

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

5:00 PM

October 2, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Andy Coradeschi.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Jane Nye 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 Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Orkney, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall
Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen asked that the Board pull Items 4B and 4C from the Consent Calendar, and consider those items together as action items.

Director Caspary moved to approve the agenda as amended to pull Consent Calendar Items 4B and 4C as action items. Motion seconded by Director Orkney.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Orkney, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023: Approve

Director Orkney moved to approve Consent Calendar Item 4A. Motion seconded by Director Tjulander.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Orkney, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A State and Federal Legislative Update

Ana Schwab, federal lobbyist for the JPA with Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK), reported that Senator Dianne Feinstein had passed away, and Governor Gavin Newsom was working on appointing her replacement. She also reported that Congress passed a continuing resolution to avert a government shutdown, and BBK was monitoring how the continuing resolution would affect the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI Program funding. She also noted that a motion was filed to vacate the Speaker of the House.

Lowry Crook, federal lobbyist for the JPA with BBK, stated that Senator Feinstein was a champion for California water issues.

Ms. Schwab stated that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was expected to finalize the regulations for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) by the end of the year, and the Senate Environment Public Works Committee was continuing to work on PFAS legislation.

Syrus Devers, state lobbyist for the JPA with Syrus Devers Advocacy, LLC, reported that the State Water Resource Control Board's would hold its first public workshop on October 4th regarding adoption the *Conservation as a California Way of Life* regulation. He stated that this regulation would set outdoor water conservation standards, which would affect water and sanitation agencies. He also reported that Governor Newsom signed AB 334 (Rubio) Public Contracts Conflicts of Interest, would allow contractors to bid on more than one phase of a contract under certain circumstances. He also stated that ACA 13 (Ward) Voting Thresholds was being held procedurally for the November 2024 ballot.

B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, presented the report. He stated that the proposals from progressive design-build firms were expected in early November, and a recommendation for award would be presented to the JPA Board in February. He also stated that the focus was on the procurement of the Advanced Water Purification Facility's reverse osmosis concentrate pipeline. He reported that the final executed agreement was received for the \$10.2 million Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI grant. He also reported that the 1211 wastewater change petition application was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board for an amendment to the discharge limits to Malibu Creek. He responded to questions regarding continued monitoring at the Pure Water Demonstration Facility, the schedule for the reverse osmosis concentrate pipeline, and referring questions received from progress design-build firms to staff.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR – SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS

B State Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a one-year professional services agreement with Syrus Devers Advocacy LLC, in the amount of \$81,000 with four one-year renewal options, for state legislative and regulatory advocacy services.

C Federal Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Services

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a one-year professional services agreement with Best Best & Krieger LLP, in the amount of \$105,000 with four one-year renewal options, for federal legislative and regulatory advocacy services.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented Items 4B and 4C.

Director Caspary moved to approve Items 4B and 4C. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Orkney, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6. ACTION ITEMS

A 2023 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan: Adoption

Pass, approve, and adopt proposed Resolution No. 32, adopting the 2023 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 32

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ADOPTING THE 2023 CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 32 on file in the JPA's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein.)

Joe McDermott, Director of Engineering and External Affairs, presented the report. He responded to questions regarding the requirement to reduce statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for fleet vehicles by stating that AB 1594 (Garcia) Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emissions Vehicles Public Agency Utilities was on Governor Gavin Newsom's desk for his signature, which would seek to provide flexibility on this mandate.

Director Coradeschi moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Shapiro.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Orkney, Polan Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

B Municipal Financial Advisory Services: Award

Accept the proposal from PFM Financial Advisors LLC, and authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a five-year professional services agreement, in the amount of \$300,000, for municipal financial advisory services.

Don Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration, presented the report, and introduced Darren Hodge and Jaime Trejo from PFM Financial Advisors, LLC.

Darren Hodge, Managing Director with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC, responded to a question regarding PFM's representative project for the Contra Costa Water District in issuing Series 2023 bond to close the existing senior lien and issuing a subordinate lien.

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

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Burns, Caspary, Coradeschi, Lewitt, Nye, Orkney, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Caspary stated that he was pleased with the most recent coverage of the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo in *The Acorn*. He also stated that the City of New Orleans was experiencing saltwater intrusion moving up the Mississippi River due to a lack of freshwater flow. He noted that the City of New Orleans was taking steps to keep saltwater content from its water intake within legal limits, and California was seeking to do the same with the Sacramento River Delta by building an underwater berm to stop saltwater intrusion.

Director Orkney reported on the passing of Mark Abramson, an Agoura Hills resident who worked on issues related to the Malibu Creek Watershed and the restoration of the Malibu Lagoon. She asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Mark Abramson and Senator Dianne Feinstein.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that a dedication ceremony would be held on October 12th for the Dave Roberts Wildflower Garden. He also reported that the Regional Water Quality Control Board would hold a hearing on November 16th for the JPA's time schedule order to adjust the chloride discharge limit from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility to the Los Angeles River system. He reminded the Board that the next JPA Board Meeting would be held on October 30th, and the November 6th JPA Meeting was canceled due to a conflict with the WaterReuse California Conference. He also reported that flow in Malibu Creek measured 3.71 cubic feet per second (CFS).

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Pure Water Project Advanced Water Purification Facility Production, Utilization, and Augmentation

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, responded to a question regarding future augmentation sources to achieve 5,000 acre-feet yearly production by stating that this would be the goal for plant capacity by 2040.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **5:51 p.m.**, in honor of Mark Abramson and Senator Dianne Feinstein.

Jane Nye

Jane Nye, Chair

ATTEST:

Jay Lewitt

Jay Lewitt, Vice Chair