

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

---

5:00 PM

June 3, 2019

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Director Jay Lewitt.

**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, Pan, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall.

Absent: None.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A Minutes: Special Meeting of April 29, 2019**

Director Polan moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt. 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 reported that bids for the Pure Water Demonstration Project were received on May 22nd. He noted that the apparent low bid was received from Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, in the amount of \$2.09 million, which was higher than the Engineer's Estimate of \$1.63 million. He stated that staff was in the process of analyzing the bids and would bring a recommendation to the next JPA Board meeting for the Board to accept the bid and award a construction contract. He noted that the JPA might be eligible to receive an additional \$138,858 from Proposition 12 grant funds because an applicant that was scheduled to receive funding would not be moving forward with its project. He also reported that the JPA was expected to receive a grant, in the amount of \$893,249, from the State Water Resources Control Board Proposition 1 Recycled Water Pilot Project Grant Program.

## 6. **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A Proposed JPA Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20**

#### **Adopt the Joint Powers Authority Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20.**

Angela Saccareccia provided a PowerPoint presentation. She reviewed the recycled water wholesale rate computations, including estimated depreciation and deliveries.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded to a question regarding the \$717,705 cost for additional pumping by stating that this was the cost to pump the recycled water from the Recycled Water Pump Station at Las Virgenes Reservoir No. 2, where it is stored temporarily before it is sent to the pump station to be pumped east or west.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Shapiro. Motion carried unanimously.

### **B Biosolids Disposal during the Rancho Amendment Bin and Conveyance Modifications Project: Authorize Amendment to Agreement**

**Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to amend the agreement with New Earth USA, to provide for up to eight additional months of biosolids transportation and disposal, in the amount of \$234,061, due to the impacts of the Woolsey Fire on the Rancho Las Virgenes Compositing Facility and Rancho Amendment Bin and Conveyance Modifications Project.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report. He noted that the composting process was not currently in operation and that approximately 300 cubic yards of stockpiled compost remained. He discussed the cost-savings associated with the temporary shutdown of the composting operation

and with not needing to purchase amendment for the composting process, which would partially offset the cost of transport and disposal of the biosolids. He noted that the cost for transport and disposal of the biosolids would be eligible for reimbursement through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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

**C Acceptance of Proposition 12 Grant Funding from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Pure Water Demonstration Facility**

**Pass, approve and adopt proposed Resolution No. 8, approving and accepting the grant of Proposition 12 funding from the State Coastal Conservancy, in the amount of \$925,720, for the Pure Water Demonstration Facility.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR THE PURE WATER PROJECT LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO DEMONSTRATION FACILITY**

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 8 on file in the JPA's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded to questions regarding Exhibit 1 - List of Assurances, which included the regulations, policies, and requirements related to the acceptance and use of State Coastal Conservancy funds for the project.

Motion carried unanimously.

**D Application for Title XVI Planning and Design Grant Funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo**

**Pass, approve and adopt proposed Resolution No. 9, authorizing the Administering Agent/General Manager to apply for a WaterSMART: Title XVI WINN Water Reclamation and Reuse Program for Fiscal Year 2019 grant; and, if awarded, execute a grant agreement with the U.S. Bureau of**

**Reclamation for the planning and design of the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 9**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR FUNDING WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, FOR THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF THE PURE WATER PROJECT LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO UNDER THE TITLE XVI WIIN WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 9 on file in the JPA's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report. He responded to a question regarding the proposed bill H.R. 1497 to amend Clean Water Act such that an agency that has received Title XVI planning funds would not be precluded from receiving construction funds from the U.S. EPA's alternative water source projects program and vice versa.

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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded to a question regarding the JPA not having applied for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) grant by stating that the purpose of this grant is to fund projects that are construction ready. He further responded to questions regarding applying for Proposition 1 funds in Round 2, and the JPA's responsibility to commit to funding the remaining share for the planning and design of the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo if the JPA executed a grant agreement for the Title XVI WIIN Water Reclamation and Reuse Program Grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

**7. BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Pan mentioned that the Ventura County Public Works Agency was in the process of conducting zero liquid discharge pilot testing, and the vendor was in discussions to conduct pilot testing at the Piru Wastewater Treatment Plant in July. She stated that she would keep everyone informed and invite the Board Members and staff to observe the process.

Director Shapiro thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Heal the Bay "Bring Back the Beach" event. He noted that members of Heal the Bay expressed appreciation for the JPA's efforts to improve water quality in Malibu Creek and expressed support for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. Director Lewitt noted that Heal the Bay was one of the stakeholders in assisting the Board make a decision regarding the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that he attended Congresswoman Julia Brownley's roundtable discussion in Port Hueneme on May 31st. He noted that Congresswoman Brownley was appointed to the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis. He stated that the roundtable discussion provided an orientation for Chairwoman Kathy Castor regarding California agencies and organizations' efforts to adapt to climate change. He noted that the Port of Hueneme was the focus of the meeting, which was recently named the greenest U.S. Port. He also noted that he shared information regarding the JPA's water recycling, Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo, solar power generation, and energy efficiency measures.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A State and Federal Legislative Update**

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **5:50 p.m.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Janna Orkney, Chair

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jay Lewitt, Vice Chair