

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

5:00 PM

November 3, 2014

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 Chairman Caspary in the Board Room at the Oak Park Library located at 899 Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA. Daryl Betancur, Clerk of the Board conducted the roll call.

Present: Director(s): Polan, Renger, Steinhardt, Peterson, Board Chairman
Caspary, McReynolds, Orkney, Paule, Vice Chairman Iceland and Wall
Absent: Director(s): None

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Approval of agenda

Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen indicated that there were no proposed changes to the agenda.

On a motion by Director Paule, seconded by Director Renger, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A **Minutes: Regular JPA Meeting of October 6, Approved**

Director Renger moved to approve the minutes of October 6, 2014 as presented. Motion seconded by Director Iceland. Motion carried unanimously.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A **Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Plan of Action: Acceptance of Proposal.**

Accept the proposal from MWH Global, Inc., in the amount of \$174,716, to prepare a Recycled

Water Seasonal Storage Plan of Action, and Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a professional services agreement for the work.

Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen provided a brief summary stating that the proposal is for a professional engineering firm to provide the key steps, sequence of steps and strategy to be followed because this is a complex project that has a lot of steps, which need to be followed and executed in a specific order; spoke about the scope work and made reference to the CEQA and NEPA processes that need to be followed for statutory compliance; made comments related to the guiding principles presented, which were approved by the JPA Board on June 2, 2014; further stated that the Request for Proposals (RFP) had been sent to 11 companies and that four proposals were received.

Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen stated that among the firms that responded included Dudek and Associates and HDR Engineering, in addition to RMC and MWH Global Inc; commented that the Dudek and HDR proposals were weak in how they proposed to interact with the Board; whereas, the other two proposal clearly articulated how they would facilitate the process of interactions with the Board during this process; and explained the process of how a consultant was selected.

Jim Borchart, Principal with MWH Global, Inc., addressed the Board and made brief comments relative to the proposal stating that the process involved taking input from all participants, formulating issues from these comments and developing actionable items; that this process was based on facilitation and involved both stakeholders and shareholders.

There were a number of comments and questions from the Board relative to the process to be followed as it related to the level of involvement of the JPA Board, what to do with the amount of water saved, whether or not, through this effort, the District would be completely out of the business of discharging to the creek; whether or not this proposal included engineering work, and cost estimates; the length of time a project of this magnitude would take as well as the schedule and timeline; and the 5% escalation of hourly rates due to delays.

Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen and Jim Borchart, Principal with MWH Global, Inc., answered the Board's questions.

Following a lengthy discussion, Director Renger moved to accept the proposal with three contingent items: 1) schedule a Special JPA Workshop with MWH prior to the start of the work; 2) allow for MWH's proposed 5% escalation of hourly rates only for time accrued after June 30, 2015, not March 30, 2015 as called for in the proposal; and 3) identify additional stakeholders for the effort including those in Ventura County. Motion seconded by Director Orkney. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Director(s):	Polan, Renger, Peterson, Board Chairman Caspary, McReynolds, Orkney, Paule, Vice Chairman Iceland and Wall
NOES:	Director(s):	None
ABSENT:	Director(s):	Steinhardt (Director Steinhardt was excused to leave early before vote)

B Design of Centrate Equalization Tank and Rehabilitation of Centrate Pipeline: Request for Proposals.

Approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for design and environmental planning services for a new centrate equalization tank and rehabilitation of an existing centrate pipeline.

Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen presented the staff report and indicated that this is a request to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for two projects that are intended to provide reliability for the centrate treatment system; stated that this proposal is meant for the two projects to be designed together as they are interrelated; explained the centrate system and how it functions; commented that the project is intended to add a new equalization tank, which in turn will add redundancy to the system; that the two interrelated projects are: 1) design the equalization tank and 2) rehabilitation of the original pipeline that was used for centrate.

There was a lengthy discussion with comments and questions from the Board related to: removing all nitrates from the centrate, investigations of alternative processes to descale the pipeline, scope of work and how it appeared that the term "construction management" should be replaced with the term "construction support" or "services during construction". Additionally, a comment was made relative to the evaluation criteria.

Director Orkney moved to approve with the noted comments. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

C Sewer System Management Plan: Approval of Recertification

Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen states that this is a regulatory requirement to have a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) and that this plan requires updating every five-years.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations spoke briefly on the nature of the regulatory requirements and indicated that in May of 2006, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted state-wide general waste discharge requirements for sanitary sewers, which in essence, mandated that owners and operators of wastewater treatment facilities monitor, report and develop these type of plans.

There were several comments and questions from the Board related to who owned the gravity sewers. Mr. Lippman provided answers to these questions.

D Financial Review: First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-15. Received and Filed.

Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen stated that with respect to the financial report, it appeared favorable; spoke about the results in terms of demand and supply and the correlated fiscal impacts and answered questions from the Board.

6. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Iceland offered good wishes to those running for office in the upcoming election and commented on the spraying of a great deal of water at the spray fields.

Director McReynolds commented on having attended the AWWA Water Infrastructure Conference in Atlanta, GA, and stated that it was interesting to learn that many wastewater agencies are changing the names of their waste-treatment plants to recycling centers; questioned whether or not the JPA had the right name for the Tapia facility.

7. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen reported on the rain event and the water levels in Malibu Creek, answered Director Iceland's comments regarding the spraying of water stating that we are still in the prohibition period that runs from April 15th, 2014 to November 15th, 2015; and commented on the special JPA Board meeting yet to be scheduled.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Recycled Water Reservoir No. 2 Improvements: Construction Award

B Tapia Primary Clarifier No. 1 Rehabilitation Project: Change Order No. 2 Approval

C Rancho Plow Mixer Discharge Conveyor: Purchase Order Authorization

D Board Meeting follow-up

There was a question on item 9B from Director McReynolds related to the funds and expenditures Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen and David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations stated that the bids had come in lower than anticipated, thus, the line item reflects why there is more budget.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

11. CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to closed session at 7:01 p.m., and reconvened to open session at 7:05 p.m.

General Counsel Lemieux reported that the Board had met in closed session, but that there were no reportable actions.

A. Conference with District Counsel- Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a).

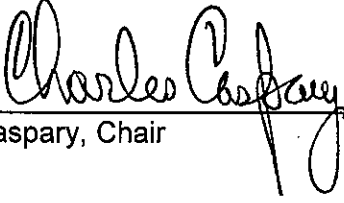
1. Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency and Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson

B. Conference with District Counsel- Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956. (b)

Number of Cases: 1

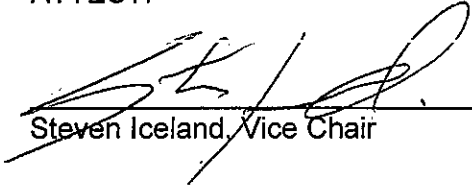
12. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Charles Caspary, Chair

ATTEST:



Steven Iceland, Vice Chair