

**LAS VIRGENES - TRIUNFO
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

5:00 PM

October 7, 2013

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Director McReynolds.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A Call to order and roll call:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Director McReynolds in the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District office and Clerk of the Board Bodenhamer called the roll. Those answering present were Directors Iceland, McReynolds, Orkney, Paule, Polan, Renger and Steinhardt. Absent: Director Caspary, Director Peterson and Director Wall.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Approval of agenda

On a motion by Director Michael Paule, seconded by Director Steven Iceland, the Board of Directors voted 7-0 -3 to Approve the JPA Regular Board Meeting agenda of October 7, 2013

AYES: Director(s) Iceland , McReynolds , Orkney , Paule , Polan , Renger , Steinhardt

ABSENT: Director(s) Wall , Peterson , Caspary

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may now address the Board of Directors **ON MATTERS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**, but within the jurisdiction of the Board. No action shall be taken on any matter not appearing on the agenda unless authorized by Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54954.2

No speaker cards were received from the public.

4. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A **Development of Recycled Water Transmission and Distribution System**

Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen introduced Financial Analyst, Doug Anders who presented on the Recycled Water System Construction that began in 1972.

Director Wall arrived at the meeting: 5:06 pm.

Mr. Anders explained the maps of the Recycled Water System Service Area; 4 maps were included in the presentation; the Consolidated Map with 005 discharge point, tanks and point of entry; Group A map has JPA Backbone and Ventura County connections. JPA question:

What was built in 1972? (Legal Counsel, Lemieux: probably the pipeline in Las Virgenes Road to the sprayfields); Group B map contained the JPA Funded Distribution System along with the number of miles of pipeline; Group C Map showed the Developer Funded Distribution System; it shows the number of miles of pipelines and number of service accounts; JPA questions: Is there any tracking of the impact of fish flows on the creek? (Pedersen: no) Referring back to the maps, California Water Service distributes to what customer? (Anders: was not sure but will look into that information) Does all of the water supplied to Ventura County go through the Indian Hills Tank? (Pedersen: yes) JPA would like to know how much water Westlake Sports Park uses.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Special Meeting of August 5, 2013 and Regular Meeting of September 3, 2013. Approve

Director Steinhardt requested to move the meeting minutes of September 3rd to the next meeting for approval as there was confusion with the wording of the minutes from the Board Comments section and requested they be revised to read more clearly.

On a motion by Director Janna Orkney, seconded by Director Steven Iceland, the Board of Directors voted 8-0 -2 to Approve the JPA Special Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2013 and to move the minutes of September 3, 2013 to the next meeting for approval.

AYES: Director(s) Iceland , McReynolds , Orkney , Paule , Polan , Renger , Steinhardt , Wall

ABSENT: Director(s) Caspary , Peterson

6. ACTION ITEMS

A Tapia Headworks Grit Conveyor: Award of Contract

Waive formal bidding requirements; award a contract for the design and construction of the improvements for the Tapia Headworks Grit Conveyor Project to PACE Advanced Water Engineering in the amount of \$113,360.00; and reject all remaining bids upon receipt of duly executed contract documents.

Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen reported the overhead crane to move the headworks grit bins requires inspection and needs to be upgraded; it's cost prohibitive, about \$150,000; Pace Engineering is recommended to do the job in the amount of \$113,360; a conveyor system will be used; 3 bids were received from Austin Mac, KWS Environmental and Custom Conveyor; requesting to waive formal bid requirements and reject all remaining bids; Pace will purchase the equipment from Austin Mac. Water Reclamation Manager Brett Dingman stated the District has used Austin Mac at Rancho in the past and feels confident in their work. JPA questions: What are we losing by not doing a formal bid? (Lemieux: JPA does not have bidding requirements) Why is their bid amount so much lower than the other bids? (Dingman: they most likely do in-house fabrication so it's cheaper) Is it a fixed price bid? (Pedersen: yes, it is for a fully designed, installed and functional conveyor system) Does it include demolition and removal? (Pedersen: no)

On a motion by Director Janna Orkney, seconded by Director Lee Renger, the Board of Directors voted 8-0 -2 to Approve the recommendation as presented.

AYES: Director(s) Iceland , McReynolds , Orkney , Paule , Polan , Renger , Steinhardt , Wall

ABSENT: Director(s) Caspary , Peterson

B Recycled Water Reservoir No. 2 Improvements: Request for Proposals

Receive and file the Reservoir No. 2 Improvements Study (LVMWD Report No. 2537.00)

prepared by HDR Engineering, Inc. and approve the issuance of a request for proposals for the design of the Reservoir No. 2 improvements.

