

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

5:00 PM

January 4, 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chair James Wall.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present: Director(s): Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, McReynolds, Orkney, Paule, Peterson, Polan, Renger, and Wall.

Absent: Director(s): None.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Paule moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Special JPA Meeting of November 30, 2015: Approve

Director Peterson moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Director McReynolds. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, McReynolds, Paule, Peterson, Polan, Renger, and Wall.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Iceland and Orkney.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A 2016 JPA Board Meeting Calendar: Reschedule October Meeting

Consider cancelling the regular JPA Board meeting on October 3, 2016, and rescheduling the meeting for an alternate date.

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the October 3, 2016 regular JPA Board meeting, and schedule a special JPA Board meeting on October 5, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., at the LVMWD Board Room.

B Farm Sprayfield Operation and Maintenance: Renewal of Agreement

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a one-year agreement with W. Litten Land Preparation for the operation and maintenance of the Rancho Las Virgenes Farm, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report. He responded to questions related to the contract amount and the potential for increased cost due to the upcoming rainy season.

Director Paule moved to approve Item 5B as presented. Motion seconded by Director Peterson. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, McReynolds, Paule, Peterson, Polan, Renger, and Wall.
NOES: Orkney.
ABSTAIN: None.

C Centrate Equalization Tank Project: Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration and Call for Bids

Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration, including a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Recorder; and authorize a Call for Bids for the Centrate Equalization Tank Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

A discussion ensued regarding inclusion of the JPA's address under Section 2, Environmental Checklist of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), and with inconsistency in the construction schedule. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that staff would include the JPA's address in the Environmental Checklist. He also stated that the IS/MND was prepared some time ago, and the project schedule of March to September 2016 was the estimated project completion schedule.

Director Peterson moved to approve Item 5C as presented. Motion seconded by Director Orkney. Motion carried unanimously.

D Rancho Energy Recovery System: Power Purchase Agreement Amendment No. 2

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Energy Recovery Services with CHPCE Las Virgenes, LLC.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report. He responded to questions related to excess digester gas, which would be utilized by CHPCE Las Virgenes, LLC to burn and produce energy.

Director McReynolds moved to approve Item 5D as presented. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried unanimously.

E Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Plan of Action and Tapia NPDES Permit Renewal: Communications and Public Outreach

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Katz & Associates for communication and outreach services, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for the Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Plan of Action and Tapia NPDES Permit renewal; and appropriate \$100,000 to fund the work.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

A discussion ensued regarding concerns with the cost of the communication and outreach services agreement and whether in-house staff could be utilized as an alternative; whether the language could be changed in the circle in the Objective portion of the *Assessing Water Quality Standards in the Malibu Creek Watershed* handout to delete the reference to "benthic macroinvertebrate community health"; and ensuring that staff discusses Oak Park storm water issues with the County of Ventura. It was the consensus of the Board to make the language in the circle more general such as, "Maximize reuse and improve watershed health."

Director Peterson moved to approve Item 5E as amended. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, McReynolds, Peterson, Renger, and Wall.
NOES: Orkney, Paule, and Polan.
ABSTAIN: None.

6. BOARD COMMENTS

Director McReynolds requested that staff bring back information regarding JPA facilities that lack necessary redundancies.

Director Orkney inquired whether any of the Las Virgenes MWD Board members were planning on attending the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Conference. The Las Virgenes MWD Board members indicated that none of them would be attending the conference.

Director Orkney referred to Option No. 4 of the Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Project Action Plan and requested that staff ensure that piping was included as part of the study to take indirect potable water to the Oak Park Water Service pipes.

Director Caspary requested that staff circulate the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission's State of the Watershed Report to the JPA Board once it is released.

Director Polan inquired regarding the number of customers who have expressed concern with the District's water budgets. He retracted his question as this was not a JPA-related issue.

Director Paule inquired regarding the status of studying inflow and infiltration during the rainy season. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that staff would be monitoring and studying the impact of rain at various locations.

7. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen recommended that the JPA Board schedule a special meeting on January 27, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., for the Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Project Basis of Design Workshop No. 2, and invite all of the stakeholders to this meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the workshop on January 27, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., in the Board Room.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Woodland Hills Water Recycling Project: Project Status Report for Preliminary Design and Environmental Review

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report and responded to questions related to the timeframe for making a decision on the pipe diameter, which should be finalized by March.

Director of Facilities and Operations David Lippman responded to a question regarding pricing for the water by stating that the JPA Board previously approved the framework for pricing, which would be the wholesale cost of recycled water plus a component for potable supplement.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

11. 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

The Board recessed to Closed Session at **6:28 p.m.** and reconvened to Open Session at **6:57 p.m.**

District Counsel Keith Lemieux reported the Board authorized a budget for District Counsel to file a writ proceeding in federal court in the litigation against the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:58 p.m.**


Glen Peterson, Chair

ATTEST:


Michael Paule, Vice Chair