



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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

August 26, 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 5:02 p.m. by Board President Caspary in the District offices. Daryl Betancur, Clerk of the Board conducted the roll call.

Present: Director(s): Renger, Steinhardt, Peterson and Board President Caspary.
Absent: Director(s): Polan
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 there were no proposed changes to the agenda.

Director Renger moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sean Packer, resident of Agoura Hills, spoke about synthetic grass and requested that Las Virgenes

Municipal Water District allow its customers to use synthetic grass as an option under the turf removal program.

There were several comments and questions from the Board. Director Peterson clarified that the grant money for this program comes from Metropolitan Water District without any conditions.

Director Renger asked about the pros and cons of using artificial grass vs. zeroscape.

Director Steinhardt asked a question relative to the disposal of artificial turf and the difficulty of disposing of it ecologically.

Mr. Packer answered these and other related questions from the Board.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A **Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 12, 2012: Approve**

B **Monthly Investment Report as of July 31, 2014: Receive and File**

C **List of Demands: August 26, 2014. Receive and File**

Director Peterson moved to approve the consent calendar items 4A-C. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A **Legislative and Regulatory Updates**

General Manager Pedersen reported on the key legislative item having to do with the water bond; he stated that the Governor had approved AB1471 (Rendon); that the new water bond will replace what was previously approved for the November ballot; that this water bond will appear on the ballot as California Proposition 1, entitled "The Water Quality Supply and Infrastructure Act of 2014"; and it authorizes \$7.1 billion in General Obligation Bonds, which are broken down into different categories.

B **Water Supply Conditions and Drought Response**

General Manager Pedersen asked Carlos Reyes, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach to present the staff report.

Mr. Reyes stated that to date and in light of the recently adopted Ordinance and Resolution outlining water conservation measures including restrictions and fines, the District has taken the following actions: issued press releases and placed updates on the District's website, sent bulk mail to all customers, mailed 25,300 letters including letters to multi-family dwellings, sent 8,300 email blasts; that there will be 22,700 calls scheduled for August 27 as part of a robocall engagement; part of the outreach will include presentations to the City Councils in the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Westlake Village and Hidden Hills; and that staff is also updating the fact-checker.

Mr. Reyes answered questions from the Board on this subject.

6. TREASURER

No report as Treasurer was absent.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A **SCADA Communications Upgrade Phase 1: Call for Bids**

Authorize a call for bids in accordance with the project specifications and proposed bid schedule for the SCADA Communications Phase 1 Upgrade Project and authorize the General Manager to approve a change of scope to MSO Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$40,760.00 for additional design services.

General Manager Pedersen presented a brief summary on this item and indicated that the item contains a scope change.

There were several comments and questions from the Board including; the definition of back-haul ring, redundancy of the system, frequencies used, and how much work is there to be done.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, articulated what the change in scope was and answered Board questions.

Director Peterson moved to approve the recommendations. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

B Maintenance Agreement Renewal for Sewage Metering Stations

Authorize the General Manager to issue a purchase order to ADS Environmental Services for maintenance and reporting services for sewer metering stations in the amount of \$32,311.00.

General Manager Pedersen and Director of Facilities and Operations Lippman presented the staff report and indicated that the JPA and the District have a total of four (4) sewage metering stations, three of which are JPA and measure sewage flows that originate from Ventura County and Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD).

Director Renger moved to approve the recommendation. Motion seconded by Director Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

C Tract No. 44352 Calabasas Ridge Recycled Water Main Extension Project

Find that the proposed recycled water system extension is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorize the General Manager to prepare and file a Notice of Exemption; approve a budget and appropriation in the amount of \$60,100 for the project; and authorize a call for bids upon completion of the design work for the Tract No.44352 Calabasas Ridge Recycled Water Main Extension Project.

General Manager Pedersen presented the staff report and explained the merits and benefits of the proposed recycled water system extension.

