

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

5:00 PM

April 3, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chair Wall.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Wall 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, Pan, Paule, Peterson, Polan, Renger, and Wall.

Absent: Directors: Lewitt and Orkney.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Iceland moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Paule. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lewitt, Orkney

ABSTAIN: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 6, 2017 and Special Meeting of February 23, 2017

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lewitt, Orkney

ABSTAIN: None

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, provided an update of the seven categories of next steps:

Funding and Financing: A letter of interest was submitted for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) financing. The JPA applied for two Bureau of Reclamation grants, including a \$300,000 grant for the demonstration project and a \$150,000 grant to complete a Title XVI Feasibility Study. Staff expects to hear back from the Bureau of Reclamation in June or July. Staff will also submit an application for a \$75,000 State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Recycled Water Planning grant to assist in developing the Feasibility Study. Next steps include meeting with staff from the State Revolving Fund Program to begin the application process.

Advocacy: Staff from Best Best & Krieger continue to meet with elected officials and their staff members in Sacramento and Washington DC on behalf of the JPA. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen previously provided a summary of the lobbying efforts for the Washington D.C. trip. All of the legislators expressed an interest in the project and asked to be kept informed on its progress.

Technical Studies: The mixing and dilution study has begun for Las Virgenes Reservoir to support the JPA's approach that this project will fit into the proposed regulations for surface water augmentation. Preliminary results are expected in late summer or early fall. The SWRCB has not released the draft regulation for surface water augmentation because the State Department of Finance is conducting an economic analysis.

Outreach: Staff is working on implementing the Pure Water Project Outreach Plan. Eight presentations have been made to various groups and five presentations are scheduled between now and late May. The presentations have been well received and staff is keeping a log of all presentations. Staff is working on setting up a tour of the Leo J. Vander Lans Advanced Water Treatment Facility in Long Beach.

Demonstration Project: Staff met with CDM Smith to discuss the preliminary design and community outreach. The preliminary design will be presented to the JPA Board in June for review and feedback.

Siting Study: The Preliminary Siting Study is currently underway. A list of approximately 200 possible sites will be narrowed down to a list of six to ten possible sites. Early results will be presented to the JPA in late summer.

Institutional Issues: A JPA workshop was held on February 23, 2017, and the institutional issues were narrowed down to five issues including: 1) how to establish a cost for the use of Las Virgenes-only facilities; 2) Calleguas MWD's role in the project; 3) the future of expanding the recycled water system for traditional uses; 4) how to engage another partner such as the City of Thousand Oaks; and 5) whether to finance the project jointly or separately. Staff is working on gathering information on these remaining issues and is proposing to schedule another workshop this summer.

Mr. Lippman noted that the JPA Board had authorized approximately \$1.4 million for the various work related to the project dating back to the Plan of Action in 2015.

Director Polan requested that staff provide a project schedule and the log of the presentations to the various community groups.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A Infrastructure Investment Plan: Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2020-21

Receive and file the Infrastructure Investment Plan for Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2020-21.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, presented the report. He highlighted the projects planned for Tapia Water Reclamation Facility, Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility, and recycled water system along with the programs identified for addition or removal.

A discussion ensued regarding the summer season 2013 TMDL compliance; consideration of the budget for each agency for the \$11 million budgeted for capital improvements for the coming fiscal year; planning for the process air compressor improvements during drought and wet weather conditions; and maintenance of the high-voltage cabinets at Tapia.

Director Pan requested that staff provide an update on the discussions with the City of Thousand Oaks for the potential to connect to their system to convey impaired groundwater to the advanced water treatment plant. She also spoke regarding the possibility of collecting stormwater from Oak Park and conveying it

to the treatment plant, and the possibility of capturing stormwater flows at Tapia. Mr. Lippman noted that a monthly update on the Pure Water Project would be included on each future JPA agenda.

B Rancho Las Virgenes Raw Sludge Wet Well Recirculation Modifications: Reject All Bids

Reject all bids for the Rancho Las Virgenes Raw Sludge Wet Well Recirculation Modifications project and authorize a new Call for Bids based on a revised bid package.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

John Zhao, Principal Engineer, responded to questions related to the optional bid items and requirements for use of specialized equipment or equivalent.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lewitt, Orkney

ABSTAIN: None

C Agreements Associated with Triunfo Sanitation District's Acquisition of Recycled Water System Facilities in Ventura County from Calleguas Municipal Water District

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute the *Agreement Terminating Agreement Regarding Purchase of Wholesale Reclaimed Water, Assignment & Assumption of Obligations under Memorandum of Understanding, and Consent* to facilitate Triunfo Sanitation District's acquisition of the Oak Park/North Ranch and Lake Sherwood recycled water system facilities in Ventura County from Calleguas Municipal Water District.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Iceland moved to approve Item 6C. Motion seconded by Director Pan. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lewitt, Orkney

ABSTAIN: None

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Paule commended staff and John Freshman from Best Best & Krieger for facilitating the meetings with legislators during the Washington D.C. lobbying trip.

Director Iceland announced that he would be moving from the Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) service area boundaries, and his last day as TSD and JPA Director would be June 6, 2017. He noted that he would not be present at the May 1, 2017 JPA Board meeting because he would be out of town

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that the Heal the Bay Gala would be held on May 18, 2017, at the Santa Monica Pier, and an item would be presented at the next JPA meeting to authorize one Board member from each agency to attend the event. He also reported that the first administrative draft of the NPDES permit for Tapia was received for review and comment. He noted that one area of concern was a proposed lower limit for chloride concentrations for discharges to the Los Angeles River. He noted that staff would meet with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board staff on April 5, 2017, to discuss this issue. He also reported that staff would be present at the Westlake Street Festival to provide materials and outreach.

Director Peterson departed from the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility: Biofilter Maintenance

B Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility: Contract Award for Amendment Supply

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

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:02 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

Authority Counsel Keith Lemieux reported that during the Closed Session the Board authorized Authority Counsel to execute and submit a settlement offer. He noted that the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0, with Directors Lewitt, Orkney, and Peterson absent.


13. **ADJOURNMENT**

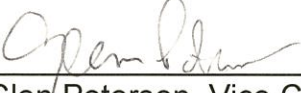
Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:21 p.m.




James Wall, Chair

ATTEST:




Glen Peterson, Vice Chair