



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

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

5:00 PM

August 12, 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 **5:05 p.m.** by Board President Caspary in the District offices. Daryl Betancur, Clerk of the Board conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors, Polan, Renger, Steinhardt, and Board President Caspary.

Absent: Director Peterson

Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager
Daryl Betancur, Clerk of the Board
David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations
Carlos Reyes, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach
Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration
Wayne Lemieux, District Counsel

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Approval of agenda

General Manager Pedersen indicated that staff would like to request that the matter of Bonvino v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District be added to the agenda; that an item arose after publication of the agenda for the Board to consider. District Counsel Lemieux stated that action needs to be taken on this matter before the next meeting.

Board President Caspary stated that he wanted to add that item to the agenda as item 10B and that the Board can move it up accordingly when District Counsel Keith Lemieux arrives. President Caspary also stated that he would like to reschedule item 7B, regarding the General Manager Employment Agreement, to a future agenda when there is a full Board; that there is a policy issue with this item,

which deserves the full Board's attention and is consistent with past Board practices.

Director Steinhardt commented that on item 7B he would hope that the Board would meet in private session to discuss.

District Counsel Lemieux stated that on the performance part of the contract, the Board needs to entertain discussion in closed session; however, the part of the contract that has to do with price has to be done in public.

Director Steinhardt further commented that the Board discussed what was going to be put together and now that has deviated from what the Board had discussed previously.

District Counsel Lemieux commented that he is in favor of listing it on the agenda for closed as well as open session because he does not think it is appropriate to discuss the performance part in open session and that could bleed into the content of the discussion; and that the Board needs to be vigilant when the Board goes into closed session to only talk about the performance part of that and that we can do it at the same meeting.

Board President Caspary stated that this will be put on a future agenda for closed session and open session when all Directors are here.

With the given changes, President Caspary called for a motion. Director Renger moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andrew Abrams, resident of Agoura Hills, spoke about the issue of keeping solar panels on the roof clean. He stated that his HOA (Morrison Ranch) is requiring him to wash his solar panels amidst the extreme drought when people are being asked to conserve water. He stated that he had attended his HOA meeting and asked questions and he was directed to the Water District to ascertain if the District has a policy on this.

There were several comments and questions from the Board on this subject. The comments included: that the washing of solar panels is an exemption to the limitations on water use (Renger); water run-off location (Renger); District's ruling on washing solar panels (Steinhardt); solar panel contracts require them to be cleaned once a year (Steinhardt); and home owner required to clean them up (Steinhardt) according to the respective contract in order to maintain their efficiency.

General Manager Pedersen spoke about the current provisions in the Las Virgenes Code and stated that it has a series of policies that pertain to water wasting; that the one that is relevant in this case has to do with using water for what is called cleaning or sweeping hard surfaces; he read the provision as written in the code. Mr. Pedersen stated that in this context the provision does not prohibit the use of water for cleaning solar panels.

June Slayton, resident of Agoura Hills, addressed the Board with a concern about a pervasive water leak she had on her property for over a year and for which she incurred substantial expenses and a high water usage bill; she stated that she would like the Board to address the issue of the water leak adjustments.

She commented that in May 2013 she had found a yellow tag on her gate, which was informing her about the water leak and because she wanted to take care of it right away, she proceeded to hire people to come to her property to attempt to find out the source of the leak; that after several repairs in terms of changing sprinkler valves and the timer on the sprinkler clock, the bills kept on coming and were higher and they could not find where the leak was; that she hired another contractor who began digging the yard up and changed some plumbing and that repair resulted in some high bills; that after this repair, she contracted with another plumber who came and apparently found a leak where the equipment was in the front and that after that, the water bills went back to normal.

She went on to speak about the issue of the water adjustment policy and that she wanted to get specific information on this because staff had told her that the District only issues one \$20.00 credit in a 10-year period and that she had already used her \$20.00 credit since she had a leak 8 years prior.

She commented that while she recalls the leak, she does not recall having signed anything nor does she have any document saying that she signed or received a \$20.00 credit.

