



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

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

5:00 PM

January 13, 2015

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Clerk of the Board, Daryl Betancur.

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 Board President Peterson in the District offices. Daryl Betancur, Clerk of the Board conducted the roll call.

Present: Polan, Renger, Caspary and Board President Peterson.

Absent: Lewitt

Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager
Daryl Betancur, Clerk of the Board
David R. Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations
Carol Palma, Customer Services Manager
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 as presented. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meetings of November 25, 2014 and December 9, 2014. Ratified

B List of Demands: December 23, 2014 and January 13, 2015 Approved

C Director's Per Diem: December 2014 Ratified

D Monthly Investment Report as of November 30, 2014. Received and Filed

E Replacement of Submersible Chopper Pumps: Request for Bids Approved

Approve a request for bids for the purchase of four 4-inch submersible chopper pumps.

F Telephone Maintenance and Support: Renewal of Annual Agreement Approved

Authorize the General Manager to renew the annual agreement with Accurate Telecom, Inc., in the amount of \$25,020.96, for phone maintenance and support services through December 31, 2015

Director Caspary moved to approve consent calendar items 4A-4D. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

Items 4E and 4F were discussed and voted on separately. Director Caspary moved to approve item 4E and 4F. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Legislative and Regulatory Updates.

Dave Pedersen, General Manager briefed the Board regarding the Governor's preliminary state budget.

6. TREASURER

There was no report.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Public Hearing: Potable Water Replacement Fund Standby Charge.

Waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 275 as it relates to continuation of the Water Replacement Fund Standby Charge for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and order publication within 30-days of adoption using a summary of the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 275

An Ordinance of the Board of Directors of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District as it relates to the standby charge for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015.

General Manager Pedersen commented that this was a parcel related charge, which is collected on the property tax roll and is \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof. The purpose of the charge is to replace potable water infrastructure; the program includes a deferral option.

District Counsel Lemieux stated that this is an Ordinance of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Board of Directors as it relates to standby charges for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015.

Board President Peterson opened the public hearing. Seeing no speakers, he closed the public hearing.

Secretary Caspary stated that no verbal comments or written statements on the matter had been received.

Director Caspary moved to approve waiving of the full reading of Ordinance No. 275. Director Renger seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Caspary moved to approve by a roll call vote, the Rules and Regulations for the Water Standby Charge Deferrals and call for publication of a summary of the ordinance within 30 days of adoption. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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8. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A Budget Planning Calendar for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Receive and file the Budget Planning Calendar for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

General Manager Pedersen made brief remarks about the calendar.

Director Polan moved to receive and file. Director Caspary seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B Approval of Memorandums of Understanding with General and Office Units: January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

Authorize the General Manager to execute Memoranda of Understanding with the SEIU General and Office Units for a term of January 1, 2015 through December 21, 2017.

Pam Fair, representative of SEIU General and Office Units, Local 721, commented that an agreement satisfactory to all parties had been reached, which included Veteran's Day as a District holiday; thanked the Board for including the Veterans Day as a holiday; commented that the process of negotiating with the District team was a professional and effective process where all parties respected each other's points of view and bargaining strategies, leading to a successful contract.

C Street Lighting Negotiated Tax Exchange Resolutions from Annexation of Territory Project No. 34-711A to County Lighting Maintenance District 10032.

Resolution No. 2463 (Las Virgenes Board of Directors)

Resolution No. 2464 (Las Virgenes Municipal Water Improvement District No. 15)

General Manager Pedersen stated that these two Resolutions related to a single vacant parcel located in the City of Agoura Hills and that there was no financial impact. General Manager Pedersen provided a satisfactory response.

Director Caspary moved to approve as presented. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Polan asked a question related to any financial impact.

9. LEGAL SERVICES

A Update of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Code: Session No. 6

District Counsel Lemieux stated that this continues the process of modernizing the Code. There was a brief discussion on the item with Board Members seeking clarification on several items. No action taken other than feedback was provided to staff.

10. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

(1) MWD

Board President Peterson reported on a new Director at MWD from Burbank, Marsha Ramos; spoke about the cost of PCCP pipe rehabilitation; made brief remarks about the Colorado River Board meeting.

(2) Other

None

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

Director Caspary, Polan and Renger reported on the ACWA Fall Conference event attended late last year.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager Pedersen updated the Board on the Colorado River Aqueduct Tour in March; reported on an offer to lease the vacant suite in Building No. 8; made brief remarks on the meeting with the Mayor and City Manager of the City of Agoura Hills regarding the Agoura Road recycled water extension project.

(2) Follow-Up Items

None

D Director's Comments

Director Polan commented on the issue of conservation in a broad sense and stated that communication to the rate payers needs to continue, informing them that we are still in a drought situation; spoke about the Friends of the Las Virgenes Creek receiving funding to remove non-native species of crayfish; inquired as to why the District doesn't have a policy to become proactive to work with different communities and NGO's to help with watershed issues; suggested that we should take a greater and more active role in working with different groups and reach out to the community.

Director Caspary remarked that the comments by Director Polan refer to one of the District's long-term goals; provided some history about the District providing a leading role in the watershed and asked that this be revisited as one of the goals for 2015-2016.

Director Renger made several comments on the following topics: Australia's drought response; cost of recycled water and recycled water pricing; EPA comments on defining "waters of the U.S."; and water bond proposed projects.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no other public comments.

13. CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to closed session at **5:52 p.m.** and reconvened to open session at **6:28 p.m.**

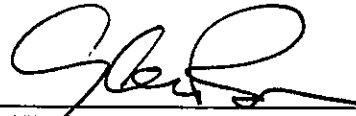
District Counsel Lemieux reported that the Board had met in closed session to discuss items 2 and 3 of the listed closed session agenda and that with respect to item 13A (2) a report was provided and no reportable actions were taken; on item 13A (3) the Board had approved a budget for this matter.

A 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.
3. Ben Magendavid v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

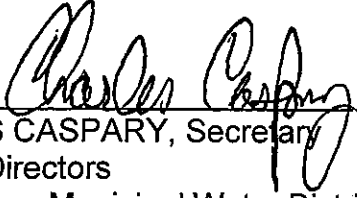
14. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:29 p.m.**



GLEN PETERSON, President
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

ATTEST:



CHARLES CASPARY, Secretary
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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