

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

5:00 PM

April 2, 2018

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mary Capps.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Peterson in the Board Room at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road in Calabasas, California. Mary Capps, Acting Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Director Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Peterson, Polan, Renger, Tjulander, and Wall.

Absent: Director(s): None.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen requested that the agenda be amended to include a proclamation recognizing Samuel Unger, Executive Officer of Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, who retired on March 29, 2018.

Director Caspary moved to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Director Tjulander. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 5, 2018: Approve

B Rancho Las Virgenes Raw Sludge Wet Well Recirculation Modifications Project: Final Acceptance

Execute a Notice of Completion and have the same recorded; extend the contract duration by 165 calendar days; appropriate \$16,987 in additional funds; and, in the absence of claims from subcontractors and others, release the retention, in the amount of \$17,795, within 30 calendar days after filing the Notice of Completion for the Rancho Las Virgenes Raw Sludge Wet Well Recirculation Modifications Project.

C **Digester No. 1 Rehabilitation Project: Approve of Scope Change**

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a Change of Scope, in the amount of \$10,158, for Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc., to provide additional services during construction for the Digester No. 1 Rehabilitation Project.

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

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A **Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen explained that the Washington D.C. lobbying trip would be Monday, April 9 through Wednesday, April 11, 2018. Directors Peterson, Lewitt, Wall and Pan would be attending along with Mark Norris, Mike McNutt and David Pedersen. Mr. Pedersen stated that attendees would be arriving Sunday night or Monday morning, and a Monday night dinner with John Freshman was planned to strategize for meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday. He explained that the attendees planned to meet with each of the Congressional representatives for the JPA's service area, along with representatives from the U.S. EPA and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Pedersen also stated that staff had updated the JPA's leave-behind document, shortening and clarifying the message.

Mr. Pedersen also reported that the Agoura Road property purchase was in escrow for its purchase and sale; the previous escrow was for the option agreement. He explained that staff was checking off all of the items required for closing and had reviewed the title policy. He stated that there might be a couple of endorsements staff would recommend on the title policy for the purpose of clarification but no items of concerns. He explained that escrow had the signed grant deed, staff was preparing to wire the final purchase payment and escrow was expected to close as early as Friday. Mr. Pedersen stated that the grant deed would be recorded and that he would report to the Board when the purchase was completed.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations reminded the board that there would be a workshop on the Pure Water Demonstration Project on April 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. David Lippman asked that the Board complete and return the questionnaire to the Clerk of the Board by April 11, 2018.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations updated the Board on the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Mixing and Dilution Study. He explained that the next step would be to convene an independent advisory panel on May 4, 2018. The panel would answer two very important questions: (1) would the project comply with reservoir water augmentation regulations issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB); and (2) should any additional modeling be completed? Mr. Lippman explained that the report from the independent advisory panel would allow staff to initiate specific conversations with the regulatory authorities, including the SWRCB Division of Drinking Water and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The Board was provided with a copy of the program from the Town Hall Session at the Water Reuse Conference where Director Caspary served as a panelist. The program topic was "The Elected Officials Perspective on the Trials and Tribulations of Developing a Potable Reuse Project". The program provided examples of potable reuse projects taking place in the state and provided useful information for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

B Proclamation in Recognition of Retirement: Samuel Unger, Executive Officer of Los Angeles, California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Chair Peterson presented a proclamation to Samuel Unger, Executive Officer of Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in recognition of his retirement on March 29, 2018. Mr. Unger thanked the JPA Board and stated that it was honor to receive the proclamation.

Director Orkney stated that it was always comforting to know that Mr. Unger was with the RWQCB.

Director Caspary thanked Mr. Unger for his leadership with the RWQCB and stated that it made a big difference, resulting in a positive impact for the JPA and its neighbors.

Director Lewitt thanked Mr. Unger for his support of and compliments for the JPA.

Director Pan acknowledged and expressed appreciation for Mr. Unger's integrity, fair mindedness and support.

Director Peterson thanked Mr. Unger for his work.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen expressed appreciation to Mr. Unger for always being willing to meet with the JPA and serve as a problem solver when faced with challenging issues.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

A Infrastructure Investment Plan: Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2022-23

Receive and file the JPA Infrastructure Investment Plan for Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2022-23.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations presented the report.

Director Paule moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Tjulander. Motion carried unanimously.

B Relocation of Conrad N. Hilton Foundation 115kW Solar Carport System: Award

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a service agreement, in the amount of \$65,443.84, to Go Green Solar Solutions, Inc., for the disassembly and transport of a 115kW solar carport system to a JPA-owned site for temporary storage.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Renger moved to approve Item 6B. Motion seconded by Director Paule. Motion carried unanimously.

C Heal the Bay's "Bring Back the Beach" Event: Attendance

Authorize one Board Member from each agency and the Administering Agent/General Manager to attend the Heal the Bay "Bring Back the Beach" Event at a cost of \$600 per person.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Paule moved to approve Item 6C. Motion seconded by Director Pan. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **BOARD COMMENTS**

None.

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

None.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A Annual Bioassessment Monitoring Report: Approval of Purchase Order
- B Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility Rain Gutter Replacement: Authorization of Purchase Order
- C Tapia Water Reclamation Facility Switchgear and Transformer Maintenance

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

12. **CLOSED SESSION**

- A Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):


Zusser Construction, Inc. v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

The Board recessed to Closed Session at **5:54 p.m.**, and reconvened to Open Session at **6:07 p.m.**

Authority Counsel Keith Lemieux announced that during Closed Session the JPA retained Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP in connection with the pending litigation between Zusser, Inc.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned in honor of Alice C. Stelle at **6:08 p.m.**



Glen Peterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Michael Paule, Vice Chair