Following Ms. Slayton's comments, there was a substantial discussion about it. Board President Caspary stated that he wanted staff to let her know what the policy states as it relates to leak adjustments, which is a policy that is in writing and is a policy that has been adopted by the Board. He further stated that staff is not authorized to make changes to a policy that has been adopted by the Board only the Board can make that decision or make an exception to a policy that the Board has adopted.

Board President Caspary asked General Manager Pedersen to read the language of the policy.

General Manager Pedersen stated that the Board does have a policy that provides for leak adjustments for customers who have a leak and who can demonstrate that they repaired the leak; the policy as written currently and authorized by the Board, provides for one leak adjustment every ten years for customers and it includes agreement by the customer that those are the conditions of the adjustment; the adjustment is actually for one billing period only; the way the adjustment amount is determined is by comparing the billing period for which the leak occurred with the prior or the same period in the prior year and then taking the difference, and that difference being assumed to be the leak amount, dividing that in half and splitting that with the customer thus, the customer would pay for half that amount and the District would forgive the other half.

Mr. Pedersen stated that as it related to Ms. Slayton's account, there was a leak adjustment on October 20, 2008 for \$21.51; that the District's policy is to provide for leak adjustments for an amount up to \$1,500 as a maximum.

Director Steinhardt asked whether or not the District had any signed documents that indicated that Ms. Slayton got the money or acknowledges that. Further, he asked that if it is a policy that the District has to have a signed document from the rate payer.

General Manager Pedersen commented that it is the District's practice to have a signed document from the customer that shows the terms of the leak adjustment and staff does not have that document in this particular customer's file.

Director Steinhardt asked Ms. Slayton a number of questions to corroborate the fact that this matter is something that she brought to his attention as a rate payer; that there is no prior relationship or connection between her as a customer and him as a Director; that he is simply advocating for a rate payer of this water District who is seeking some help. Further, Mr. Steinhardt made comments relative to how this item was requested through the General Manager's Office to be placed on the agenda and that he was given the impression that it was so agendized and then after a discussion between the Board President and the General Manager, this item was pulled from the agenda and he was informed that it would be best that this item be placed on the agenda in the proper manner under the heading of public comments where future agenda items are discussed during Board meetings.

Board President Caspary stated that the District has a written policy as to how things get on agendas and that Director Steinhardt is well aware of how things get on agendas and that process is during public comments and he is well aware of this. Further, President Caspary stated that Director Steinhardt apparently promised something that he had yet to deliver; therefore, Director Steinhardt will have the opportunity at the end of the meeting to request a future agenda item under public comments and if he gets a second, it will then be on the agenda; and that the customer is welcome to come back at that time or not.

Director Steinhardt inquired of District Counsel Lemieux as to whether or not it is in the Code if the General Manager can put things on the agenda with District Counsel answering in the affirmative.

General Manager Pedersen outlined the process of how things get on the agenda and stated that the General Manager prepares the agenda; submits it to the President of the Board for review and approval; that was done and this was discussed with the President who opted to have this item as he described added at the request of the Director wanting it to be placed on a future agenda.

There was an in-depth discussion relative to the policy; how the policy can be applied to this particular set of circumstances; and whether or not Ms. Slayton had called the District to ask staff for assistance in determining if there was a leak. Director Renger commented that one of the services the District has is that the District will send somebody out to check the meter when everything else is turned off to see if the water was still flowing; and that the fact that staff can't find a document with her signature that is significant and that should come up again and we should discuss that.

The Board requested for Ms. Slayton to come back when this gets on a future agenda and for staff to notify Ms. Slayton in writing regarding when this comes back to the Board.

Director Steinhardt moved to place this item on the next agenda when the full Board will be here. Motion seconded by Director Polan.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A **Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 24, 2014. Approve**

B **Director's Per Diem: July 2014. Ratify**

C **List of Demands: August 12, 2014. Approve**

Director Polan moved to approve the consent calendar items 4A-C. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Director Steinhardt thanked the Clerk of the Board for the minutes commenting that there is a little change in them and that he likes what was put together; therefore, he will sign them. Motion carried unanimously.

