

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

5:00 PM

July 10, 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: Directors Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Polan, Renger, and Wall.

Absent: Director Peterson.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Polan, Renger, Wall

NOES: None

ABSENT: Peterson

ABSTAIN: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 5, 2017 and Special Meeting of June 19, 2017: Approve

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

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Polan, Renger, Wall
NOES: None
ABSENT: Peterson
ABSTAIN: None

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen provided the following update:

Advanced Water Treatment Site: RMC Water and Environment (RMC) is working with staff to conduct due diligence. RMC and staff visited the site on June 20th to view the topography, the location of oak trees and streams, and other potential obstacles for siting the advanced water treatment plant. The Negative Declaration (ND) is nearly ready for public circulation. The ND would be used for the potential purchase and acquisition of the property and for maintaining the property in its current condition. The effective date of the option agreement was announced by the escrow officer to be June 14, 2017, and the JPA has 60 days, until August 14, 2017, to issue a notice of preliminary acceptance of the property. Staff will make a recommendation at the August 7th JPA Board meeting regarding whether to issue the notice of preliminary acceptance. Staff will also present a summary of all due diligence work done to date, a copy of the property appraisal, and a recommendation to adopt the Negative Declaration. Staff met with City of Agoura Hills staff on June 15th to discuss the proposal and plans for the property.

Draft Policy Principles: Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reviewed the draft policy principles for future use of 30800 Agoura Road.

Director Orkney referred to Draft Policy Principle No. 5 and noted that the area currently has a variety of architectural styles.

Director Lewitt referred to Draft Policy Principle No. 8 and requested an example of project-related impacts to the community. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that there could be impacts to the existing trail system and impacts from future construction activities.

Director Caspary suggested establishing the trail outside of the project footprint early on in the project.

Director Paule suggested including a policy principle for noise mitigation measures for nearby residents.

Director Polan referred to Draft Policy Principle No. 7 for the onsite treatment of captured stormwater and inquired whether all of the stormwater would be captured.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that the concept would be to capture only the first flush of stormwater that falls on the site and that could potentially run off.

Director Lewitt suggested including a policy principle for light pollution mitigation.

Director Polan suggested including a policy principle for installation of a solar panel system in order to minimize the carbon footprint. Director Pan suggested installing solar panels on the rooftop. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that staff would look into draft policy principles related to renewable energy and offsetting the energy demands either onsite or offsite.

Director Pan suggested a policy principle for stormwater capture and putting it into the advanced treatment system as another new water source and onsite retention.

Director Polan commented on the architecture of the Hilton Foundation building and Westlake City Hall, and stated that he finds the LEEDS structure and style to be timeless.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A **Rancho Las Virgenes Raw Sludge Wet Well Recirculation Modifications Project: Construction Award**

Appropriate an additional \$240,328; award a construction contract to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, in the amount of \$355,900; and reject all remaining bids upon receipt of duly executed contract documents for the Rancho Las Virgenes Raw Sludge Wet Well Recirculation Modifications Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Orkney moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Pan.

Staff responded to questions related to the new pump system and removal of the integration/programming portion from the scope of work.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Polan, Renger, Wall

NOES: None

ABSENT: Peterson

ABSTAIN: None

B Rancho Las Virgenes Centrate Equalization Tank Project: Approval of Scope Changes for Design Services During Construction and Construction Management

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a Change in Scope to the professional services agreement with Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering (PACE), in the amount of \$31,474, for additional design services during construction; and to the professional services agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, in the amount of \$62,700, for additional construction management services for the Centrate Equalization Tank Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

A discussion ensued regarding the contractor's delays in completing the project and additional project costs, which would be borne by the contractor.

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

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Polan, Renger, Wall

NOES: None

ABSENT: Peterson

ABSTAIN: None

C Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Draft Preliminary Design Report for Pure Water Demonstration Project

Provide input and feedback on the proposed vision, layout and scope of the Pure Water Demonstration Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Bruce Chalmers, representing CDM Smith, presented the Draft Preliminary Design Report for the Pure Water Demonstration Project.

The Board and staff toured the proposed future demonstration facility at LVMWD Building No. 1 to view the proposed layout.

The Board provided the following input:

- Concern with having black ceilings inside the Learning Center.
- Consider noise-dampening measures inside the demonstration facility.
- Inquiry regarding whether minerals would be put back in the treated water at the purified water tasting station.

- Input received on the design of the purified water tasting station such as making it colorful, use of stainless steel or a farmhouse sink, and having instrumentation to compare treated water versus tap water.
- Consider installing a working elevator for future use of the building.
- Consider identifying the building from the outside by installing either a cylindrical, porous metal painted blue to resemble water or some type of water feature.
- Consider use of energy recovery in the process to take care of the high-pressure brine.
- Consider the concentrated brine following precipitation.

Following the tour, Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen stated that staff would incorporate the Board's comments into the next steps for the Pure Water Demonstration Project, which would be brought at a future Board meeting.

7. BOARD COMMENTS

None.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that flow augmentation to Malibu Creek began on July 3rd at approximately 450 gallons per minute (gpm), or 1 cubic foot per second (cfs). He responded to questions related to fiscal impacts and when augmentation ceased the prior year by stating that augmentation ceased last year in September/October. He also stated that staff would provide data on the costs at the end of the augmentation season.

Director Caspary inquired whether staff would be attending the public information meeting for the Salt and Nutrient Plan for San Fernando Valley Groundwater Basin on July 13th. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that Carlos Reyes, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach, and Dave Roberts, Resource Conservation Manager, would be attending the meeting.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Preliminary Financial Feasibility Report

Tyler Old, representing the PFM Group, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions posed by the Board. The Board requested a copy of the presentation.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

12. **CLOSED SESSION**

A Conference with JPA Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation
(Government Code Section 54956.9): One Case

In the opinion of Legal Counsel, disclosure of the identity of the litigants
would be prejudicial to the JPA.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at **6:42 p.m.** and reconvened to Open
Session at **6:53 p.m.**

Authority Counsel Wayne Lemieux announced there was no reportable action
taken during the Closed Session.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly
adjourned at **6:53 p.m.**



James Wall, Chair

ATTEST:



Glen Peterson, Vice Chair