

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

5:00 PM

April 4, 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Deborah Peters.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Glen Peterson 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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen requested that Item 6B be removed from the agenda.

Director Paule moved to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Fletcher submitted a letter from the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council and spoke in support of the Woodland Hills Country Club Recycled Water Extension project.

Nancy Fletcher, Secretary of the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council, spoke in support of the Woodland Hills Country Club Recycled Water Extension project. She also spoke in support of installation of a recycled water pipeline on Mulholland Drive in order to allow landscape irrigation on the median.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Special Meeting of February 29, 2016, Regular JPA Meeting of March 7, 2016, and Special Meeting of March 15, 2016: Approve

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: 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 provided a brief summary of the March 15, 2016 technical workshop and reviewed follow-up items for Scenarios 4 and 5. He noted that he and staff would be meeting with Camrosa Water District staff to discuss potential impacts of indirect potable reuse under Scenario 4 and brine discharge to the Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant. He also noted that staff would be meeting with State Water Resources Control Board, Drinking Water Program staff on April 19 to discuss proposed indirect potable reuse regulations for reservoir augmentation, and with City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation staff to discuss Scenario 5 and the potential for supplying additional water to the Tillman plant. He also noted that managers from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) would meet on May 18 to discuss the concept of converting the Encino Reservoir to recycled water storage and address potential concerns with its use as an emergency water source. He stated that the next workshop with the stakeholders would be scheduled in June. He suggested that staff and the Board continue to discuss the technical issues and criteria for evaluating the different scenarios. The next step would be to apply the criteria to zero in on a preferred alternative. He reported that staff attended the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Board) CEQA scoping meeting on March 17, 2016, for the 2003 and 2013 TMDL Implementation Plan for the Malibu Creek Watershed. He noted that during the scoping meeting, Regional Board staff mentioned they were working with the JPA regarding TMDL implementation ideas, the two scenarios, and the summer discharge issue related to fish flows. He also noted that District staff provided input on air quality impacts associated with emissions, energy usage and consumption, fossil fuel usage, and greenhouse gases.

Director Orkney expressed concern with the data presented by MWH staff in the table for "Net Recycled Water Available for Storage". She stated that the Triunfo

Sanitation District's (TSD) Recycled Water Committee had covered this data rigorously over the past few years, and the data presented by MWH did not match TSD's data. She also stated that the Board needed to be aware since the figures are the basis for other calculations.

Director Polan inquired whether LADWP would consider using recycled water for irrigation purposes under Scenario 5. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded it is the intent for LADWP to use the recycled water, and there are several customers who would be good candidates for recycled water use. He noted that LADWP has recycled water demand in the Sepulveda Basin area, and they are interested in potentially having an alternate source of recycled water so that all of the effluent from the Tillman plant could be supplied to the advanced water treatment plant.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility: Biofilter Maintenance

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to approve a purchase order to Viramontes Express, in the amount of \$56,922.50, for the supply and delivery of new biofilter media and disposal of the old media off-site.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6A as presented. Motion seconded by Director Paule.

Director Caspary inquired whether all of the media would be replaced or blended to make it more homogenous. Brett Dingman, Water Reclamation Manager, responded that the media in Zones 1 through 4 would be replaced, and the media in Zones 5 and 6 would be blended to make it more homogenous. He noted that this process is alternated annually amongst the different zones.

Motion carried unanimously.

B Centrate Equalization Tank Project: Reject All Bids

This item was removed from the agenda.

C Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Project: Request for Proposals for Development of Funding Strategy and Financing Plan

Approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for development of a funding strategy and financing plan for the Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Casparly moved to approve Item 6C as presented. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt.

Director Paule inquired regarding the anticipated timetable for the Request for Proposals (RFP). Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that staff would complete the scope of work in April and release the RFP in June. He stated that staff would subsequently bring back a summary of the proposals received and a recommendation to the JPA Board. He explained that the RFP would be released to certain firms that are qualified in developing a funding strategy and financing plan.