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A **Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta Emergency Preparedness: Presentation by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**

General Manager Pedersen commented that at the July 8 Board meeting Director Renger had requested that staff bring back more information for the Board regarding emergency preparedness for an outage or an emergency situation in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta. Mr. Pedersen introduced Randall Neudeck and Brandon Goshi from Metropolitan Water District to make the presentation.

There was a lengthy presentation on this subject, which included the following topics: water supply portfolio, key Delta risks (fishery declines, seismic risk, sea level rise and subsidence), how earthquakes could impact water supply, regional emergency storage and actions, emergency storage requirements and emergency storage calculation, other available storage options and locations, and conservation.

Answers to Board member questions were provided by Mr. Neudeck and Mr. Goshi.

B **Update on Water Conservation and Public Outreach Efforts (Item heard in conjunction with item 10A).**

General Manager Pedersen stated that staff was suggesting that this item be heard in conjunction with item 10A because it is a good segway into the discussion of the drought response measures.

Carlos Reyes, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach briefed the Board on recent water conservation efforts by the District and went right into the presentation relative to item 10A.

In relation to emergency regulations, Mr. Reyes stated that this presentation will explain how the District proposes to comply with the new regulations imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board. He commented that the emergency regulations have two major components: 1) prohibited activities in promotion of water conservation and the levy of fines up to \$500.00 for each day of violation; and 2) mandatory actions by water suppliers, which are required to implement a Water Shortage Contingency Plan or limit irrigation to two days per week. He commented that MWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plan covers water shortages between 5% to 50%; spoke about the CADWR review of the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan; spoke about the different stages of water shortage conditions referred to as stages 1-4 and the different actions associated with each one.

Mr. Reyes also spoke about the triggers and key actions for the different stages, and mentioned that the proposed Water Shortage Contingency Plan includes the following:

- Stage 1- Water Shortage Alert (0 to 1%- Voluntary)
- Stage 2- Water Shortage Warning (10 to 20%- Voluntary)
- Stage 3- Water Shortage Emergency (20 to 50% mandatory reduction, outdoor watering restrictions)
- Stage 4- Critical Water Shortage Emergency (50% + reduction- no outdoor water use)

In addition to the prohibited activities, Mr. Reyes briefly touched upon what the exemptions were to the regulations, stating that watering is permitted at any time with a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off, a faucet-filled bucket of five-gallons or less, or a drip irrigation system; spoke about enforcement as well.

There were several questions from the Board relative to timing of irrigation limitations; reporting and enforcement requirements, what happens if someone under a Freedom of Information Act request wants to know who made a report on him; waters savings derived from high efficiency clothes washer and low-flow toilets, how much money the District gives out for that; the amount for each one of these categories. Mr. Reyes commented that for high efficiency clothes washers it is \$80.00 dollars per unit; and the high efficiency toilet is \$50.00 dollars per unit.

Director Renger further asked whether or not staff has any idea what would be saved per year for the number of units and if staff could find out how much the savings amount is for the toilets and washers.

District Counsel Lemieux stated that the Public Records Act has a few exceptions, some in the law enforcement area that are archaic but that he will look into it and report back.

Mr. Reyes stated that the recommended actions regarding this item include: approval of the updated Water Shortage Contingency plan; pass, approve and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 274; and pass, approve and adopt Resolution No. 2460.

Board President Caspary asked as to whether or not staff is making a distinction between potable water customers and reclaimed water customers in terms of the odd/even irrigation schedule. Mr. Reyes stated that in this proposal staff did not make such a distinction.

There were a few more questions from the Board regarding drip irrigation and its enforcement with the understanding that this is exempted under the regulations and solar panels. General Manager Pedersen commented that when these emergency regulations were initially prepared, they were written in a more draconian fashion; he clarified the issue of watering hard surfaces stating that there are instances where it makes sense to use water on hard surfaces and that solar panels was specifically

mentioned in the ACWA comment letter.

