

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

5:00 PM

December 4, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Janna Orkney.

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, Tjulander, and Wall
Absent: Director Shapiro

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Wall moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Polan pulled Item 4A for discussion.

B Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position:

September 2023

Receive and file the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for the period ending on September 30, 2023.

Director Polan moved to approve Consent Calendar Item 4B. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Shapiro

4. CONSENT CALENDAR – SEPARATE ACTION ITEM

A Minutes: Special Meeting of October 30, 2023: Approve

Director Polan noted that the minutes indicated that staff would begin reporting on the \$10.2 million U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI grant every six months beginning November 17th.

Director Polan moved to approve Consent Calendar Item 4A. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Shapiro

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), introduced Christopher Keosian, BBK Assistant Director of Public Affairs. Mr. Keosian stated that he was excited to work with the JPA.

Ms. Schwab reported that the continuing resolutions that were adopted to fund the federal government would expire in January and February. She stated that the federal government was proposing replacement of all-lead pipelines and considering the impacts from drought. She also stated that wildfires continued to be a high focus in ensuring that there are necessary funding resources to prevent, respond, and mitigate wildfires.

Lowry Crook, federal lobbyist for the JPA with BBK, reported that Congress was continuing to negotiate on matters related to supplemental appropriations;

however, there was not much progress on the annual appropriations bills.

Ms. Schwab also reported that negotiations were continuing regarding the Farm Bill and Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation was continuing to administer grant programs. She also reported that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had indicated that maximum contaminant levels (MCL's) for the National Drinking Water proposed rule regarding perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) limits were expected to be completed by the end of the year. She responded to a question regarding the status of bipartisan supported bills listed in the bill matrix by stating that some of the bills might be added to larger bill packages. She also responded to a question regarding H.R. 4866, Fire Weather Development Act, by stating that this bill was ready for a vote.

Syrus Devers, state lobbyist for the JPA with Syrus Devers Advocacy, LLC, reported that the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) was working with the Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife, to address concerns regarding funding and setting new supply targets and deadlines for SB 366, The California Water Plan, Long-term Supply Targets. He responded to a question regarding the status of SB 23, Water Supply and Flood Risk Reduction Projects, Expedited Permitting, by stating that this bill was held in committee in Senate appropriations.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report.

Brian Richie, Finance Manager, presented the report.

Jeffrey McKennan, representing Rogers Anderson Malody Scott, LLP, provided a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the audit process. He stated that an unmodified "clean" opinion was issued.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded to a question regarding solar facilities not being listed as capital assets by stating that solar projects were covered under Power Purchase Agreements, and neither the JPA nor Las Virgenes Municipal Water District own the solar facilities. He noted that there would be an option after 20 years to purchase or remove the solar facilities.

Director Tjulander stated that the JPA Audit Committee met prior to the Board meeting, and recommended that the Board accept the audit as presented.

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

Coradeschi.

Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Shapiro

B Second Amendment to Joint Powers of Exercise Agreement

Approve a Second Amendment to the Joint Powers of Exercise Agreement, increasing the authority of the Administering Agent/General Manager to process budget works of improvement from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

Liz Smith, Purchasing Supervisor, presented the report.

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

Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Shapiro

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Orkney stated that she was pleased to read the article in *The Acorn* regarding Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's approval of a contract for the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations Project, which would address water supply reliability to the westside State Water Project-dependent areas.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that the flow in Malibu Creek measured 7.39 cubic feet per second (CSF). He also reported that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board approved a Basin Plan Amendment to increase the chloride limit for discharges from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility to the Los Angeles River from 150 milligrams per liter (mg/L) to 190 mg/L. He noted that the next JPA Board meeting would be held on January 8, 2024, at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and the February 5, 2024 JPA Board meeting would be held at Triunfo Water & Sanitation District.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

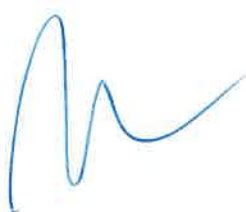
None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:49 p.m.



Jane Nye, Chair

ATTEST: 

Jay Lewitt, Vice Chair