

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

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5:00 PM

March 7, 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Vice Chair Michael Paule.

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

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Vice Chair Michael Paule in the Conference Room at Oak Park Library, 899 N. Kanan Road in Oak Park, California. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

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

Absent: Director(s): McReynolds, Peterson, and Wall.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Iceland moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, Orkney, Paule, Polan, Renger

NOES: None

ABSENT: McReynolds, Peterson, Wall

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A Minutes: Special Meeting of January 27, 2016 and Regular Meeting of February 1, 2016: Approve**

Director Caspary moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 27, 2016 as presented. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, Orkney, Paule, Polan, Renger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: McReynolds, Peterson, Wall

Director Caspary moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2016 as presented. Motion seconded by Director Iceland. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, Orkney, Paule, Polan, Renger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: McReynolds, Peterson, Wall

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

**A Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Project Basis of Design Report: Status Update**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen stated that the March 15th workshop would focus on key technical issues associated with Scenarios 4 and 5. He also stated that staff would be meeting with staff from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) on March 14th to discuss the concept of repurposing the Encino Reservoir for recycled water storage; whether LADWP would be willing to be a financial partner in the project; and whether LADWP would be willing to provide a portion of potable water in return for storing recycled water in the San Fernando Basin. Director Lewitt requested that staff also address seismic issues associated with the dam.

Director Caspary inquired regarding information on the City of Los Angeles' timeline. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that staff would include discussion of the City's timeline, as well as the Woodland Hills Country Club.

**B Fiscal Years 2016-18 Two-Year JPA Budget Plan Workshop**

Mark Uribe, Finance Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Fiscal Years 2016-18 Two-year Budget Planning Workshop. He responded to questions posed by the Board related to decreased flow and anticipated future increased flow to the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility, chemical and amendment costs, and annual JPA wholesale recycled water sales.

Principal Engineer John Zhao presented the Capital Improvement Project Detail for the Miscellaneous Recycled Water Extension Project and the Alice Stelle Recycled Water Main Extension Project.

The JPA Board held a lengthy discussion regarding these two proposed projects. The Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) Board members expressed concern with

whether the two projects would benefit the TSD service area and with lack of proposed projects within Ventura County.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen stated that the Miscellaneous Recycled Water Extension Project would eliminate a long existing service line to Yerba Buena School on Lindero Road and provide recycled water service to Canyon Oaks Park. He also stated that this project would be a part of the interconnection project with Calleguas Municipal Water District, and both of these projects would benefit the TSD service area. He noted that grant funding was received from the State's Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Program, of which \$354,000 would be allocated to the recycled water portion of the project. He stated that he would meet with TSD District Manager Mark Norris to discuss these two projects, and he suggested that the JPA Board revisit the two projects before adopting the budget.

Director Orkney requested that an item be placed on a future agenda for the JPA Board to continue to discuss whether to include these two projects in the Fiscal Years 2016-18 Two-Year JPA Budget.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A Rancho Digester No. 1 Cleaning: Call for Bids**

**Approve the issuance of a Call for Bids for the Rancho Digester No. 1 Cleaning Project.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Iceland moved to approve Item 6A as presented. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, Orkney, Paule, Polan, Renger

NOES: None

ABSENT: McReynolds, Peterson, Wall

### **B Tapia Water Reclamation Facility Secondary Influent Slide Gates Replacement: Call for Bids**

**Approve the issuance of a Call for Bids for the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility Secondary Influent Slide Gates Replacement Project.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Orkney moved to approve Item 6B as presented. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, Orkney, Paule, Polan, Renger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: McReynolds, Peterson, Wall

**C Primary Clarifier Tank Nos. 2 and 3 Rehabilitation Project: Award of Design Contract**

**Accept the proposal from HDR Engineering, Inc.; authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a professional services agreement, in the amount of \$63,422, for design services; and appropriate \$98,264 for the Primary Clarifier Tank Nos. 2 and 3 Rehabilitation Project.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Eric Schlageter responded to a question regarding the \$19,000 appropriation for G & A by stating that historically G & A costs have exceeded the amount budgeted for projects; therefore, staff was seeking approval to include these costs up front rather than requesting approval at a later date. Director of Finance and Administration Donald Patterson added that this amount was originally appropriated as a multi-phase project; however, the project was inadvertently closed out as part of Phase I. He noted that G & A is typically included as part of the entire project.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6C as presented. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, Orkney, Paule, Polan, Renger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: McReynolds, Peterson, Wall

