



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

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

5:00 PM

October 13, 2015

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by David Pedersen, General Manager.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Board President Peterson in the Board Room at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas CA 91302. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Caspary, Lewitt, Polan, Renger, and Peterson  
Absent: None  
Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager  
Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board  
Carlos Reyes, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach  
Donald Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration  
David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations  
Steven O'Neill, District Counsel

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Renger moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A List of Demands: October 13, 2015 Approve
- B Minutes: Special Meeting September 29, 2015 Approve
- C Director's Per Diem: September 2015 Ratify

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

5. **ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS**

A Legislative and Regulatory Updates

Jeff Reinhardt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager, provided an update on several Assembly and Senate Bills recently signed and/or vetoed by Governor Brown.

B Water Supply Conditions and Drought Responses

General Manager David Pedersen reported that the District achieved a 36.2 percent reduction in water usage for the month of September. He noted that since June 1, 2015, the District has achieved a cumulative total reduction of 34 percent. He also noted that Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) Water Supply Conditions Report indicated that the expected El Niño condition would be strong, which would signify more rain in Southern California but uncertainty for Northern California reservoirs. Board President Peterson added that MWD is not drafting Diamond Valley Lake and Lake Mathews is nearly full, and they would go to a seven pump flow on the Colorado River Aqueduct, which would leave an additional 150,000 acre-feet of water in Lake Mead.

6. **TREASURER**

Director Lewitt stated that the Treasurer's report was in order.

7. **FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS**

A Las Virgenes Scenic Corridor Completion Project: Grant of Easement to Southern California Edison

**Authorize the General Manager to execute a grant of easement to Southern California Edison for relocation of power poles as part of the City of Calabasas Las Virgenes Scenic Corridor Completion Project.**

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 7A as presented. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt.

Director Polan noted that the existing street lamps utilize "cobra-style" street lighting, which is monochromatic and dull. He suggested asking the City of Calabasas to consider installing the same type of street lamps that the City of Agoura Hills installed on the Agoura Road Widening Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

**8. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**A Approval of Management Unit and Supervisor, Professional and Confidential Unit Memorandums of Understanding: July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018**

**Authorize the General Manager to execute Memorandums of Understanding with the Management Unit and Supervisor, Professional and Confidential Unit for a term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.**

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 8A as presented. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

**B Change of CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contributions: SEIU Office and General Unit Employees**

**Pass, approve and adopt proposed Resolution No. 2474, reducing the California Public Employees Retirement System Employer Paid Member Contributions for employees of the Service Employees International Union, Local 721, from 7% to 0%.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2474**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AMENDING EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS (EPMC) FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU), LOCAL 721**

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 2474 on file in the District's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Lewitt moved to approve Item 8B as presented. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried unanimously.

**C Below-Ground Vault Access Cover Retrofit Program: Purchase Order**

**Authorize the General Manager to issue a purchase order to Vault Access Solutions and Fabrication, in the amount of \$65,000, for completion of the purchase of custom vault covers to allow for completion of the Below-Ground Vault Access Cover Retrofit Program.**

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 8C as presented. Motion seconded by Director Renger.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, responded to questions regarding standardizing the sizes of any new vaults and obtaining lightweight corrosion-proof lids as replacements for below-ground vaults.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **9. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

### **A Organization Reports**

- (1) MWD Representative Report/Agenda(s)

Board President Peterson reported that the MWD Board met earlier in the day. He noted that one of the items discussed was whether to pursue purchasing an office building rather than renting office space in Washington, D.C.

- (2) Other

Board President Peterson reported on the State Water Project Tour and noted that attendees included individuals from the Department of Public Works, Southern California Coastal Water Research Program, and the Past Chairman and the General Manager of Palo Verde Irrigation District. He stated that in his opinion this was one of the best tours they had ever had.

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

Director Caspary reported on his attendance at the State of the Bay Conference at Loyola Marymount University, where the guest speaker was John Laird, California Secretary of Natural Resources. He summarized some of the presentations given and noted that the State of the Bay Report was not yet available. He stated that the delay was due to the fact that the fresh water habitat has not been scored in terms of its health due to the large amount of data that does not agree, and staff disagrees with how to integrate the data into the report. He noted there was also a session regarding contaminants of emerging concern and management solutions for the Santa Monica Bay.

### **C General Manager Reports**

(1) General Business

General Manager David Pedersen reported that representatives from the National Weather Service provided a presentation to staff regarding El Niño and preparation for potential flooding.

(2) Follow-Up Items

**D Directors' Comments**

None.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed to Closed Session at **5:33 p.m.** to discuss the following items:

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

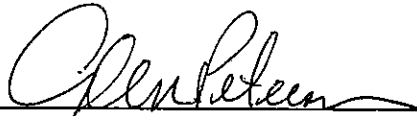
1. San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al.
2. Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency and Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson

**14. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at **6:08 p.m.**

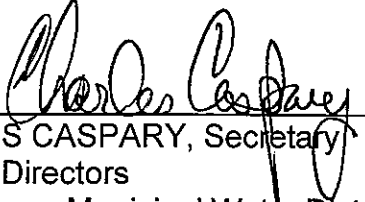
District Counsel Steven O'Neill reported that the Board provided direction to District Counsel regarding Closed Session Item 12 A1, and there was no formal action taken regarding Closed Session Item 12 A2.

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned in memory of Joan Buehring at **6:09 p.m.**



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

ATTEST:



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

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