

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

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5:00 PM

February 6, 2017

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Vickie Dragan.

**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, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Peterson, Polan, Renger, and Wall.

Absent: Director(s): None.

**2. CHAIR/VICE CHAIR**

**A Annual Transition of JPA Chair and Vice Chair**

The JPA Board transitioned its officers with Triunfo Sanitation District Director James Wall as Chair and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Director Glen Peterson as Vice Chair of the Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority for calendar year 2017.

**B Welcome TSD Director Susan Pan to JPA Board of Directors**

Chair Wall introduced Director Susan Pan, who was recently appointed to the Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) Board following the resignation of Director Michael McReynolds. Director Pan stated that she was looking forward to working with the JPA Board.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Iceland moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 3, 2017**

**B Budget Planning Calendar for Fiscal Year 2017-18**

**Receive and file the Budget Planning Calendar for Fiscal Year 2017-18.**

Director Peterson moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Director Paule. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

**A Financial Review: Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2016-17**

**Receive and file the financial review for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2016-17.**

Angela Saccareccia, Finance Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation. She responded to questions related to the increase in operating expenditures, reductions in revenues due to decreased recycled water sales, and fixed operating expenses.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

**B Rancho Las Virgenes Raw Sludge Wet Well Recirculation Pump Modification Project: CEQA Determination and Call for Bids**

**Find that the work is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and approve the issuance of a Call for Bids for the Rancho Las Virgenes Raw Sludge Wet Well Recirculation Pump Modifications Project.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report. He responded to a question related to restoring redundancy to the digester pump system with the new pump system.

Brett Dingman, Water Reclamation Manager, responded to questions regarding the capacities of the wet wells and pumps by stating that the three wet wells have capacity of 33,000, 20,000, and 15,000 gallons, and one of the pumps has a capacity of approximately 250 gallons per minute. He noted there are two pumps

for raw sludge, one pump for centrate, and two pumps for feeding the centrifuges.

Director Peterson moved to approve Item 6B. Motion seconded by Director Orkney. Motion carried unanimously.

**C Tapia Water Reclamation Facility Primary Clarifier Nos. 2 and 3 Rehabilitation Project: Final Acceptance**

**Execute a Notice of Completion and have the same recorded; extend the contract duration by 37 calendar days; authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to approve a change of scope for inspection services, in the amount of \$2,881.50; and, in the absence of claims from subcontractors and others, release the retention, in the amount of \$37,438.20, within 30 calendar days after filing the Notice of Completion for the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility Primary Clarifier Nos. 2 and 3 Rehabilitation Project.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

John Zhao, Principal Engineer, responded to a question regarding inspecting the coatings for potential warranty claims by stating that staff would schedule regular coating inspections and document any distress that may occur.

Director Renger moved to approve Item 6C. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**D Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Award of Modeling of Las Virgenes Reservoir Related to Indirect Potable Reuse Using Surface Water Augmentation**

**Accept the proposal from Trussell Technologies, Inc., and authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a professional services agreement, in the amount of \$279,678, for modeling of Las Virgenes Reservoir related to indirect potable reuse using surface water augmentation.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Bryan Trussell, representing Trussell Technologies, responded to a question regarding the composition of the Independent Advisory Panel by stating that the panel would consist of academics or experts in various fields such as treatment, public policy, or public health.

Director Pan suggested obtaining the names, curriculum vitae, and résumés from individuals who would serve on the Independent Advisory Panel.

Mr. Trussell explained the process for collecting data for reservoir operations in order to determine baseline conditions and identify areas where the regulations may not be met. He also addressed reviewing current meteorological data from the weather stations.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded to a question regarding authorizing the expenditure for the Independent Advisory Panel by stating that staff was proposing that this expenditure be included in the contract as an optional task but not to proceed until after the Board has provided authorization to move forward.

Mr. Trussell responded to a question regarding gathering data from the weather stations by stating that his staff would obtain as much regional data as is available in terms of wind patterns. He also responded to a question regarding bringing in an Independent Advisory Panel by stating that having such a panel of experts would assist the State in gaining a level of comfort and familiarity with the project.

