

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

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5:00 PM

October 7, 2019

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by 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, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall.

Absent: Director Renger

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Renger

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 3, 2019: Approve.**

**B Tapia Water Reclamation Facility Mercury Spill Remediation: End of Emergency**

**End the declaration of emergency for remediation of a mercury spill at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility.**

Director Polan moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

Mike McNutt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager, presented the proposal for the Pure Water Demonstration Facility Mural and a draft version of the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo orientation video.

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, reported that construction activities had begun for the Pure Water Demonstration Facility. He noted that a recommendation to award the Demonstration Garden Project was included on the agenda. He also noted that an item regarding ongoing operating costs for the Pure Water Demonstration Facility would be placed on a future agenda.

Director Polan commented that the orientation video for the Pure Water San Diego Project focused on the purification process, and he suggested that the orientation video include the same detail. Mr. McDermott responded that the orientation video would not include the same level of detail; however, the advanced water treatment process would be discussed during the tour. He stated that the video would also be used in various ways, and would be posted on the website and on social media.

The Board provided the following comments regarding the orientation video:

- Add humor and warmth to the video.
- Include landscaping, medians, and schools when describing where recycled water is used.
- Add "California" when the video references "Orange County."
- Include information regarding the use of smart meters to conserve water.
- Emphasize in the voiceover when describing the requirement to treat water that the level of treatment would exceed current drinking water standards.
- Include display boards and videos containing information regarding the \$100 million cost and additional ongoing operational costs for discharging highly treated water to Malibu Creek versus creating a new water resource for the same amount.

- Maximize the viewing of the orientation video.
- Ensure there is a pause when the video discusses recycled water being discharged to the ocean.
- Consider changing "... the water ends up in Santa Monica Bay" to "... the water ends up in Malibu Lagoon, which ends up in Santa Monica Bay".
- Refer to water coming from "Northern California" as opposed to "the far north."

The Board provided the following comments regarding the mural:

- Consider not including a paddle removing oils and floating contaminants in the ribbon demonstrating the water purification process.
- Depict the natural, clean, and safe way to treat the water in order to extend resources.
- Use coastal California scenery artwork as opposed to the scientific treatment processes.
- Include impactful imagery to depict the amount time and effort it takes for a drop of water to travel from Northern California to the tap, which would then be reused.
- Ensure that the materials used for the mural are durable due to the potential effects of sunlight and concern with fading.

## 6. **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A Pure Water Demonstration Garden Project: Construction Award**

**Award a construction contract to Terra Form, Inc., in the amount of \$423,000; reject the remaining bid for the Pure Water Demonstration Garden Project; authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to approve a Scope Change to Carollo Engineers, in the amount of \$31,700, for engineering services during construction; and appropriate an additional \$987,917 to fund the remaining costs for the Pure Water Demonstration Project.**

Eric Schlageter, Principal Engineer, presented the report.

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

Director Caspary moved a substitute motion to eliminate Area D from the scope of work and reduce the construction contract contingency to five percent, which would result in appropriating a lesser amount (\$802,262), to fund the remaining costs for the Pure Water Demonstration Project. Substitute motion seconded by Director Polan.

A discussion ensued regarding the proposal for eliminating Area D and reducing the construction contract contingency, garden signage, and monitoring the number of Carollo Engineer's site visits.

Chair Orkney requested that staff bring back the cost of the garden signage at the next meeting.

The substitute motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: Lewitt

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Renger

**B Amendment No. 1 to Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement: Approval in Concept**

**Approve in concept Amendment No. 1 to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, increasing the authority of the Administering Agent to process budgeted works of improvement without further JPA approval from \$25,000 to \$35,000, and request that the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Triunfo Water & Sanitation District consider approval of the amendment at upcoming meetings of their respective Boards.**

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Renger

**7. BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Polan reported that he attended tours of the Pure Water San Diego Project and Padre Dam Advanced Water Purification Demonstration Facility during the WaterReuse Symposium. He recommended that the Board visit these facilities. He also reported that he and Directors Lewitt, Lo-Hill, and Shapiro attended the tour with the Israeli delegation on September 9th, which was arranged by Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

Director Lo-Hill reported that she attended the Colorado River Symposium, which was held September 17 through 20, 2019, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She stated that she was enlightened and impressed to learn of the Colorado River Compact amongst the seven U.S. states in the Colorado River Basin.

Director Pan reported that she attended a tour of a City of Thousand Oaks pilot project involving testing of two-stage reverse osmosis and recirculating technology. She noted that the Ventura County Public Works Agency was in the process of conducting pilot testing of zero liquid discharge technology at the Piru Wastewater Treatment Plant to reduce brine waste to zero. She stated that she would keep everyone informed, and invite the Board Members and staff to observe the process.

Chair Orkney asked that the sign at the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility be changed to reflect the new name of Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD).

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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen stated that staff contacted Padre Dam Municipal Water District to arrange a tour of their Advanced Water Purification Demonstration Facility and Ray Stoyer Water Recycling Facility on December 2, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. He noted that staff had attempted to arrange a tour of the Pure Water San Diego Project; however, a tour could not be arranged due to construction activities. He also stated that staff was proposing that the recycled water fill station at the Rancho Las Virgenes Compositing Facility be discontinued while the composting operation remains out of service. He suggested reassessing this program after the composting operation is restored. He responded to a question regarding the timeline for resuming the composting operation by stating that staff would bring back the timeline at the next JPA meeting.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A State and Federal Legislative Update**

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**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

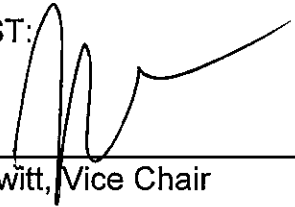
The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:24 p.m., and reconvened to Open Session at 6:54 p.m.

Authority Counsel Wayne Lemieux announced that the Board received a report during Closed Session, and there was no reportable action.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
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Janna Orkney, Chair

ATTEST:   
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Jay Lewitt, Vice Chair