

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

5:00 PM

August 5, 2019

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Leon Shapiro.

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 Lewitt, Lo-Hill, Orkney, Pan, Polan, Renger, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall.

Absent: Director Caspary

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caspary

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 1, 2019

Director Polan moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Lo-Hill.

Director Polan referred to the discussion in the minutes regarding potentially unanticipated tariff costs for the Pure Water Demonstration Project and inquired whether staff had explored whether the project might be subject to additional tariffs. Keith Lemieux, Authority Counsel, advised that discussion regarding tariffs should be discussed when the subject is brought up on the agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Polan

ABSENT: Caspary

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that staff explored whether the Pure Water Demonstration Project might be subject to additional costs due to unanticipated tariffs and found that the project was not expected to be impacted by tariffs. He noted that the construction kick-off meeting would be held next week. He also noted that staff viewed a pre-production version of the orientation video. He stated that a handout was provided to the Board containing the Pure Water Demonstration Project budget, including project summary, grant awards, awarded contracts, current appropriation, remaining appropriation, and future project costs.

B Federal Legislative Briefing by Ana Schwab, Best Best & Krieger LLP

Ana Schwab, lobbyist representing Best Best & Krieger LLP, provided a federal legislative briefing, which included updates regarding the federal budget and appropriations, legislation related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), H.R. 1764 that would extend the NPDES permit period from five years to ten years, and an amendment to H.R. 1497 that would allow agencies that have received Title XVI funds to be eligible to apply for the U.S. EPA Alternative Water Source Program.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A State and Federal Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy: Contract Renewal

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a one-year renewal of the professional services agreement with Best Best & Krieger LLP, in the amount of \$155,000, for state and federal legislative and regulatory advocacy services.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded to questions regarding Best Best and Krieger LLP's fees for state lobbying efforts and their assistance in pursuing grant funding.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caspary

B Pure Water Demonstration Garden: CEQA Determination and Call for Bids

Find that the work is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and authorize the issuance of a Call for Bids for the Pure Water Demonstration Garden.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded to questions regarding the proposed construction schedule, conducting outreach to landscape contractors in order to receive as many bids as possible, and the structured bidding document with optional, alternative items to the scope of work.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caspary

C Las Virgenes-Triunfo Pure Water Project: Award of Regional Brine Management Study and Authorization to Execute Multi-Agency Cooperative Funding Agreement

Accept the proposal from Woodward & Curran; and authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a professional services agreement, in the amount of \$210,945, and a multi-agency cooperative

funding agreement with the City of Thousand Oaks, Camrosa Water District and Calleguas Municipal Water District to reimburse the JPA, in the aggregate amount of \$142,946, for the regional brine management study.

John Zhao, Interim Director of Facilities and Operations, presented the report.

Director Lo-Hill moved to approve Item 6C. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt.

Mr. Zhao responded to several questions regarding the proposed study for regional brine management options.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caspary

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Orkney noted that she would be attending the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) conference later in the month, and she inquired whether any other Board members would be attending. Directors Lewitt, Lo-Hill, and Polan responded that they would also be attending the conference.

Director Polan encouraged the use of native plants for the Pure Water Demonstration Garden Project.

Director Pan noted that new building codes were adopted in the Bay Area related to graywater systems.

Director Lo-Hill reported that she and Director Shapiro attended the California Special Districts Leadership Academy last month, which included sessions regarding human resources, public relations, finance, etc. Director Shapiro stated that he was surprised to learn that independent audits are conducted to ensure compliance with accounting standards and principles as opposed to looking for fraudulent activities.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that the Tapia Process Air Improvements Project was 75 percent complete. He also reported that an incident occurred at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility where a small amount of mercury spilled from a broken flow meter. He noted that staff contacted the Los Angeles County Fire Department, who referred staff to Patriot Environmental for hazardous materials clean-up. He noted that no workers or employees were

harmful by the spilled mercury. He also noted that several years ago staff removed all equipment that contained mercury; however, some flow meters containing mercury remained. He stated that staff would ensure that all facilities have no other mercury-based equipment. He also reported that the Hilton Foundation donated the use of goats for weed abatement and brush clearing from the JPA's Agoura Road property. He reported that Tony Goff was appointed as the new General Manager for Calleguas Municipal Water District. He reported that the Malibu Creek discharge flow was 2.5 cubic feet per second; therefore, no augmentation was needed at this time. He also reported that a tour of JPA facilities was provided to Las Virgenes Unified School District staff. Lastly, he noted that the next JPA Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 5:00 p.m., at the Oak Park Library.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A State Legislative Update

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

12. CLOSED SESSION

None.

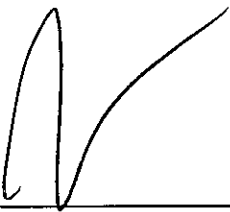
13. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:09 p.m.**



Jenna Orkney, Chair

ATTEST:



Jay Lewitt, Vice Chair