



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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

September 13, 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Don Patterson.

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
Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration
Carlos Reyes, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach
Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board
Wayne Lemieux, District Counsel

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

General Manager David Pedersen introduced newly hired employee Patrick Ray Vidal, Field Customer Service Representative I.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A List of Demands: September 13, 2016 - Ratify**
- B Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 9, 2016 - Approve**
- C Directors' Per Diem – August 2016 - Ratify**
- D Monthly Cash and Investment Report: July 2016**

Receive and file the monthly cash and investment report for July 2016.

- E Annual Supply and Delivery of Fire Hydrants: Award**

Accept the bid from HD Supply Waterworks and authorize the General Manager to approve an annual purchase order, in the amount of \$74,488.86, with four one-year renewal options for the annual supply and delivery of fire hydrants.

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

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

- A Legislative and Regulatory Updates**

General Manager David Pedersen provided an update regarding AB 2890, which was signed by Governor Brown and which makes minor changes to the program that certifies both water treatment and water distribution operators. He also provided an update regarding AB 2488, Protected Species: Unarmored Threespine Stickleback: Taking or Possession. He noted that the District signed a joint letter with public agencies and business organizations urging the Governor to sign this bill. He stated that this bill deals with Metropolitan Water District's operational issues when they dewater the Foothill Feeder and their ability to do a live relocation of the small fish without causing them harm. He also provided an update on regulatory actions in response to Governor Brown's Executive Order issued on May 9, 2016, making water conservation a way of life in California. He stated that the key parts involve looking at water conservation beyond 20% by 2020 requirements. He noted that there are two parts: 1) setting long-term targets for water conservation; and 2) setting new requirements and standards for water agencies' Water Shortage Contingency Plans. He stated that it appears that water usage targets would go towards a water budget type system instead of on an individual basis for water customers, and as an aggregate system for an entire district. He also stated that potentially by 2024 all water agencies would be required to

formulate a water budget based on pre-established criteria for their entire district by looking at landscaped area, population, water loss, indoor usage, and outdoor usage, and standards would be applied for each of those. He indicated that he believed the District is well prepared to comply. He addressed the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and indicated that the State would be looking at water shortage and a series of phases that the Board would adopt. He noted that each of those phases would have certain actions that would be determined locally, and the State would be looking at standardizing the stages. He stated that he believed that this would be problematic for each water agency because they all have different water portfolios and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District may not have the same Stage 2 shortage standard as other water agencies. He responded to a question regarding the ability for water agencies to challenge State regulations by stating that he believed the Governor would develop the proposal and include enacting legislation, such as a trailer bill, which would allow water agencies to potentially oppose the enacting legislation.

B Water Supply Conditions and Drought Response

Board President Peterson provided updates regarding water supply conditions at Oroville, Diamond Valley Lake, and Castaic.

6. TREASURER

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

7. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A Claim from Eitan Aizenshtein

Deny the claim from Eitan Aizenshtein.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report and responded to questions posed by the Board.

Director Caspary moved to deny the claim from Eitan Aizenshtein. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried unanimously.

B Fiscal Year 2015-16 Capacity Fee Report

Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Capacity Fee Report.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 7B. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

8. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

A Las Virgenes Unified School District: Approval of Check for the 4/5 Science Team

Approve a check to Las Virgenes Unified School District, in the amount of \$107,000, to fund the 4/5 Science Team water-related curriculum for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 8A. Motion seconded by Director Renger.

Jeff Reinhardt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager, responded to a question regarding efforts taken for students to retain the concepts of the water-related curriculum by explaining that water conservation education includes the pre- and post-testing, Water Awareness Poster Contest, Story Pirates Program, 5th Grade tour of Tapia and Rancho facilities, Solar Cup Program, and the District's participation in career days.

Board President Peterson requested that staff ensure that Public Affairs Associate Tiffany Wright is given access to the students for the Story Pirates Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Westlake Filtration Plant Expansion and Pump Station Upgrade Project: Change Orders

10. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

- (1) MWD Representative Report/Agenda(s)

Board President Peterson reported that he attended a meeting at MWD earlier in the day and new Director Gloria Cordero from the City of Long Beach Water Commission was inducted to the Board. He also reported that there was a lengthy discussion regarding outreach for the Delta Fix and working with Public Information Officers of every agency. He noted that one of the Directors from the City of Los Angeles discussed concerns regarding upcoming expenditures for recycled water, storm water capture and indirect potable reuse.

- (2) Other

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

None.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager David Pedersen reported that earlier in the day he and staff provided a tour of District facilities for John Freshman and Syrus Devers from Best Best & Krieger. He mentioned that District staff was continuing to gather quotes for the District's liability insurance renewal and a Special Board Meeting would be held on September 23rd to discuss this matter. He noted that "Imagine a Day without Water" would be recognized on September 15th, and the District would be participating in activities via social media. He also noted that in recognition of the upcoming Jewish Holidays, the October 3rd JPA Board Meeting had been canceled, and a Special JPA Board Meeting was scheduled for October 5th. Also, he proposed cancelling the October 11th LVMWD Board Meeting and scheduling a Special Meeting on October 10th. He reminded the Board that the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County would hold its Annual Elected Officials Reception at the Ronald Reagan Library on September 15th. Lastly, he noted that the JPA tour of Orange County Water District's Groundwater Replenishment System would be held on September 21st, and a second tour would be scheduled on November 14th for the Boardmembers who are unable to attend the first tour.

(2) Follow-Up Items

None.

D Directors' Comments

Director Polan inquired regarding the status of development of a groundwater agency. General Manager David Pedersen responded that there has been no action. He noted that this topic was discussed with the District's State lobbyist, who is working with a number of other agencies. He also mentioned that he met with General Manager Tony Stafford from Camrosa Water District, which is becoming a groundwater sustainability agency. He stated that District staff would be looking at the condition of the District's local groundwater basin. He also stated that Director Caspary had previously requested that staff bring back additional information on the condition of the basin at a future date.

Board President Peterson thanked Directors Caspary and Lewitt for their upcoming attendance at the MWD State Water Project Tour and Inspection Trip.

Director Caspary mentioned that he hosted the District's Quarterly Watershed/Wastewater System Tour, and he thanked staff for their outstanding work. He also acknowledged Jacqy Gamble for handling the tour at Tapia, and he noted that she would soon be retiring from the District.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Polan requested a future agenda item for the Board to consider a policy on whether the Board should review and approve the letters where the District takes a position on proposed legislation. General Manager David Pedersen noted that the Board previously approved legislative policy principles, and District staff issues letters and reports back to the Board when a proposed legislative item fits within the policy. He noted that if a proposed legislative item is believed to fall outside of the policy principles, then the item is brought before the Board for consideration. Director Polan rescinded his request for a future agenda item based on the information provided.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

13. CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to Closed Session at **5:37 p.m.** to discuss the following item:

A Conference with District Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)):

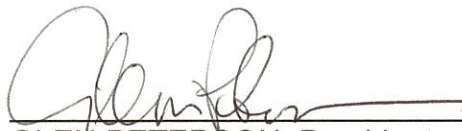
1. Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency and Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson (TMDL cases)
2. Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency (FOIA case)

14. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to Open Session at **5:57 p.m.**

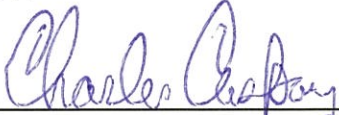
District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported that a progress report was provided during the Closed Session. No other formal action was taken.

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **5:57 p.m.** in memory of Ed Edelman, former Los Angeles County Supervisor who served for many years.



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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