

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

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5:00 PM

September 5, 2018

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Colin O'Neill.

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

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Peterson in the Conference Room at Oak Park Library, 899 Kanan Road, in Oak Park, California. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

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

Absent: None

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Tjulander moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Wall. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 6, 2018**

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

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

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

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, reported that staff was working on submitting the Title XVI Feasibility Study to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which if approved would allow the JPA to compete for Title XVI construction funds. He stated that staff would provide a presentation regarding the Title XVI Feasibility Study at the November 5th JPA meeting. Mr. Lippman also reported that staff submitted a proposal to the Secretary of the Army to include the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo in the annual report to Congress for the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRDA). He noted that WRDA projects are managed by the Army Corps of Engineers who design, build, and operate the facilities, and the brine line would be the focus of this study. Mr. Lippman also reported that staff was working on submitting an application for a \$1 million grant to the Coastal Conservancy and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission for Proposition 12 Safe Neighborhoods, Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 funds for the Pure Water Demonstration Project. Mr. Lippman also reported that staff submitted an application to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) for its Future Supply Actions Funding Program. He stated that the JPA's request was to provide up to a 50 percent match to pilot the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning at the Demonstration Project, which could provide predictive controls by analyzing and projecting data trends rather than relying on hindsight-based decisions based on analyzing historical data. Mr. Lippman also reported that design work continued on the Demonstration Project, and a kickoff meeting would be held to focus on the demonstration garden. He noted that the ASTOUND Group was recently engaged to assist with developing the concepts for the visitors' experience.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

### A **Tapia Process Air Pipeline Repair: Award**

**Waive the formal bidding process; find that WEKO-SEAL must be designated by specific trade name to obtain the necessary items and services that are only available from one source; and authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a contractual service agreement with Miller Pipeline, in the amount of \$94,550, to complete the repair of the Tapia process air pipeline.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Renger moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Caspary.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, responded questions related to the warranty for materials and labor; the material used for a WEKO-SEAL that is manufactured to fit the inside diameter of the pipeline; debris build up found in pipes that may have come from the laterals; possible future relining of the entire pipeline; having Miller Pipeline inspect the pipeline in one year; looking into the

possibility of installing a filter in the system to prevent particulate matter that is migrating into the pipe from blocking the air supply diffusers; and mitigating future corrosion.

Authority Counsel Keith Lemieux responded to a question regarding designating WEKO-SEAL by trade name by confirming that it is legally allowable under the Public Contract Code Section 3400.

Motion carried unanimously.

**B Rancho Lighting Efficiency Upgrade Project: Award**

**Accept the proposal from Retro-Tek Energy Services, Inc.; authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a contractual agreement, in the amount of \$299,971; and appropriate \$362,968 for the Rancho Lighting Efficiency Upgrade Project.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 6B. Motion seconded by Director Renger.

John Zhao, Principal Engineer, responded to a question regarding whether the lighting fixtures would be specified and their lifecycle by stating that staff worked with The Energy Network to identify the best fixtures for the project. He also stated that the fixtures would have a minimum warranty of 50,000 hours, which would typically be 10 years with regular use.

Mr. Zhao also responded to a question regarding whether the lighting efficiency upgrades at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility and Headquarters had achieved the projected savings by stating that he had not yet reviewed the electricity consumption nor conducted a comparison. Chair Peterson requested that staff report back regarding the energy savings.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded to a question regarding appropriating funds for projects that are inadvertently not included in the budget by stating that typically staff would not recommend the Board move forward with a project that was not included in the budget. He stated that each year there are a few budgeted projects that do not move forward, and staff felt comfortable the JPA could accommodate this project given the capital improvement project portfolio for the year. Chair Peterson suggested staff include an update on capital improvement projects when preparing the next quarterly financial report.

Director Caspary expressed an interest in receiving a report on the existing facilities that have been rehabilitated to confirm the energy savings projection.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. **BOARD COMMENTS**

None.

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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen noted that a spreadsheet was provided to the Board listing the most influential people in the JPA service area. He stated that the objective would be to send information on a monthly basis regarding the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo, and he asked the Board to advise staff whether any other people should be included on the list.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A State and Federal Legislative Update**

**B Digester No. 1 Rehabilitation Project: Final Acceptance**

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Peterson congratulated Lynda Lo-Hill on her election and Directors Jay Lewitt and Lee Renger on their reelection to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Board of Directors. He also congratulated Directors Janna Orkney, Susan Pan, and Ray Tjulander on their reelection to the Triunfo Sanitation District Board of Directors.

12. **CLOSED SESSION**

**A Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)):**

**Zusser Company, Inc. v. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District**

The Board recessed to Closed Session at **5:30 p.m.**, and reconvened to Open Session at **5:55 p.m.**

Authority Counsel Keith Lemieux announced there was no reportable action.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **5:55 p.m.**



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Glen Peterson, Chair

ATTEST:



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Janna Orkney, Vice Chair