



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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

May 23, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Addison Abrar.

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, Leonard Polan, Glen Peterson, and Lee Renger.

Absent: None

Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager
Darrell Johnson, Customer Service Manager
Angela Saccareccia, Finance Manager
John Zhao, Principal Engineer
Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board
Manuel Serpa, District Counsel

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A List of Demands: May 23, 2017: Ratify

B Minutes: Special Meeting of April 13, 2017, Regular Meeting of April 25, 2017, and Regular Meeting of May 4, 2017: Approve

C Directors' Per Diem April 2017: Ratify

D Board Members' Insurance Benefits: Update

Pass, approve and adopt proposed Resolution No. 2514, amending Section 2-2.106 of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Code to reflect a reduction in the District's contribution toward the medical premiums for Board Members, effective January 1, 2019, and to codify existing vision, dental and life insurance benefits, which remain unchanged.

RESOLUTION NO. 2514

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2468 (ADMINISTRATIVE CODE) AS IT RELATES TO DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 2514 on file in the District's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

Director Caspary moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt. Motion carried unanimously.

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Poster Contest Awards Ceremony

Board President Peterson provided introductory remarks, and Board Members presented the awards to the top 12 finalists for this year's Water Awareness Poster Contest.

The Ann Dorgelo Water Awareness Perpetual Trophy was awarded to Willow Elementary School.

B Legislative and Regulatory Updates

General Manager David Pedersen reported that discussions continue at the State legislative level regarding the implementation of the Governor's plan for *Making Water*

Conservation a California Way of Life. He noted three competing proposals were being considered to implement the Governor's framework: Budget Trailer Bill 810; AB 1668 (Friedman) Urban Water Management Planning and AB 1669 (Friedman) Urban Water Use Efficiency Standards and Use Reporting; and AB 968 (Rubio) Urban Water Use Efficiency and AB 1645 (Rubio) Urban Water Management Planning. He noted that water purveyors have taken support positions on Assemblymember Rubio's bills. He stated that the trailer bill language to implement the Governor's proposal includes language that District staff believes is problematic with regard to enforcement. He also stated that language was included regarding adoption of standards through emergency regulations, which staff believes is not warranted, and should instead be done through a legislative process. He noted that staff is also concerned with Assemblymember Friedman's proposed bills because these bills would establish administrative civil liabilities applied to urban water purveyors for noncompliance. He reported that District lobbyist Syrus Devers, representatives from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and representatives from other water agencies met with the Governor's staff earlier in the day to discuss concerns with the trailer bill language. He stated that it was not likely that Assemblymember Rubio's bills would advance further because of concerns from the Governor's office. He also provided an update regarding the NPDES Permit renewal and Time Schedule Order for compliance with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Board) chloride limit for discharges to the Los Angeles River. He noted that staff submitted 11 detailed comments, and the Regional Board staff incorporated eight of the 11 comments. He stated that permit reopeners would be included to allow the Regional Board to reconsider the requirements included in the permit. He noted that he and Director Caspary would attend the Regional Board's hearing on June 1st to speak in support of the NPDES Permit and Time Schedule Order.

C Water Supply Conditions Update

General Manager David Pedersen noted that as of May 11th, the snowpack for the Upper Basin of the Colorado River was at 102 percent of normal. Additionally, due to a large storm that came through between May 11th and May 19th, the Upper Basin snowpack increased to 157 percent of normal.

6. TREASURER

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

7. FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

A Agoura Road 24-inch Potable Water Transmission Main Emergency Repair

Declare the damage to the Agoura Road 24-inch potable water transmission main an emergency requiring immediate action without delay and ratify the General Manager's approval of a purchase order to Toro Enterprises, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, for the emergency repair of the pipeline without notice for bids.

Larry Miller, Water System/Facilities Manager presented the report. He responded to questions related to the pending investigation to determine the responsible parties.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 7A. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

B Potable Water Air-Vacuum Release Valves Relocation Project: Construction Award

Waive a minor bid irregularity and award a construction contract to Toro Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$291,824, for the Potable Water Air-Vacuum Release Valves Relocation Project.

Coleman Olinger, Associate Engineer, presented the report.

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

Coleman Olinger, Associate Engineer, responded to a question regarding the need to relocate the valves by stating that the work is needed to avoid potential contamination of the public water system should a vacuum occur along the pipeline when a vault was flooded.

Motion carried unanimously.

C Reclassification of Positions in Water Systems Operations

Reclassify an existing Water Production and Treatment Supervisor position to a Water Systems Supervisor position with a change from Salary Grade M88 to M83; and reclassify an existing Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator position to a Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator position with a change from Salary Grade 70 to 74, retroactive to the retirement date of the Water Production and Treatment Supervisor.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 7C. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried unanimously.

8. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A Banking and Purchasing Card Services

Accept the proposal from Wells Fargo and authorize the General Manager to execute an initial three-year contract, with two one-year renewals, at a cost of \$26,000 annually for general banking services; reject all proposals for custodial services and authorize the General Manager to negotiate with Union Bank; and reject all bids for purchasing card services and authorize the General Manager to negotiate participation in the State of California Purchase Card (Cal-Card) Program.

Angela Saccareccia, Finance Manager, presented the report.

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

Angela Saccareccia, Finance Manager, responded to a question related to employees' spending limits for small purchases. She also responded to a question regarding whether Board Members would be issued new Cal-Cards by stating that Board Members would be included. She noted that staff would review the process for use of Cal-Cards with Board Members and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

B Annexation 29-4, 29-5, 29-6, and 29-7: Approval

Pass, approve and adopt the proposed Resolution Nos. 2515, 2516, 2517 and 2518, approving detachments from the District's service area and annexation to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu

RESOLUTION NO. 2515

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 12 APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS ANNEXATION 29-4, AS PART OF LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION REORGANIZATION 2016-05 (AREA 4), TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU

RESOLUTION NO. 2516

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS ANNEXATION 29-5, AS PART OF LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION REORGANIZATION 2016-10, (AREA 1) TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU

RESOLUTION NO. 2517

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 12, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS ANNEXATION 29-6, LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION REORGANIZATION 2016-04 (AREA 3), TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU

RESOLUTION NO. 2518

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 12, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS ANNEXATION 29-7, AS PART OF LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION REORGANIZATION 2016-05 (AREA 5), TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU

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General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 8B. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried unanimously.

C Claim from Nicholas Pappas

Deny the claim from Nicholas Pappas.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Lewitt moved to deny the claim. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

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

Board President Peterson reported that former MWD Director Joe Parker had passed away. He noted that the Special Committee on the Bay-Delta would be discussing three white papers for the project (physical infrastructure, operations and finance/cost allocation), and the Environmental Impact Report would be certified in June.

- (2) Other

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

Director Renger reported that he attended the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Spring Conference in Monterey where he attended several sessions including the Water Quality Committee meeting, Energy Committee Program, Emergency Communications Session, and the Hans Doe Past Presidents' Breakfast. He also reported that he attended the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWAVC) WaterWise Breakfast meeting on May 18, which included a discussion regarding seawater desalination facilities.

Director Lewitt reported that he also attended the ACWA Spring Conference where he attended the Federal Affairs Committee meeting for an update regarding the EPA budget and funding for water infrastructure, wind power generation and H.R. 23 Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017. He also reported that he attended sessions regarding California farmers and an update on the Oroville Dam and pump station repair work. He also reported that he attended the AWAVC WaterWise Breakfast.

Director Caspary reported that he also attended the AWAVC WaterWise Breakfast.

Director Polan reported that he also attended the ACWA Spring Conference where he attended a presentation regarding California farmers.

Board President Peterson reported that he also attended the ACWA Spring Conference where he toured the Pure Water Monterey facilities. He stated that he would forward photographs of the demonstration project to General Manager David Pedersen. He noted that the use of the word "brine" should be avoided because this term normally refers to seawater desalination.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager David Pedersen provided an update regarding the option agreement for the property acquisition on Agoura Road for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. He noted that the draft agreement was pending the seller's review and escrow would open once the agreement had been executed. He also noted that the appraisal was being prepared, the preliminary title report had been completed and the process had begun to prepare an Initial Study and Negative Declaration. He also reported that the Upper Oaks Tank experienced two overflow incidents. He noted that the SCADA program spontaneously changed the scale for the tank level, making it appear that the tank was not full when it was indeed full. He reported that staff was working on correcting this issue. He also reviewed the upcoming events reflected on the calendar.

(2) Follow-Up Items

D Directors' Comments

Director Polan noted that he would be attending Dr. Randal Orton's presentation at UCLA.

Director Lewitt inquired whether water from the District was used to combat the brush fire near the Three Springs area. General Manager David Pedersen responded that water from Lake Sherwood was primarily used.

Director Renger inquired regarding the surface area of Las Virgenes Reservoir. General Manager David Pedersen responded that staff would follow-up and provide the information.

Director Caspary stated that he would provide a copy of an article in *The Wall Street Journal* regarding energy storage and methodologies to General Manager David Pedersen.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Lewitt requested an update from John Freshman regarding lobbying activities. General Manager David Pedersen responded that updates would be provided periodically to the Board.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

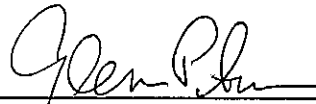
None.

12. CLOSED SESSION

None.

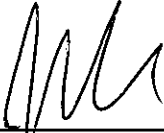
13. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:48 p.m.**



GLEN PETERSON, President
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

ATTEST:



JAY LEWITT, Secretary
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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