



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

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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5:00 PM

July 11, 2017

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Jeff Reinhardt.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Acting Board President Lewitt 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 Jay Lewitt, Len Polan, and Lee Renger.  
Absent: Director Charles Caspary and Glen Peterson.  
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  
Keith Lemieux, District Counsel

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Polan moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSTAIN: None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

General Manager David Pedersen introduced Sherrie Heitkamp, who was hired by the District in January as an Account Clerk.

Shahin Benyamin stated that she is building a home in Agoura Hills, and she paid the water connection fees in May prior to the recent fee increase. She noted that staff from the City of Agoura Hills recently mentioned she would also need to pay fees for connecting to the sewer system. She stated that District staff failed to inform her that the sewer connection fees were required, and she requested that her sewer connection fees be charged at the previous rate. Acting Board President Lewitt directed staff to look into this matter and follow-up with Ms. Benyamin.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A List of Demands: July 11, 2017: Ratify**

**B Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 27, 2017: Approve**

**C Directors' Per Diem June 2017: Ratify**

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

AYES: Lewitt, Polan, Renger

NOES: None

ABSENT: Caspary, Peterson

ABSTAIN: None

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

**A Legislative and Regulatory Updates**

Jeff Reinhardt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager, provided an update regarding several water-related Assembly and Senate Bills. He noted that AB 869 (Rubio) related to recycled water and drought contingency planning is being amended to include language similar to the Governor's proposed budget trailer bill. He also noted that the District, Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) had sent letters for consideration during the policy committee hearing process, including requesting additional credit for the use of recycled water in meeting water conservation goals. He stated that the District is well on its way to meeting the Governor's commitment to *Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life* with the development of the water budget-based rates program. He also stated that Syrus Devers from Best Best & Krieger would be present at the August 7th JPA meeting to provide an update on water-related bills and lobbying efforts. He responded to a

question regarding the status of SB 623 (Monning), Water Quality: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, by stating that the bill was now focused on agricultural uses and affordable safe drinking water availability in agricultural areas. He noted that the bill had been amended to include a surcharge to farmers who use nitrates in agricultural operations. He stated that the District is concerned with this amended language as a processor of fertilizer through the wastewater treatment process and composting facility; however, staff had been assured that the District would not be affected, and he passed along this information to Mr. Devers.

**B Water Supply Conditions Update**

General Manager David Pedersen provided an update on water supply conditions in the State Water Project and Sierra snowpack.

**6. TREASURER**

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

**7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**A ACWA Region 8 Board: Resolution Nominating Director Leonard E. Polan**

**Pass, approve and adopt Resolution No. 2523, supporting the nomination of Director Leonard E. Polan to the ACWA Region 8 Board of Directors.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2523**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PLACING IN NOMINATION DIRECTOR LEONARD E. POLAN AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF WATER AGENCIES REGION 8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 2523 on file in the District's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated and made a part hereof.)

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

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

AYES: Lewitt, Polan, Renger

NOES: None

ABSENT: Caspary, Peterson

ABSTAIN: None

**B Redevelopment Agency Oversight Boards: Nomination of Special District Representatives**

**Accept nominations for candidates to serve on Redevelopment Agency Oversight Boards 3 and 5, if any; select the most qualified candidate(s); and authorize the General Manager to notify LAFCO of the Board's selection.**

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

No action was taken as there were no nominations.

**8. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**A State of California Government Purchase Card Program (CAL-Card): Approval**

**Approve participation in the State of California Government Purchase Card Program (CAL-Card) and authorize the General Manager to execute a State Agency Subscription Agreement for the purchasing cards services.**

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration, responded to questions related to merchant and vendors' recognition of the CAL-Card, protection against fraud similar to traditional bank-issued credit cards, and the ability for internal controls for purchases to specific merchant categories and vendors.

Director Renger moved to approve Item 8A. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

**9. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**A Organization Reports**

- (1) MWD Representative Report/Agenda(s) – No report given.
- (2) Other – None.

**B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings – None.**

**C General Manager Reports**

(1) General Business – None.

(2) Follow-Up Items – None.

**D Directors' Comments**

Director Polan referred to a newspaper article regarding increased costs for preventative maintenance of aging water infrastructure.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff Reinhardt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager, noted that he received updates indicating that AB 1323 (Weber), related to water use efficiency, and AB 1654 (Rubio), related to water use efficiency and urban water management plan revisions, passed through committee earlier in the day, and AB 1667 (Friedman), related to water management planning and agricultural efficiency requirements, failed to go through committee.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**13. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

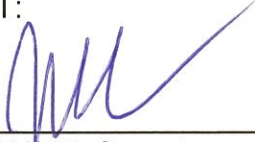
Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **5:26 p.m.**, in memory of Carl Boronkay, former General Manager and General Counsel for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.



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

ATTEST:



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

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