



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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

May 24, 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mark Uribe.

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 Charles Caspary, Jay Lewitt, Len Polan, Lee Renger, and Glen Peterson

Absent: None

Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager
David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations
Mark Uribe, Finance Manager
Carlos Reyes, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach
Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board
Keith Lemieux, District Counsel

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

General Manager David Pedersen stated there was no update for Closed Session Item 11A, and he recommended that it be removed from the agenda.

Director Polan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A List of Demands: May 24, 2016 - Approve

B Minutes: Regular Meeting of May 10, 2016 - Approve

C Cash and Investment Report for April 2016

Receive and file the Cash and Investment Report for April 2016.

D Supply and Delivery of Pressure Regulators: Award

Accept the bid from Ferguson Waterworks for the annual supply and delivery of pressure regulators and authorize the General Manager to approve an initial 13-month purchase order, in the amount of \$85,003.65, with four one-year renewal options for the same amount.

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

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Legislative and Regulatory Updates and

B Water Supply Conditions and Drought Response

General Manager David Pedersen reported that the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) adopted revised emergency water conservation regulations on May 18, 2016, which included a new methodology allowing water agencies to self-certify their water supplies and demands, demonstrating that they have sufficient supplies for the next three years. He noted that District staff was working with Metropolitan Water District representatives to certify there will be sufficient supplies for the coming three years. He also noted that the District's new water conservation standard would be set at zero, beginning on June 1, 2016, and the District would continue to promote conservation and water use efficiency with the goal of making conservation a way of life in the long-term. He stated that the District did well in meeting its goals for the first round of the emergency regulations; however, the District did fall a bit short. He also stated that the District would be able to make up the shortage with the conservation standard being set at zero. He noted that the revised regulations would be in effect until January 2017 unless renewed, and the Water Board would look at the hydrology in the winter and assess whether new or revised regulations would be required.

He also reported that S 2533 (Feinstein), Drought Relief Bill was heard by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee last week, and Senator Dianne Feinstein,

Tim Quinn from the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), and Commissioner Esteban Lopez from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation testified at the committee meeting. He noted that the committee did not take action on the bill; however, it appeared that the Administration supports the key elements of the bill. He also reported that staff sent letters to the JPA's congressional representatives, requesting that they send letters to Senators Lisa Murkowski and Maria Cantwell, the Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to express support for S 2533 and consider signing on as co-sponsors for a companion bill to be introduced by Congressman John Garamendi. He also reported that the House of Representatives released its version of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA) Bill, which is currently in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He also reported that SB 814 (Hill) Drought: Excessive Water Use: Urban Retail Water Suppliers would be heard by the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on June 14, 2016. He noted that the bill proposes fines to individuals of up to \$500 per unit of water used in excess of an agency-determined amount.

Director Lewitt requested that staff follow-up with the JPA's congressional representatives regarding the request for letters in support of S 2533.

6. TREASURER

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

7. FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

A 2015 Urban Water Management Plan: Adoption

Pass, approve and adopt Resolution No. 2493, adopting the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 2493

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING THE 2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 2493 on file in the District's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report. He noted that an email was received from the City of Agoura Hills, indicating that they had no comments on the draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan.

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

Director Caspary requested that the minutes and the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan reflect that the cities of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village submitted emails but had no comments, and the City of Calabasas submitted a comment related to population

growth projections. David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, noted that all comments would be included in the plan prior to submitting it to the State.

Motion carried unanimously.

B Twin Lakes Tank Drainage Project: Award of Construction Contract

Find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; waive a minor bid irregularity and award a construction contract to Spiess Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$201,366; approve an increase, in the amount of \$4,760, to the existing contract with Phoenix Civil Engineering; and authorize the General Manager to execute a Temporary Construction and Permanent Easement Agreement for the Twin Lakes Tanks Drainage Project.

Hal Helsley spoke in support of the project and suggested the addition of a percolation pond amongst the trees below the first tank in order to drain water from the roads.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report, and stated that staff would follow-up on Mr. Helsley's suggestion.

Director Renger moved to approve Item 7B as presented. Motion seconded by Director Caspary.

District Counsel Keith Lemieux responded to a question regarding the District making findings that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Motion carried unanimously.

8. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

- (1) MWD Representative Report

Board President Peterson reported that he attended committee meetings earlier in the day at Metropolitan Water District, including the Special Committee on the Bay-Delta. He also noted he would be visiting the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's regional facility on May 31, 2016.

- (2) Other

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

Board President Peterson noted that he and all of the Directors attended the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County WaterWise Breakfast last week where General Manager David Pedersen provided a presentation. He stated that he received positive feedback from several people regarding the presentation. Director Lewitt suggested that Mr. Pedersen provide the same presentation to other stakeholders. General Manager David Pedersen acknowledged District staff for their assistance on the project and in putting together the presentation.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager David Pedersen reported that Calabasas High School participated in the Solar Cup event, won first place in the sprint competition and placed sixth overall. He also noted that Camp David Gonzales placed 11th overall.

(2) Follow-Up Items

D Directors' Comments

Board President Peterson noted that Metropolitan Water District would be holding a reception and celebration next month in recognition of 75 years of water deliveries from the Colorado River Aqueduct. He noted that State Historian Ken Starr would provide a presentation.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

11. CLOSED SESSION

A Conference with District Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)): (This item was removed from the agenda)

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 **5:28 p.m.** to discuss the following item:

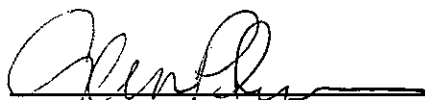
B Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957(b)):

Title: General Manager


14. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to Open Session at **6:13 p.m.** There was no reportable action taking during the Closed Session.

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:13 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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