John Mathews, Legal Counsel, noted that it would be helpful from an outreach standpoint to demonstrate that the project has been reviewed by an Independent Advisory Panel.

Mr. Trussell responded to a question regarding conducting computer modeling rather than a tracer study by stating that a tracer study would be conducted once the project is implemented. He explained that the tracer study would demonstrate that the mixing is occurring as specified in the computer modeling.

Director Paule moved to approve Item 6D, including the optional task for an Independent Advisory Panel and waiting to proceed until the Board provides authorization to move forward with this task. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried unanimously.

**E Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Award of Advanced Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Siting Study**

**Accept the proposal from RMC Water and Environment, a Woodward & Curran Company, and authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a professional services agreement, in the amount of \$157,648, for an advanced water treatment plant preliminary siting study.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Orkney expressed concern with identifying viable sites due to the County of Ventura's Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR) initiatives and the fact that the County of Ventura is in the process of updating its General Plan. She suggested having a local real estate professional assist with identifying

potential sites. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen noted that the consulting team would include an individual knowledgeable in right-of-way and real estate acquisition services. He stated that staff would share information with the consulting team, so they may become familiar with the local area.

Brian Dietrick, representing RMC Water and Environment, explained the proposed methodology for the two workshops that would cover the project kickoff and screening process.

Director Pan suggested potential cost sharing with the City of Thousand Oaks due to the proximity of the City.

Director Peterson moved to approve Item 6E. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, Pan, Paule, Peterson, Polan, Renger, Wall

NOES: Orkney

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

## 7. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Paule inquired whether the JPA Board would meet on March 6th because several of the Boardmembers would be in Washington DC meeting with elected officials for lobbying efforts. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that staff would propose cancelling the March 6th meeting due to the lack of a quorum. It was the unanimous consent of the Board to cancel the March 6, 2017 Board meeting.

Director Iceland inquired whether staff would be assembling facts and figures for the lobbying efforts in Washington D.C. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen referred to Item 10A and noted that staff was proposing to provide a legislative handout for the meetings with elected officials and their staff.

Director Paule noted that one of the frequently asked questions is how much purified recycled water would be produced, and he requested that this information be included in the legislative handout. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that the JPA would produce approximately 5,000 acre-feet of purified recycled water, and staff would look into including this information in a future version of the legislative handout.

Director Orkney stated she was pleased to see Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen, Public Affairs and Communications Manager Jeff Reinhardt, and Las Virgenes Directors at the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Winter Conference.

Director Caspary congratulated the TSD Board on appointing Director Susan Pan to their Board.

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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reminded the Board of the February 23, 2017 special meeting for a workshop to discuss institutional issues related to the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. He noted that Directors Lewitt and Wall hosted the Quarterly Wastewater Treatment and Recycling Tour on February 4th, which was attended by 23 people. He also noted that a copy of the comment letter to the State Water Resources Control Board in support of the TMDL Implementation Plan was provided to the Board. He reported that 2.41 inches of rain was recorded at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility for the period of February 2nd to February 6th, the current peak flow was 13.8 million gallons per day (mgd), and Malibu Creek flows reached approximately 480 cubic feet per second (cfs).

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Draft Public Outreach Plan and Legislative Handout**

Director Paule requested that the legislative handout include the history and background of the project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen noted that Director Orkney had suggested making the photographs brighter and improving the readability.

**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)

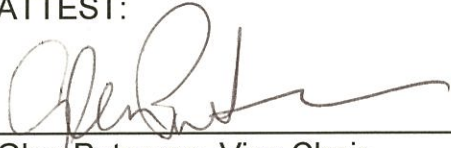
The Board recessed to Closed Session at 5:57 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 6:17 p.m.

Authority Counsel Steven O'Neill reported that an update was provided for Closed Session Item 12A2 with no formal action taken. No update was provided for Closed Session Item 12A1.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

  
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James Wall, Chair

ATTEST:  
  
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Glen Peterson, Vice Chair