



LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas CA 91302

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

9:00 AM

August 1, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Eric Schlageter.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **9:00 a.m.** by Board President Lewitt in the Board Room at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Gary Burns, Andy Coradeschi, Jay Lewitt, and Len Polan.
Absent: Director Charles Caspary
Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager
Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs
Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration
John Zhao, Director of Facilities and Operations
Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board
Keith Lemieux, District Counsel

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Coradeschi moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Polan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caspary

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A List of Demands: August 1, 2023: Receive and file

B Annual Fleet Vehicle Maintenance Agreement: Award

Authorize the General Manager to execute an annual service agreement with Vince Barnes Automotive, in the amount of \$60,000 with four one-year renewal options, for fleet vehicle maintenance services.

C Annual Diesel Fuel Tank Maintenance and Inspection Agreement: Award

Authorize the General Manager to execute an annual service agreement with Tait Environmental Services, Inc., in the amount of \$48,095, with four one-year renewal options, for diesel fuel tank maintenance and inspection services.

Director Coradeschi moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Polan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caspary

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Water Supply Conditions Update

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, responded to a question regarding projected water loss in the Colorado River by stating that it was reported that evaporation in the Colorado River due to climate change was enough to fill Lake Mead. He noted that the Colorado River was over-subscribed, and water levels were in the 25 to 30 percent range.

General Manager David Pedersen stated that the hydrology in the Colorado River was better than average. He noted that peak snowpack was at 165 percent of normal, runoff was at 124 percent, and water levels in Lake Powell could increase by 50 feet, which would cause water levels in Lake Mead to increase as well.

6. TREASURER

Director Coradeschi stated that the Treasurer's report was in order.

7. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO): Nomination of Candidates for Special District Alternate Member

Nominate candidates, if any, for consideration to fill a vacancy as the independent special district alternate member on the Los Angeles County Local Formation Commission.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 7A. Motion seconded by Director Burns.

Director Burns expressed an interest in being nominated as a candidate for independent special district alternate member.

Motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Polan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caspary

B ACWA Election of Statewide Officers: President and Vice President

Authorize the General Manager to serve as the District's voting delegate for the election of ACWA's President and Vice President, and provide feedback on voting preferences.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Coradeschi moved to authorize the General Manager to serve as the District's voting delegate for the election of ACWA's President and Vice President. Motion seconded by Director Polan.

Motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Polan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caspary

Director Polan moved to cast votes for Cathy Green as ACWA's President and Ernest "Ernie" Avila as ACWA's Vice President. Motion seconded by Director Coradeschi.

Motion carried 4-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Polan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Caspary

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Board President Lewitt acknowledged staff on receiving the certificate.

9. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

Board President Lewitt noted that the Association of Ventura County Water Agencies (AWAVC) would hold its annual Member and Policymakers' Reception on September 14th at the Ronald Reagan Library. He stated that he spoke with Kelly Pistone, AWAVC Managing Director, regarding inviting City Councilmembers to attend. He also stated that attendees could visit the Auschwitz exhibit at a discounted rate of \$16.

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

Director Coradeschi reported that he attended the AWAVC WaterWise Program on July 20th where Mauricio Guardado, General Manager of United Water Conservation District, provided a presentation regarding adjudication with an association of growers that own land overlying the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley groundwater basins.

Board President Lewitt reported that he also attended the AWAVC WaterWise Program on July 20th, and that there was discussion from both sides of the adjudication.

Director Burns reported that he also attended the AWAVC WaterWise Program on July 20th.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager David Pedersen reminded the Board that the State Water Project Inspection Trip would be held September 8 through 10, 2023, and the deadline to register was August 9th. He noted that staff from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) was working on scheduling a tour of the Sites Reservoir site as part of the trip. He also reported that flow in Malibu Creek measured 12.6 cubic feet per second (CFS), and water demands were measuring 18 million gallons per day (MGD).

(2) Follow-Up Items

General Manager David Pedersen stated that items regarding penalty revenues, purchasing policy, and the possibility for expansion of the Advanced Water Purification Facility would be presented at upcoming Board Meetings.

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, responded to a question regarding the status of seeking the Los Angeles County Medical Association's endorsement of the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo by stating that staff met with staff from MWD and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to strategize and seek a possible joint endorsement from medical associations Los Angeles and Ventura Counties for recycled water projects. He suggested extending an invitation to visit the Pure Water Demonstration Facility and Pure Water Southern California. He stated that it could take one year to receive an endorsement.

D Directors' Comments

Director Burns reported that he attended the Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon on July 28th. He noted that he distributed copies of a publication regarding pure water projects to the Board and General Manager, and he commented that he had not seen a similar publication from the District regarding the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo. General Manager David Pedersen responded that the District participated twice in the past in the publication. Director Burns suggested that the District partner with Calleguas Municipal Water District, MWD, and other agencies to produce similar publications.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Burns inquired regarding the status of his request for a presentation by Cadiz, Inc. General Manager David Pedersen responded that it would be helpful to know how the District could benefit from their project, and then extend an invitation to provide a presentation.

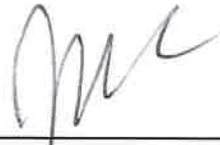
A discussion ensued regarding concerns with staff time and efforts in responding to Directors' requests that may or may not benefit the District.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **9:42 a.m.**



Jay Lewitt, President
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

ATTEST.



Gary Burns, Secretary
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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