Donna Robinson, Manager of the L.A. Pet Memorial Park Cemetery addressed the Board on the issue of the new regulations and associated compliance; she stated that she is seeking feedback related to how her organization can go about meeting the requirements of these regulations without causing any detrimental or significant impact to the maintenance of the park, considering that they have installed smart sprinklers; and what are the restrictions at this point that they need to comply with.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Ms. Robinson's circumstances with General Manager Pedersen discussing several options including: outdoor irrigation shall be no more than three times per week; however, to address the issue of recycled water customers which is unique, the Board could consider some form of exception or exemption for recycled water system users that demonstrate that they employed best management practices for water conservation and indicate so on the property; explained why this is needed.

Following several comments and questions from the Board, Director Steinhardt made a motion as follows:

- Regarding solar panels, as Director Caspary had said, once every six months, using recycled water if at all possible; otherwise using potable water with a shuttle off nozzle;
- Add to it that...we put together a five member panel that each Board member selects someone to be on and that the District handles situations through that process where customers will work with staff to get those cases resolved and make decisions based on staff recommendations; and
- That the Board gives that entity a four-week moratorium on the situation, for the panel, staff, if necessary, the Board to make a final decision

District Counsel Lemieux suggested that this is essentially an amendment to the Ordinance that is being offered for the agenda or that it could be a change to the resolution that is on the agenda, especially the review panel part and since the review panel isn't something that is going to happen for four weeks anyway, that staff can bring back language to the Board on that issue at a later time for an amendment to the Ordinance that has a review panel provision.

Director Steinhardt asked District Counsel for clarification as to whether or not he was proposing to remove the five member panel with Mr. Lemieux stating that indeed that was his intention. Subsequently, Director Steinhardt conceded that he was willing to pull that part out in order to move this forward, but that he wanted to deal with the situation of the pet cemetery sooner rather than later.

Board President Caspary reiterated that basically he had restated what Mr. Pedersen, General Manager had said a little differently and that was that three day a week on an add/even basis or a demonstrated program for reclaimed water users that has the proper signage, has the smart controllers and has a high water efficiency factor that meets essentially the water use reductions of a three-day irrigation program.

Director Steinhardt stated that Board President Caspary's language could be the motion. Prior to the vote, Director Renger asked as to whether or not Mr. Steinhardt was abandoning the issue of the solar panels with Director Steinhardt answering in the affirmative noting that staff could look into that.

Director Steinhardt moved to adopt the proposed changes as recommended. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

District Counsel Lemieux stated that these changes will be folded into the Resolution.

General Manager Pedersen stated that because this relates to the adoption and passage of an Ordinance, the maker of the motion would need to conduct a first reading by title only and taking a roll call vote. Mr. Pedersen further clarified that the motion was to move staff's recommendation with the

changes to the Resolution; that the Board needed to do the following: 1) approve the Updated Water Shortage Contingency Plan; 2) Waive the full reading of the Urgency Ordinance; and 3) pass, approve and adopt Resolution No. 2460 with the changes.

Clerk of the Board Betancur asked Director Steinhardt as the maker of the motion to read the title of the Ordinance and Resolution by title only into the record. Above stated motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Director(s): Polan, Renger, Steinhardt and Board President Caspary
NOES: Director(s): None
ABSTAIN: Director(s): None

C Legislative and Regulatory Updates

General Manager Pedersen updated the Board on the issue of the Water Bond; stating that the legislature needs to pass an alternate water bond bill by Friday, August 15 in order for it to get to the Governor and subsequently on the November Ballot.

6. TREASURER

Director Polan stated that he had met with Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration and that he is satisfied with the report.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A CASA Annual Business Meeting: Board of Directors Election.

Designate and authorize a Board Member to cast the District's vote in favor of the 12-member slate of directors recommended by the Nominations Committee of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies at its annual business meeting on August 21, 2014.

Board President Caspary moved that Director Steinhardt cast the vote in favor of the 12 member slate of Directors. Director Polan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B General Manager Employment Agreement: Consideration of Amendment.

Approve an amendment to the existing Employment Agreement for the General Manager to provide that upon termination of employment without cause, the District shall continue to pay the salary and medical/dental premiums for the General Manager for a period of nine months; and authorize the Board President to execute an amendment to the Employment Agreement for the same in a form approved by District Legal Counsel.