Administering Agent/General Manager reported on the Reservoir 2 Improvements; the reservoir has a concrete bottom and water quality has been a problem in the past; in 2010 the Regional Water Quality Control Board included new permit requirements when discharging to the Los Angeles River; HDR completed a study on the recommendations; samples drawn from Reservoir 2 have not always met the requirements due to sediment; the reservoir is open to elements and the side slopes are not lined; it has not been cleaned since the late 1980's; temporary storage tanks would need to be used; HDR's recommendations are to install a polypropylene membrane liner and to use shade balls; Pedersen stated Silver Lake Reservoir has used them; it reduces algal growth. JPA questions: How big are the shade balls? (Dingman: about the size of a softball) During fire season, will the balls cause a problem when pulling water from the reservoir? (Pedersen: the Fire Department goes below the surface when pulling water so it would not pose a problem) (Facilities Manager Larry Miller brought a sample ball in and passed it around for the JPA Board to see) Are bird droppings in the reclaimed water a problem? (Pedersen: yes, that is a potential but generally not a major problem) Are we meeting the requirements at 005? (Pedersen: the Recycled Water Pump Station discharge was picked as a monitoring point for compliance at 005) Is there runoff from the hills? (Pedersen: there is runoff that reaches the reservoir; the debris is meant to drop out before entering the reservoir; the debris basins will be cleaned out too)

On a motion by Director Michael Paule, seconded by Director Lee Renger, the Board of Directors voted 8-0 -2 to Approve the recommendation as presented.

AYES: Director(s) Iceland , McReynolds , Orkney , Paule , Polan , Renger , Steinhardt , Wall

ABSENT: Director(s) Caspary , Peterson

C Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility Amendment Purchase and Excess Compost Sale: Terminate Agromin Contract and Execute B&B Pallet Contract

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to terminate the agreement with Agromin in accordance with the terms of the contract and to execute a new one-year contract with two one-year renewal options with B&B Pallet.

Administering Agent/General Manager made a request to authorize termination of the agreement with Agromin in accordance with the terms of the contract and to execute a new contract with B&B Pallet; in the late part of last year there was a request for bids for the Amendment Contract at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility; it's a 2-part service for receiving amendment and hauling away compost; the current vendor is impacting the cost of operations; their amendment is coarse and not as fine as we require; their service is not responsive; they have a lack of deliveries and they have tried to deliver after hours as well; referring to the attachments for this agenda item, Table #2, Original Financial Analysis which shows the assumptions; currently 2 times the amount of amendment is being used; it would be better financially to go back to B&B Pallet; the District is currently paying \$170k more than anticipated; Agromin would be given 60-days notice for cancellation; Dingman passed around samples of amendment from Agromin which has green waste in it from avocados which is not supposed to be there; he stated that B&B's amendment has smaller particles. JPA questions included: Do we have any recourse? (Lemieux: probably not if we accepted the deliveries) Will it affect the budget? (Pedersen: yes, it will have an impact) Can B&B start now? (Dingman: B&B is ready to start)

On a motion by Director Lee Renger, seconded by Director Steven Iceland, the Board of Directors voted 8-0 -2 to Approve the recommendation as presented.

AYES: Director(s) Iceland , McReynolds , Orkney , Paule , Polan , Renger , Steinhardt , Wall

ABSENT: Director(s) Caspary, Peterson

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Orkney: The JPA Watershed tour was outstanding. The Publisher for the Acorn and 2 Oak Park Students were there.

Director Paule: Thanked Jeff Reinhardt and Carlos Reyes for the work they did on setting up a presentation for the Ventura County Special Districts Association; the feedback was positive; Mark Franklin called and PJ Media wants to do a video interview on EPA TMDL. (Lemieux: that is a Brown Act item and a motion needs to be made to add it to the agenda) (Orkney: it deserves investigation) (Renger: is in favor of doing it)

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager reported he had breakfast with Ruskin Hartley from Heal the Bay and he comes from an environmental background and has a good perspective on opportunities for change in the watershed.

The groundbreaking for the Solar Facility will take place on October 18th at 10:00 am; invitations were sent out; the solar panels will be talked about; good attendance is expected; people need to RSVP to Carol if they intend on going.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A **Maintenance Agreement Renewal for Sewer Metering Stations**

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The meeting convened to break at 6:32 pm.

12. CLOSED SESSION

A **Conference with District Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)):**

1. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District vs. Onsite Power Systems, Inc.
2. Las Virgenes - Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency
3. Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson

B **Real Property Acquisition (Government Code Section 54956.8):**

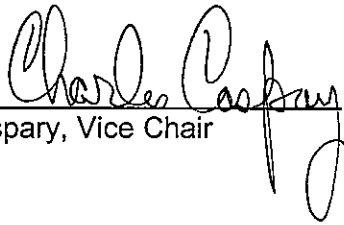
1. APNs 4455-001-006, 4455-002-013, 4455-025-010
2. APNs 4455-014-005, 4455-027-001

13. ADJOURNMENT



Michael McReynolds, Chair

ATTEST:



Charles Caspary, Vice Chair