50 million gallons-per-day of treated water will be delivered).

Director Caspary reported on his attendance at the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Governing Board meeting during which the topics of workplan revisions, budget cuts, possible introduction of the red legged frog into the watershed, Enhanced Watershed Management Program were discussed.

Director Peterson reported he had met with Assemblyman Richard Bloom to discuss the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

- **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: Westlake Filtration Plant started up; vacation notification; and presented Director of Finance and Administration, Sandra Hicks with her 15-year Service Award and gift.
- (2) General Manager Pedersen provided an update on follow up items that had been completed including: web analytics; public outreach for 1235' backbone pipeline; research any mention of need for potable water storage tank at Las Virgenes Reservoir from the 1960's (tank was not mentioned, but storage in the west end was); provide information in regards to comment by Cindy Lin (EPA) of another region where the drainage area is influenced by the Monterey Formation yet the BMI scores are high (referring to Chesebro Site #6).

D Director's Comments

Director Polan stated he went to the newly opened lagoon, Malibu Times article on Rindge Dam removal; contact Matt Williams, City of Davis Water Advisory Committee (General Manager Pedersen reported he had met with Tom Ash regarding budget-based water rates (similar to Matt Williams concept)).

Director Renger stated he was glad the second "Public Comments" period was added to the agenda to allow people to speak who cannot be here at 5:00 p.m. Director Steinhardt said it's a nice gesture, but the public doesn't know when to show up.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No speaker cards were received from the public.

The meeting convened into break at 9:19 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

The meeting reconvened into Closed Session at 9:24 p.m.

- A Labor Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6):
 - 1. Employee Compensation and Benefits
- B Threat to Public Services or Facilities Consultation with David Pedersen, General Manager (Government Code Section 54957(a))
- C 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.
- **D** Conference with District Counsel Existing Litigation:
 - 1. Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson
- E Conference with District Counsel Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (a)):
 - 1. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District v. Millgee Investment Company, Inc.

14. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting convened into Open Session at 10:32 p.m. No reportable actions were taken during Closed Session.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

CHARLES CASPARY, Preside Board of Directors

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

ATTEST;

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

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