Item pulled for future meeting when all Directors are present.

8. FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

A Recycled Water Reservoir No. 2 Improvements: Call for bids

Authorize a Call for Bids for the Recycled Water Reservoir No. 2 Improvements Project in accordance with the project specifications and proposed bid schedule.

General Manager Pedersen presented the staff report and stated that this is a call for bids for this project; the Board back in February had approved a proposal for Pace Engineering to do the design work; the design work is now completed. Mr. Pedersen explained what the project entailed.

There were a number of questions from the Board regarding discharge limits, using fishing lines, and

birds of prey.

Director Renger moved to approve as recommended by staff. Motion seconded by Director Steinhardt. Motion carried unanimously.

9. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A **Supply of Cla-Val Parts and Products: Award**

Accept the bid from Ferguson Waterworks and authorize the General Manager to execute a one-year contract with Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$100,000, with three one-year renewal options, for the supply of Cla-Val parts and products.

General Manager Pedersen stated that the District had a request for bids for the purchase of Cla-Val parts and products and that staff received four bids; he explained the process of what is contained in the bids and spoke about the significant discount received.

Director Steinhardt interjected and stated that he may have to recuse himself due to a potential conflict of interest and asked District Counsel if he should recuse himself since he had done some business with one of these vendors.

District Counsel Lemieux stated that if Director Steinhardt had something to gain, then he should leave the room or sit in the audience. Director Steinhardt stepped off the dais and accordingly left the room at 7:24 p.m.

Director Polan moved to accept staff's recommendation. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Director(s):	Polan, Renger, and Board President Caspary
NOES:	Director(s):	None
ABSTAIN:	Director(s):	Steinhardt (Recused)

Following the vote, Director Steinhardt returned to the dais at 7:26 p.m.

B **Annual Backflow Prevention Device Testing: Request for Bids**

Authorize a Request for Bids for annual testing of backflow prevention devices.

Director Renger asked if customers are charged for backflow device testing. General Manager Pedersen asked Carlos Reyes, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach to provide clarification.

Mr. Reyes commented that there are three situations where the District requires a backflow device on services: 1) if you have recycled water going into the property, so there is a backflow device on the potable water supply line; 2) where a customer has multiple services (that is multiple potable water services) going into the property so that there is a possibility that customer can cross-connect those services within the property; and 3) where the customer has an alternate water supply on the property such as a tank or well, then, the customer would need to have a backflow device.

Director Renger clarified as to whether or not the District is charging the customer or if the District is footing the bill for the backflow device testing. Mr. Reyes commented that the only instance where the District does not charge a customer for the initial test of the backflow device is for recycled water, meaning that for recycled water customers the District pays for the cost of the initial testing; that all the other customers pay for that testing, which ends up in their water bill.

Director Steinhardt moved to accept staff's recommendation. Motion seconded by Director Renger.

Motion carried unanimously.

C Supply and Delivery of Sodium Bisulfate: Request for Bids.

Authorize a Request for Bids for the supply and delivery of sodium bisulfate; and authorize the General Manager to approve a purchase order with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$30,800, to continue supplying and delivering sodium bisulfite for approximately two months, pending selection of a new vendor.

Director Renger moved to accept staff's recommendation. Motion seconded by Director Steinhardt. Motion carried unanimously.

D Financial Review for Fourth Quarter of FY 2013-14: Preliminary.

Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration presented the staff report and discussed the highlights of the report including: total enterprise operation, noting that the revenues and expenditures continue to outpace the budget as a result of the increase in potable water demands during the last fiscal year; spoke about the total operating revenues and the source of supply; spoke about the potable water financial component this year, indicating that the total operating revenue estimated actual is just over \$35 million versus the \$32.4 million dollar budget and that is reflective of the increase in the potable water usage; spoke about operating income available for replacement projects, which came about even, noting that in the potable water area, the District has been drawing on the reserves to pay for the capital improvement projects and on-going maintenance, which is an important consideration as the District moves forward with the rate study. Other topics covered by Mr. Patterson included highlights of the recycled water funds and sanitation funds.

