

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

5:00 PM

September 3, 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 Conference Room at Oak Park Library at 899 N. Kanan Road, in Oak Park, California. Director Pan participated from the teleconference location at Ritz Plaza Conference Room, 500 Section 1, Donghua Street, Taipei, Taiwan. 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.

Director Pan confirmed that she posted a copy of the agenda at the teleconference location 72 hours in advance.

Chair Orkney noted that all votes taking during the meeting would require a roll call vote due to Director Pan's participation by teleconference.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Renger moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 5, 2019

Director Caspary moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

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

A Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, provided an update regarding the preconstruction meeting and contractor mobilization for the Pure Water Demonstration Project. He noted that the pre-purchased equipment for the project was beginning to arrive. He also noted that two pre-bid meetings were held for the Pure Water Demonstration Garden Project, and bids would be due in two weeks. He reported that staff was meeting with Tack Roberts from Astound on a biweekly basis to discuss the visitor experience and orientation video portion of the project. He also reported that the request for proposals was issued for the Pure Water Demonstration Project mural. He noted that staff was working on partnering with Pepperdine University to develop a community-wide survey for the project. He stated that students from the university would conduct the survey, analyze the survey results, and provide outreach ideas. He noted that requests for proposals would be forthcoming for environmental studies, preliminary engineering, a brine pipeline alignment study, equalization basin at Tapia Water Reclamation Facility, regulatory compliance, NPDES permitting, and discharge to Las Virgenes Reservoir. Lastly, he noted that staff was waiting on the status of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant for planning and design of the project.

A discussion ensued regarding the Pure Water Demonstration Project construction schedule and training Pepperdine University students regarding the project prior to conducting the surveys.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

A Tapia Water Reclamation Facility Mercury Spill Remediation: Emergency Declaration

Pass, approve, and adopt proposed Resolution No. 10, declaring an emergency due to a mercury spill at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility; approve an additional appropriation, in the amount of \$100,000, for the Tapia Process Air Improvements Project for expenses related to the spill remediation; and ratify approval of a purchase order by the Administering Agent/General Manager to Patriot Environmental Services for the work.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LAS VIRGENES – TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FINDING THAT AN EMERGENCY WILL NOT PERMIT A DELAY RESULTING FROM COMPETITIVE

SOLICITATION FOR THE PROPER REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF MERCURY AT THE TAPIA WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 10 on file in the Joint Powers Authority's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

John Zhao, Director of Facilities and Operations, presented the report. He responded to questions regarding the amount of mercury spilled and the method used to dispose of the spilled mercury.

Director Shapiro moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Tjulander. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

B Tapia Headworks Floor Rehabilitation Project: CEQA Determination and Call for Bids

Find that the work is exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act and authorize the issuance of a Call for Bids for the Tapia Headworks Floor Rehabilitation Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

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

Veronica Hurtado, Assistant Engineer, responded to questions regarding the age of the fiberglass floor and carbon steel airline, and the type of replacement materials for the airline and fiberglass floor panels.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

C Digester No. 2 Rehabilitation Project: CEQA Determination, Approval of Design Scope Change and Call for Bids

Find that the work is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute Design Scope Change No. 2, in the amount of \$20,790, to Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc.; and authorize the issuance of a Call for Bids for the Digester No. 2 Rehabilitation Project.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Lewitt moved to approve Item 6C. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

D Rancho Solar Generation Project Phase 2 Project: Amendment of Power, Cost Reimbursement and License Agreements

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute proposed amendments to the Power Purchase, Cost Reimbursement and License Agreements with Borrego Solar, doing business as Las Virgenes Solar, LLC, to address high-than-anticipated costs for construction of the Rancho Solar Generation Project Phase 2 Project.

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

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

Mr. Zhao responded to questions regarding the Fire Department's requirement for a wider fire access road, the increased foundation depth and pile dimensions for the solar arrays, and Borrego Solar System's responsibility to bear the cost for the additional transformer.

Bob Jalalpour, representing Borrego Solar System, Inc., responded to questions regarding Borrego Solar System's responsibility for maintenance and repair of the solar arrays for the 25-year lifespan and annual vegetation management.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Tjulander noted that he would be attending the WaterReuse Symposium later in the month, and he inquired whether any other Board Members would be attending. Director Polan responded that he would be attending the tour of the San Diego Pure Water Project and Padre Dam's East County Advanced Water Purification Program.

Director Lo-Hill reported that she attended the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Conference where a presentation was provided regarding Building a High Performance Culture.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that he would be attending the WaterReuse Symposium on September 10th. He announced that John Zhao was selected as the new Director of Facilities and Operations, and Eric Schlageter would be serving as the Interim Principal Engineer. He noted that as a result of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District's recent reorganization, the Technical Services Group would now report under the newly renamed Engineering and External Affairs Department.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Lewitt requested a future agenda item to consider increasing the Administering Agent/General Manager's approval authority to \$35,000.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A State and Federal Legislative Update

Director Polan referred to H.R. 2570, the PFAS User Fee Act of 2019, and inquired regarding possible impacts to water treatment and recycled water as well as discharge to Malibu Creek. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded that according to data from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have not been detected in the potable water; however, there is no data on PFAS for the Tapia's wastewater influent and effluent nor the biosolids. He noted that staff would be developing a plan to test the influent and effluent at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility and would look into testing the biosolids. He also noted that not many laboratories are currently certified to conduct this type of testing. He also responded to a question regarding S. 1689 that would permit states to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund to the drinking water revolving fund in certain circumstances by stating the staff would discuss the status of this proposed bill with the JPA's lobbyist.

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, responded to a question regarding S. 2013 involving the right of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects by stating that he believed the bill referred to federal projects.

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 **6:12 p.m.**



Janna Orkney, Chair

ATTEST: 

Jay Lewitt, Vice Chair