

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

5:00 PM

February 4, 2019

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Lynda Lo-Hill.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Orkney 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, Lo-Hill, Orkney, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall.

Absent: Director Pan

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen requested that Item 12A be removed from the agenda as there was no update.

Director Caspary moved to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 12A. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Lo-Hill, Orkney, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Pan

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 7, 2019

Director Lo-Hill moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Tjulander. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Lo-Hill, Orkney, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Pan

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen noted that nearly 90 percent of the plans and specifications have been completed for the Pure Water Demonstration Project. He stated that an item would be presented at the March 4th meeting to discuss the visitor experience, followed by approval of a call for bids at the April 1st meeting and recommendation to award a construction contract at the June 3rd meeting. He also stated that construction could begin in late summer, and commissioning of the facility would occur in late November or early December. He also reported that staff submitted a request for a time extension to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation related to the grant in order to produce testing results. He noted that staff met with representatives from Camrosa Water District, the City of Thousand Oaks, and Calleguas Municipal Water District to discuss preparation of a joint study and draft scope of work for a brine conveyance and disposal strategy. He stated that the next step would be to select qualified consultants to submit proposals, which would be presented to the JPA for consideration of award together with the terms of cooperative funding amongst the parties. He also reported that the annual Washington D.C. lobbying trip would be scheduled the first week in April to discuss the progress of the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo (Pure Water Project). He noted that a list of grant applications for the Pure Water Project was provided to the Board.

B Financial Review: Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018-19

Angela Saccareccia, Finance Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation. She responded to questions related to recycled water sales and reimbursement from the JPA's insurance carrier and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) related to expenses stemming from the Woolsey Fire.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A Rancho Solar Generation Project Phase II: Additional Reimbursable Payment to SCE for Interconnection Facility

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to increase the reimbursable payment amount to Southern California Edison by \$189,998.90,

from \$208,557.38 to \$398,556.28, and appropriate the additional amount for the interconnection facility costs associated with the Rancho Solar Generation Project Phase II.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

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

Staff responded to questions related to the time extension for federal rebates, Southern California Edison's responsibility for financial risk for this project, and the Power Purchase Agreement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Lo-Hill, Orkney, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Pan

B Tapia Process Air Improvements Project: Construction Award

Award a construction contract to Cushman Contracting Corporation, in the amount of \$3,267,000, and reject all remaining bids; authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to approve a change of scope to Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, in the amount of \$122,720, for support services during construction, and to MSO Technologies, in the amount of \$53,200, for SCADA integration services; and appropriate an additional \$1,989,126 for the Tapia Process air Improvements Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report. He noted that the correct amount for additional appropriation would be \$1,989,126, as opposed to \$2,436,293 as stated in the report.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6B. Motion seconded by Director Tjulander.

Eric Schlageter, Senior Engineer, responded to a question related to monitoring for small particles in the process air pipeline.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Lo-Hill, Orkney, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Pan

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Orkney commended staff and the consultant on their efforts in preparing the Regulatory Pathway for Surface Water Augmentation Technical Memorandum.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that 4.75 inches of rain was measured at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility. He noted that there were no significant damages or operational challenges at JPA-owned facilities. He also noted that peak flow was measured to be 26.25 million gallons per day (MGD) at Tapia and 7,900 cubic feet per second (CFS) in Malibu Creek. He also noted that the Quarterly Wastewater, Recycled Water, and Watershed Tour would be held on February 9th with Directors Caspary and Tjulander hosting, and the next JPA meeting would be held on March 4th at Oak Park Library. He stated that plans were underway for the annual Washington D.C. lobbying trip scheduled April 1 through 5, 2019, and he recommended that the Board consider canceling the April 1st JPA Regular Meeting and schedule a Special Meeting on March 28th. The Board agreed.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A State and Federal Legislative Update

B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes – Triunfo: Regulatory Pathway for Surface Water Augmentation

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded to questions regarding the current methods used for treating pharmaceuticals and other contaminants in potable water and wastewater.

Bryan Trussell, representing Trussell Technologies, responded to questions related to monitoring for contaminants of emerging concern and testing for nanoparticles and microplastics.

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, responded to a question regarding the construction timeline by stating that construction was expected to begin in 2026 or 2027. He stated that staff would provide an updated timeline at a future Board Meeting.

C Woolsey Fire Response and Recovery Effort: End of Emergency

Director Polan moved to receive and file the Information Items. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Lo-Hill, Orkney, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Pan

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

12. CLOSED SESSION – (This item was removed from the agenda)

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

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:13 p.m.**



Janna Orkney, Chair

ATTEST:



Jay Lewitt, Vice Chair