



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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

March 24, 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 President Glen Peterson in the Board Room at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road in Calabasas. Daryl Betancur, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Director(s): Caspary, Lewitt, Peterson and Renger

Absent: Director(s): Polan (arrived at 5:20 p.m.)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A List of Demands: March 24, 2015

B Investment Report for the Month of February 2015

Receive and file the Investment Report for the Month of February 2015.

C SCADA Wired Telecommunications Network: Upgrade of AT&T Services

Accept the quote from ACC Business and authorize the General Manager to execute a two-year multi-service agreement, in the amount of \$54,000, to upgrade the District's wired SCADA telecommunications services.

D Purchase and Delivery of Fire Hydrants: Request for Bids

Approve a Request for Bids for the purchase and delivery of fire hydrants.

On a motion by Director Caspary, seconded by Director Lewitt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Legislative and Regulatory Updates

General Manager David Pedersen gave a brief update, stating that the State Water Resources Control Board adopted new emergency regulations relating for urban water conservation; the previous regulations were in effect for the maximum of 270 days; the extension maintained the status quo; a couple of new items added, which the District is already implementing, were included: restaurants only serving water upon request and prohibiting irrigation during rain events or 48 hours after rain events; those two items will remain in effect for 270 days.

B Water Supply Conditions and Drought Response

General Manager Pedersen gave an update, stating that the California Department of Water Resources increased the allocation for the State Water Project on March 2, 2015; the increase went from 15% to 20% allocation; Metropolitan is looking at about a 40 to 45% allocation from the State Water Project to avoid implementing its allocation plan; it appears that Metropolitan will be looking at implementation of its water supply allocation plan at its April meeting; late season rain and snow could affect the conditions; the reservoirs are overall in better condition than last year and a fair amount of storage has been placed in the state's reservoirs; Lake Oroville is at 70% of the average, but compared to last year, it is in better condition; San Luis Reservoir is 74% of average and at this time last year it was at 40% of average; at this time last year, Castaic Lake was nearly full and has dropped to 37%; Lake Perris was at 67% last year and this year is at 40%; the snowpack continues to be the challenge being very low compared to average; when customers are asked to conserve, the response has been well-received; beginning in September of last year, there is a trend that has moved up each month with a 14% reduction in potable water usage and, in the most recent billing period of January

and February, the reduction was at 29%; the recycled water system is more dramatic with the most recent billing period showing a 47% reduction year-over-year.

Brief comment were made by the Board.

6. **TREASURER**

Director Lewitt reported that everything was in order.

7. **FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS**

**A Tract No. 44352 Calabasas Ridge Recycled Water Main Extension Project:
Construction Award**

Award a construction contract to Toro Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$76,900; reject all remaining bids upon receipt of the duly executed contract documents; and approve an additional appropriation, in the amount of \$24,490, for CIP Job No. 10591.

General Manager Pedersen gave a brief report, stating this was a good project to convert existing potable water demands to recycled water, which is one of the key initiatives of the District to meet its 20x2020 goals.

Director of Facilities and Operations, David Lippman reported that the President of the Homeowners Association was present and had been very supportive and cooperative on the project; the HOA is using the onsite retrofit program to convert its onsite plumbing to recycled water.

On a motion by Director Renger, seconded by Director Caspary, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 7A.

B California Wildlife Center: Temporary Use of Area at Rancho for Sea Lion Triage

Authorize the General Manager to execute a lease agreement, in a form approved by District Legal Counsel and for a nominal amount of \$1.00, with the California Wildlife Center to establish a temporary, emergency triage area for California sea lion pups near the Centrate treatment facility.

California Wildlife Center Board President, Victoria Harris addressed the Board and stated that the Wildlife Center was located as 26026 Piuma Road in Calabasas; she gave a brief overview of the item, stating that a temporary rehabilitation facility was proposed for a platform with different pens and a capacity for up to 100 sea lion pups; they would propose tie into the District's sewer and pay for water and power; when they leave the temporary facility, it would be returned to its original condition; all of the equipment, fencing and pools would be put into storage until they find a

new facility within the next year or two.

Discussion took place and questions of the Board were answered.

Director Len Polan arrived at 5:20 p.m.

On a motion by Director Renger, seconded by Director Caspary, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 7B.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A **Records Management: Scanning of Vital Records**

General Manager Pedersen gave a brief summary of the item, stating it involved scanning of vital District records; the Board had asked staff to develop a plan to ensure the vital records were electronically stored; staff ensured that electronic copies of the District's resolutions, ordinances, minutes, deeds, easements and record drawings were available and backed up if there is a need to recover them.

9. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A **Organization Reports**

(1) MWD Representative Report/Agenda(s)

Director Peterson reported a Metropolitan Water District director had passed away; MWD had its first Integrated Resources Plan meeting with solid discussion taking place; MWD's General Manager stated the allocation would be between 5% and 20%.

(2) Other

B **Director's Reports on Outside Meetings**

Director Caspary reported that he attended the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting on March 12th and gave a brief overview of the meeting.

Director Caspary also gave a brief overview of the AWA meeting he attended, which was on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Director Caspary gave a summary of the Senate Select Committee Hearing on Climate Change and the Water-Energy Nexus hosted by Senator Fran Pavley on the previous Friday; Director Lewitt added some additional comments on the hearing.

Director Polan gave an overview on the California Water Policy Conference (POWER) in Claremont; he also shared a slideshow on a seminar at the conference related to atmospheric rivers.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager Pedersen reported that staff made contact with a representative of the Clean Energy Coalition at Senator Pavley's Water-Energy Nexus hearing; the Clean Energy Coalition offers energy audits at no cost. Mr. Pedersen reminded the Board that Form 700s are due to Clerk of the Board by April 1st. Also, he reviewed the upcoming calendar items.

(2) Follow-Up Items

None

D Director's Comments

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

12. CLOSED SESSION

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

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 – Public Employment Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957):

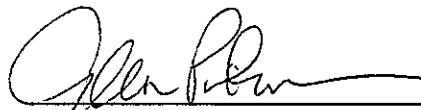
Title: General Manager

Facilitator: Irwin N. Jankovic, Ph.D., Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

The Board recessed to closed session at 5:45 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 6:04 p.m.

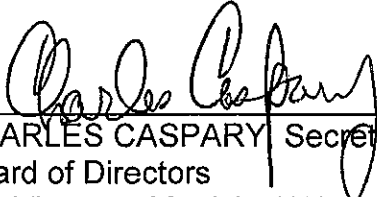
13. **OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

No reportable action was taken in closed session. Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:05 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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