



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

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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5:00 PM

August 9, 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 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, Lee Renger, and Glen Peterson

Absent: Director Len Polan

Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager  
David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations  
Donald Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration  
Jeff Reinhardt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager  
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 13A, and he recommended that it be removed from the agenda.

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

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Renger, Peterson  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Polan

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A List of Demands: August 9, 2016 – Receive and file**

**B Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 26, 2016 - Approve**

**C Directors' Per Diem – July 2016 - Ratify**

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

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Renger, Peterson  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Polan

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

**A Legislative and Regulatory Updates**

Public Affairs and Communications Manager Jeff Reinhardt provided an update regarding SB 1298 (Hertzberg), which proposes to amend Article XIII of the California Constitution to allow fees and charges for stormwater infrastructure to be approved in a similar manner as those for water and sewer service. He noted that the proposed bill was amended, and it would not affect the District since it now only addresses stormwater. The Board discussed concerns regarding the proposed bill.

**B Water Supply Conditions and Drought Response**

General Manager David Pedersen reported that he and Susan Mulligan, General Manager of Calleguas Municipal Water District, authored an editorial in *The Acom* encouraging customers to continue conserving water and announcing the State Water Board's action to lift mandatory water use reduction in place of a self-certification process. He also reported that the District achieved a 16 percent reduction in water usage for the month of July as compared to 2013; the results were lower than last year largely due to the warm weather.

**6. TREASURER**

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

7. **FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS**

**A Backbone Improvements Program Westlake Filtration Plant Expansion and Pump Station Upgrade Project: Construction Engineering Scope Increase**

**Authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., increasing the contract amount by \$55,066, for the Backbone Improvements Program Westlake Filtration Plant Expansion and Pump Station Upgrade Project.**

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

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

Director of Facilities and Operations David Lippman responded to a question regarding the number of requests for information received from one of the contractors by stating that staff was working with the contractor to reduce the number of technical submittals. He noted that part of the issue was that the contractor has less experienced staff who posed questions to the District rather than to their own staff. He also stated that a new superintendent was coming onboard, which would improve this issue.

Dan Ellison, representing HDR Engineering, Inc., spoke regarding his efforts to respond to the contractor's requests for information.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Renger, Peterson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Polan

**B Saddletree Tank Rehabilitation Project: Final Acceptance**

**Approve the execution of a Notice of Completion and have the same recorded; and, in the absence of claims from subcontractors and others, release the retention in the amount of \$19,569.44, within 30 calendar days after filing the Notice of Completion for the Saddletree Tank Rehabilitation Project.**

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Renger moved to approve Item 7B. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Renger, Peterson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Polan

**8. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH**

**A Opposition to Proposition 53, California Public Vote on Bonds Initiative (Cortopassi)**

Pass, approve and adopt Resolution No. 2499, expressing opposition to Proposition 53, the California Public Vote on Bonds Initiative.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2499**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 53 ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT**

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 2499 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 Renger moved to approve Item 8A. Motion seconded by Director Caspary.

A discussion ensued regarding concerns with the ramifications of Proposition 53.

Board President Peterson inquired whether the Board's adoption of the resolution could be included in *The Current Flow*. District Counsel Keith Lemieux responded that this would be acceptable in order to inform the public that the Board took an action related to this proposition.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Renger, Peterson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Polan

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A Deerlake Ranch Tract No. 53138: Amendment to Water Pipeline Relocation Agreement**

**10. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**A Organization Reports**

- (1) MWD Representative Report

Board President Peterson noted that ACWA/JPIA was now offering cyber liability

protection to its members. He reported that he attended the dedication of the 3-megawatt solar facility at the Weymouth Treatment Plant. He also reported that the MWD Board of Directors did not meet.

(2) Other

Director Caspary mentioned that the August 18, 2016 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Meeting had been canceled.

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

Director Lewitt reported that he attended the ACWA Region 8 Program, "Not if, but When: Preparing for the Next Disaster", on August 4, 2016, held at MWD. He noted that disaster preparedness includes any type of natural disaster, including windstorms. He also noted that discussion included emergency planning such as ensuring that there is extra chlorine for all facilities and ensuring that emergency preparedness plans are current.

Director Renger reported that he also attended the ACWA Region 8 Program. He expressed concern with the possibility of a large earthquake and the possibility of the District issuing a boil water order, and whether the District would need to show its customers how to use bleach to sterilize water if gas and electric utilities are not available. He suggested that the District implement a plan if it does not currently have one.

Director Caspary reported that he also attended the ACWA Region 8 Program. He mentioned that a technical presentation by the Southern California Earthquake Center included a simulation using a super computer to study the impact of an earthquake on the San Andreas Fault in the Los Angeles Region. He stated that the presentations provided by representatives of Camrosa Water District, City of Pasadena, and City of Los Angeles were outstanding regarding areas of concern that could impact water supply. He also stated that the presentations raised his level of awareness, and he suggested that the Board discuss disaster preparedness with staff.

Board President Peterson reported that he also attended the ACWA Region 8 Program. He stated that although the Southern California Earthquake Center's presentation was very technical, he learned of potential earthquake liability issues in Orange County and the Oxnard Plain.

Public Affairs and Communications Manager Jeff Reinhardt noted that the District's brochure, *What's Shaking with Your Water*, is available on the District's website to assist customers in times of emergency and provides information for customers to disinfect their water using household bleach. He also noted that during times of emergency customers are notified via robo-dialing, social media, website, and news media. Director Renger asked that information regarding boil water orders be provided to customers as well.

**C General Manager Reports**

(1) General Business

General Manager David Pedersen reported that the Quarterly Water/Watershed Tour was held on August 6, 2016, which was hosted by Director Caspary and Triunfo Sanitation District Director Janna Orkney. He noted that 37 people attended the tour. He mentioned that the State Water Project Inspection Trip would be held September 16 through 18, 2016, and he asked the Board to submit their list of invitees by the end of the week. He also mentioned that there were no items to bring on the August 23, 2016 Board agenda, and he recommended that this meeting be canceled.

(2) Follow-Up Items

None.

**D Directors' Comments**

None.

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

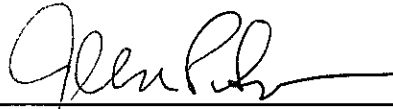
**13. CLOSED SESSION – Removed from agenda**

**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)

**14. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **5:35 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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