Mr. Nelson Farran, President and Treasurer of the Calabasas Ridge Home Owners Association addressed the Board relative to this item and urged the Board's approval of the proposed recycled water system extension.

Director Peterson moved to approve the recommendation. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

D Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Liberty Canyon Road Pavement

Authorize a call for bids for the Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Liberty Canyon Road Pavement

Restoration Project.

General Manager Pedersen presented the staff report and explained what the work will entail and why it is needed.

Director Renger moved to approve the recommendation. Motion seconded by Director Steinhardt.
Motion carried unanimously.

8. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A Supply and Delivery of Diatomaceous Earth: Request for Bids

Authorize a request for bids for the purchase and delivery of diatomaceous earth.

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

B Supply and Delivery of Aluminum Sulfate: Request for Bids

Authorize a request for bids for the supply and delivery of Aluminum Sulfate.

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

C Supply and Delivery of Positive Displacement and Jet-Style Water Meters: Request for Bids

Authorize a request for bids for positive displacement and jet-style water meters.

Director Renger posed a question relative to the accuracy of the jet-style meters. General Manager Pedersen explained the accuracy and compatibility of the meters.

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

D ACWA/JPIA Commitment to Excellence Program

Approve participation in the ACWA/JPIA Commitment to Excellence Program and authorize the Board President, Board Members and General Manager to sign the Commitment to Excellence form.

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

E Claim by Ian Yip

Director Renger moved to deny the claim. Motion seconded by Director Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

9. LEGAL SERVICES

A Update of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Code: Review Session No. 3

Review the proposed updates to Title 3, Potable Water Service of the Las Virgenes Municipal

Water District Code and provide feedback to staff and the District's legal counsel.

Upon a recommendation by Director Steinhardt to defer the item until all Board members are present, the entire Board concurred and so it was ordered to bring the item back at the next meeting.

10. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

(1) MWD

Director Peterson reported on the MWD Board meeting of the past month; spoke about MWD's assessed value; commented that MWD is the process of reviewing salaries for their Officers and that they had voted to name the plaza Cl. John C. "Jack" Foley Plaza.

(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 and that the details are coming together; spoke about events including an event on Sunday regarding local conservation practices and the tour of the San Vicente Dam.

Director Steinhardt also reported on the meeting in Lake Tahoe and made reference that he learned that is important to have staff well equipped with fire resistant equipment. Also spoke on the issue of growing marijuana on Water Agency property, whereby the area can be contaminated with pesticides and other pollutants.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager Pedersen reported on a couple of items including: the passing of Ed Little who served on the West Basin Municipal Water District for many years; commented on several dates including the JPA meeting date change; the AWA event on September 19 at the Reagan Library and the meetings with the local city councils.

(2) Follow-Up Items

He briefed the Board on the issue of whether or not the District is required to release the names of individuals who submit a report of water wasting, indicating that District Counsel had provided an opinion on that matter, which was provided in the Board folders.

D Director's Comments

Director Renger commented on having attended LA County Supervisors hearing related to the Local Coastal Plan, which was passed on a 3-1 decision; spoke about the banning of new large vineyards, which was a controversial item at this meeting.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

13. CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:27 p.m., and reconvened at 6:28p.m.

A Conference with District Counsel- Anticipated Litigation. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2):

Tort of Benjamin Magendavid

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

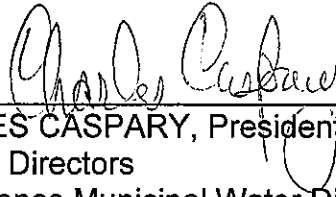
1. San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al.
2. Las Virgenes- Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency and Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson.

14. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

District Counsel Lemieux reported that the Board had met in closed session regarding the matter of a Tort Claim submitted by Benjamin Magendavid and upon a motion by Director Renger, seconded by Board President, the Board voted to deny the claim.

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 6:29 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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