Director Orkney commented that funding sources for Scenarios 4 and 5 are not identical. She inquired whether the Board should consider waiting on releasing the RFP until after the Board had narrowed down on which scenario to pursue. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that there were similarities in available funding, such as Proposition 1 funds, and that the financial advisor would be able to assist the JPA in seeking available funding even without a final decision on the preferred scenario.

Director McReynolds inquired regarding the budget for the three phases of work. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that no budget had been established; however, staff would have a better idea of the budget once the proposals are received. Director McReynolds inquired whether it was permissible to limit sending the RFP to certain firms. District Counsel Wayne Lemieux responded there is no requirement for competitive bids for an RFP for financial consultants. Legal Counsel John Mathews concurred with Mr. Lemieux, and noted that the RFP would be sent to firms with expertise.

Director Iceland inquired regarding the timeline for applying for Proposition 1 funds. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that staff is monitoring Proposition 1 programs and other funding sources.

Director Polan inquired whether there would be separate funding sources from the JPA's partner agencies to build the project. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that at the present time the JPA was considering financing the project. He noted that a financial advisor would assist in determining how to fund and finance the project, and which agency would issue the bonds, if bond funding was proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

D Heal the Bay's "Bring Back the Beach" Event: Attendance

Authorize One Board Member from each agency and the Administering Agent/General Manager to attend the Heal the Bay “Bringing Back the Beach” Event at a cost of \$500 per person.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Paule moved to approve Item 6D as presented. Motion seconded by Director McReynolds. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Peterson recommended that Director Caspary attend the event on behalf of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

7. BOARD COMMENTS

None.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen acknowledged that staff would meet with representatives from MWH to discuss Director Orkney’s concern regarding the “Net Recycled Water Available for Storage” table. He noted that staff was continuing to work on the JPA budget, and staff met earlier in the day with TSD staff to review the operating and capital improvements budget. He stated there was discussion regarding the Miscellaneous Recycled Water Extension Projects, including pipelines to Alice Stelle Middle School and Canyon Oaks Park. He also stated that two proposed projects within TSD’s area were added for further discussion: Capri Tract extension and Hillcrest Oak Park North project. He noted that a budget presentation would be given at the next JPA meeting to discuss the four proposed recycled water extension projects, so the Board could provide input on which projects would remain in the JPA budget. He suggested that the Board consider the possibility of seeking a lobbyist for assistance at the State and Federal level for advocacy on the Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Project. He proposed bringing back an item on a future agenda for the Board’s consideration.

Director Polan requested additional detail regarding the possibility of LADWP using the recycled water under Scenario 5 of the Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Project. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen stated that it had always been the intent for the City of Los Angeles to use the recycled water. He noted that a key factor for recycled water storage is to cycle it, which requires creating new demands. He also noted there would be some expected return for any water used by the City of Los Angeles, such as some form of payment or exchange for potable water. Additionally, because sufficient demand may not be generated through direct uses, LADWP is exploring Scenario 5 with the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation to bring water to the Tillman plant through the sewer system, run it through the plant to an advanced water

treatment plant, and ultimately store it in the San Fernando Groundwater Basin. Director Polan asked that development of this concept be included in the report.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Orkney requested bringing back the financing agreement for the Woodland Hills Country Club Recycled Water Main Extension Project. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen noted that the agreement had not yet been executed; however, staff could bring back the term sheet.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

11. CLOSED SESSION

A Conference with District Counsel – Potential Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9): One Case

In the opinion of Legal Counsel, disclosure of the identity of the litigants would be prejudicial to the JPA.

B 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 **5:48 p.m.** and reconvened to Open Session at **6:08 p.m.**

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported that the JPA Board met in Closed Session and approved a budget for the appeal in *Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency*. There was no other reportable action.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:08 p.m.**



Glen Peterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Michael Paule, Vice Chair

