



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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

February 11, 2014

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A Call to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Board President Caspary in the District offices. Secretary Steinhardt called the roll. Those answering present were Directors Charles Caspary, Glen Peterson, Leonard Polan, Lee Renger and Barry Steinhardt.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Approval of agenda

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public speaker cards were received.

4. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Legislative and Regulatory Updates

General Manager Pedersen suggested that items 4A and 4B be covered together; an outline of the discussion items was provided; attachment (1) included a comparison chart of the varying water bond bills; key points: water storage and delta sustainability component; Wolk Bill was recently amended; the Bill does not support the goals of the water community; SB927 is a new bill; Legislator is from Modesto and focuses on agricultural interests; AB1445 invests

in water storage.

Drought related items included: Steinberg introduced a drought bill that was a "gut-and-amend" of previous bill for CEQA reform; attachment #2 shows what is included in the Bill; reallocating existing monies; \$472 million to DWR; Federal level HR 3964; Emergency Water Delivery Act; intent is to relax regulatory restrictions; always a concern; preemption of State regulatory process; the Bill is opposed by Governor Brown and Senator Boxer.

Water supply conditions were discussed; 6.6 inches of rain; bumped up the 8-station index; went from 5 to 11.8 inches which leaves us in the driest year on record but helped a little; the snow pack is 18% of average.

B Governor's Emergency Drought Declaration: Response Measures

Resource Conservation and Public Outreach Director, Carlos Reyes reviewed drought actions completed to date; future events; other drought related activities and ongoing public outreach programs.

General Manager Pedersen stated that drought talking points would be brought back to the Board so everyone could relay the same message; a drought presentation would be prepared to spread awareness; a Resolution would be brought to the Board, calling for a 20% reduction in water use responding to the drought.

The Water Summit 2014, tentatively scheduled for April 3rd, will convene speakers to talk about the drought and its impact; other future drought response measures include: considering water use restrictions implementing the allocation program, if MWD implements; reviewing how the customer appeal process will be managed; using social media; placing advertisements in the paper; and taking escalating action for repeat wasters.

C Budget-Based Water Rates: Discussion of Workshop and Next Steps

General Manager Pedersen reported that time ran short for the Budget Based Water Rates Workshop on January 30th and would like to give the Board an opportunity to make comments; he proposed to have another workshop on February 26th or 27th; Director Peterson stated that he would not be available on those dates; General Manager Pedersen will look at other dates that will work for all.

Director Renger wants to know how we will handle fixed costs and allocate them to the tiers; Director Steinhardt would like to see other sample customers and how they would be charged; Director Caspary would like to see data on other agencies going to Budget Based Rates.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

A List of Demands: February 11, 2014. Approve

B Directors' Per Diem: January 2014. Ratify

6. TREASURER

Director Polan stated that there are increases from Metropolitan that we will be facing.

7. FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

A 1,235 Ft. Backbone Improvement Project Calabasas Pipeline: Approval of Scope Change for Materials Testing Services

Authorize the General Manager to execute a Change In Scope Agreement with BTC Labs-Vertical Five in the amount of \$13,000 for additional materials testing required for the 1,235 Ft. Backbone Improvement Project Calabasas Pipeline Project.

Director Renger asked how the project was going (Lippman: provided an update on the project stating that the traffic on Mureau Road will return to normal; the tie-in will be complete this week; they are on schedule and on budget) Director Caspary asked about the compaction in the trench (Lippman: the pipe zone is 12" above and below the pipe)

Discussion took place and other questions were answered.

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

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

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Claim from Gordon Emile Blinn

No discussion took place on this item.

9. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

- (1) MWD
 - a. Representative Report/Agenda(s)
- (2) Other

Director Peterson reported that Pankaj Parekh, ACWA Water Quality Committee Chairman, passed away due to on-going complications from a motorcycle accident; MWD's Board has a new member, Jennifer Fitzgerald from Fullerton; Director Peterson reported that a settlement had been reached with the City of Monterey Park for Garvey Reservoir which had a leak.

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

C General Manager Reports

- (1) General Business
- (2) Follow-Up Items

General Manager Pedersen reported that the solar generation system is up and running well within 365 days after executing the contract; ahead of schedule.

The Los Angeles Chapter of WaterReuse Association had its meeting at the District's office with 65 people today.

The City of Westlake Village will discuss the MOU on the 5MG tank at its Council meeting on February 12th.

The Calabasas Road Water Main Replacement Project was selected for the APWA "Project Of The Year" award.

Staff has been in contact with Metropolitan on operational changes being made in response to the drought.

D Director's Comments

Director Polan spoke about the contractor videotaping Three Springs Drive and wanted to know if it was performed in high definition. (Lippman: responded that staff would verify that is was high definition video)

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Renger requested that staff look into making an adjustment to the sewer rate plan and look at the past two years of potable water usage for customers due to the anomaly with the dry conditions this year; Director Caspary asked staff to bring back information on it.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public speaker cards were received.

Open session was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was started at 6:35 p.m.

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

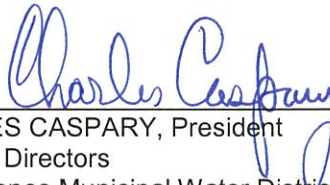
1. Las Virgenes - Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency
2. Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson
3. City of Agoura Hills v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, et al. (4 cases)
4. Marzan v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
5. Datamatic, Ltd. Bankruptcy Case
6. Bradly Cohn v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, et al.
7. Pacific Bell Telephone Company v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, et al.

Closed session ended at 7:27 p.m.

13. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Open session was reconvened at 7:28 p.m. It was noted that no actions were taken during closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 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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