**D Notice of Intention to Amend Conflict of Interest Code**

**Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to sign a Notice of Intention to Amend the Conflict of Interest Code and file the required documentation with the Fair Political Practices Commission.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux responded to a question regarding which consultants would file Statements of Economic Interests by stating these would include independent consultants who advise the Board on expenditures.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6D as presented. Motion seconded by Director Orkney. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, Orkney, Paule, Polan, Renger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: McReynolds, Peterson, Wall

**7. BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Orkney referred to an article in the Los Angeles Times regarding “superbugs” from hospitals that are not being treated in the sewer system, and she asked that the Board look into this matter. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen stated that the article addressed the challenges of treating the “superbugs” with antibiotics and seeing them in the influent to wastewater treatment plants. However, he noted that the article did not mention the presence of “superbugs” in the effluent from the wastewater treatment plants. He also noted that the Hyperion plant treats wastewater using secondary standards; whereas, the District treats wastewater to tertiary standards, including filtration and disinfection. He stated that although the treatment processes are different, staff could look into this matter.

Director Polan reported that he attended the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Washington DC Conference and there was much discussion on the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA). Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen noted that Congress was asked to increase WIFIA funding, which is currently in the President’s budget in the amount of \$20 million, although no commitment was received from any Members of Congress. He also noted that because this is a loan program, the funds could potentially be leveraged at a ratio of 69:1.

Director Polan also mentioned that Senator Dianne Feinstein provided a presentation on her drought bill and proposed changes to Title XVI. He stated that the White House would hold its first Water Summit on March 22nd, corresponding with the United Nations’ World Water Day. He also mentioned that he met with the assistants for Congressman Ted Lieu, Congresswoman Julia Brownley, and Congressman Brad Sherman.

Vice Chair Paule noted that the Port Hueneme Water Agency would hold a presentation regarding an ocean desalination project on March 9th at 4:00 p.m. in the Port Hueneme Council Chambers.

Director Caspary stated that Tom Ford, Executive Director of the Santa Monica Bay Foundation and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, submitted an editorial to the Los Angeles Times regarding the impacts of nutrient loading from wastewater treatment plants on the ocean chemistry, and the importance of the City of Los Angeles’ proposal to increase water recycling by using advanced treatment to make potable water.

**8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported on recent rain events and noted that the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility received 3.4 inches of rain, Westlake Filtration Plant received 1.22 inches of rain, and the peak flow into Tapia Water Reclamation Facility was 13 million gallons per day. He also reported that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board would hold a CEQA Scoping Meeting on March 17th at 10:00 a.m. regarding the CEQA document needed for incorporating the implementation plan for the 2003 Nutrients TMDL and 2013 Benthic Macroinvertebrate TMDL into the Los Angeles Basin Plan. He noted that the JPA's consultant, Larry Walker & Associates, and staff would attend the scoping meeting and report back to the JPA Board.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility: Replacement of Loader**

Director Iceland inquired whether the existing loader could be sold as used equipment rather than destroyed per the Carl Moyer Program grant requirements. Water Reclamation Manager Brett Dingman responded that the existing loader is 22 years old and could bring in \$20,000; however, the Carl Moyer Program Grant would provide nearly \$40,000 in grant funding to be used toward the purchase of the new loader with the caveat that the existing loader be destroyed and rendered permanently unusable and irreparable.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**A Conference with District Counsel – Existing Litigation (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 (TMDL cases)
2. Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency (FOIA case)

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:28 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported the JPA Board discussed the appeal of Las Virgenes - Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency and there was no reportable action.

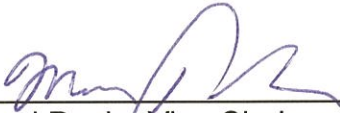
**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



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Glen Peterson, Chair

ATTEST:



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Michael Paule, Vice Chair