There were a few questions from the Board regarding: positive balance in the recycled water fund and what happens to that money; whether or not the estimated actuals included the accruals for the end-of-the-year as it relates to the audit.

Staff responded that what staff presented was not the audited numbers and that due to the results of the audit, the numbers may change somewhat once the year-end closing is done.

Director Renger moved to receive and file. Motion seconded by Director Polan and carried unanimously.

10. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

A Drought Response Measures: Updated Water Shortage Contingency Plan; Urgency Ordinance Amending Las Virgenes Code as it relates to Water Conservation and Water Shortage, and Resolution Establishing the Water Shortage Level and Restricting Outdoor Irrigation. (Item moved up on the agenda and heard with item 5B).

Approve the updated Water Shortage Contingency Plan; waive the full reading of proposed Urgency Ordinance No. 274, Amending Ordinance No. 11-86-161 (Las Virgenes Code) as it relates to Water Conservation and Water Shortage; pass, approve and adopt the Urgency Ordinance, given first reading by title only, by a roll call vote; order publication within 30 days of adoption using a summary of the Urgency Ordinance; and pass; approve and adopt Resolution No. 2460, establishing the water shortage level and restricting outdoor irrigation.

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 274: AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11-86-161 (LAS VIRGENES CODE) AS IT RELATES TO WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER SHORTAGE

RESOLUTION NO. 2460: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING THE WATER SHORTAGE LEVEL AND

RESTRICTING OUTDOOR IRRIGATION.

B Bonvino v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. (Added to agenda by Board's consent)

District Counsel Keith Lemieux provided a brief status report relative to the Bonvino case and stated that he had good news for a change in that Counsel for the plaintiff had notified District Counsel that he was seeking to dismiss the case; that what he was asking from the District was an agreement that he will dismiss the case with prejudice in exchange for a waiver of cost from the District; and that it is District Counsel's recommendation that the District accept said offer.

Board President Caspary moved to accept offer from opposing counsel to dismiss the case with prejudice. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

11. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

(1) MWD

None

(2) Other – None

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

Director Steinhardt reported on the ACWA Region 8, 9, and 10 meeting to discuss the October 26 and 27 conference; that the subject of MWD v. San Diego County Water Authority was taken off the table as a discussion item; spoke about the list of events at the conference including a water conservation panel with different participants from the Region to ascertain what they have done relative to conservation efforts.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager Pedersen reported on a couple of items including the 5-million gallon tank inspection tour, which went well and was well-attended by 82 guests; recognized all employees who helped coordinate the event; spoke about the Bay Delta Conservation Plan that the comment period had closed with the District submitting a comment letter, which was also provided to the Board; spoke about the upcoming State Water Project Tour on September 20-22; made reference to the list of items included on the Board's calendar.

(2) Follow-Up Items

None.

D Director's Comments

Director Polan commented on the issue of rebranding and asked that this be looked at closely and that every effort is made to move this along. General Manager Pedersen stated that he will be attending a meeting on August 28 in Orange County regarding this topic and that he will report back with additional information. There was a brief discussion on this item with some directors stating that while they are in support of a rebranding effort, it is best to take time as this is an important effort where the District has only one chance to get it right.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

14. CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to Closed Session at **8:29 p.m.**, and reconvened at **8:34 p.m.**

A Threat to Public Services or Facilities. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (a):

Consultation with David Pedersen, General Manager

B Conference with District Counsel- Existing Litigation. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a):

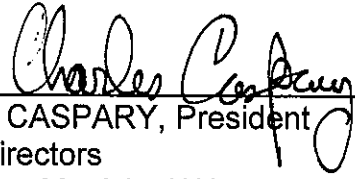
1. San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al.
2. Las Virgenes- Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency and Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson.

15. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

District Counsel Lemieux reported that the Board had met in closed session and entertained a briefing on Cyber Security by Harold Matthews, Information Systems Manager and that no action was taken.

On the matter regarding Las Virgenes- Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency and Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson, no action was taken.

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **8:35 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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