

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

5:00 PM

April 8, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Jane Nye.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Jay Lewitt in the Board Room at Triunfo Water & Sanitation District headquarters at 370 N. Westlake Boulevard, Westlake Village, California, 91362. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall
Absent: Burns

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brad Halpern, City Councilmember from the City of Westlake Village, commented regarding the proposed design for the Advanced Water Purification Facility. He stated that although he initially believed the rendering was a good design, he suggested a modernized design that would blend with the Cities of Agoura Hills and Westlake Village.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Chair Wall read from the proclamation recognizing Former JPA Director Janna Orkney for her 17 years of service on the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority. He expressed his appreciation for Director Orkney's service, and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Former Director Orkney thanked the Board, and acknowledged the Board for its accomplishments and leadership to address water supply in California and for its customers.

B Welcome TWSD Director Carl Jarecky to the JPA Board of Directors

Chair Lewitt welcomed TWSD Director Carl Jarecky to the JPA Board of Directors.

Director Jarecky stated that it was an honor and a privilege to serve on the JPA Board, and that he was looking forward to working with the Board.

C State and Federal Legislative Update

Lowry Crook, federal lobbyist for the JPA with Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK), reported that the federal government approved the Fiscal Year 2024 funding. He stated that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would soon release its proposed maximum contamination levels (MCLs) regulations for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) under the Safe Drinking Water Act. He also stated that the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing on exempting passive receivers, such as water utilities, from liability for PFAS under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). He noted that environmental groups and the chemical industry were lobbying against an exemption. He responded to a question regarding opposition to proposed exemptions by stating that there was concern with setting a precedent for CERCLA liability, and other industries that are not public agencies might request an exemption. He also responded to a question regarding concern regarding whether discharge from wastewater treatment plants might be considered as hazardous waste by stating that he believed the current method filters out much of the PFAS, and there would be reductions in the course of regular treatment.

Syrus Devers, state lobbyist for the JPA with Syrus Devers Advocacy LLC, presented the report. He stated that it appeared there was much focus on administrative process bills, such as eliminating fees on building permits and development fees, and although water districts would be affected, they were not the target. He noted that there continued to be opposition to SB 937 (Wiener) Development Projects, Permits and Other Entitlements, Fees and Charges, and to SB 1210 (Skinner) New Housing Construction, Electrical, Gas, Sewer, and Water Service, Service Connection Information. He also noted that Tribal Water Rights were emerging as a large issue. He stated that the ACWA Legislative Symposium would be held on April 10th, and he would schedule meetings with the attending

a professional services agreement, in the amount of \$305,100, for the completion of a dye-tracer study in the Las Virgenes Reservoir to support the permitting process for future operation of the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, presented the report.

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

Mr. Slosser responded to questions regarding the timeline of the study and coordination with OceanWell's deep water life protection filtration system testing at Las Virgenes Reservoir.

Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

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

B Annual Delivery and Supply of Shaftless Screws and Liners: Award

Accept the bid from Austin-Mac, Inc. and authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to approve a one-year purchase order, in the amount of \$150,000, with four one-year renewal options, for the annual supply and delivery of the shaftless screws and liners.

John Soderberg, Associate Engineer, presented the report and read the corrected recommendation that the Board accept the bid from Austin-Mac, Inc., and authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to approve a one-year purchase order, in the amount of \$150,000, with four one-year renewal options, using an inflationary factor of three percent per year, for the annual supply and delivery of the shaftless screws and liners.

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

Mr. Soderberg responded to questions regarding the custom-made screw conveyors and the difference in the bids received.

Motion carried 9-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, Wall
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

LVMWD Board Room. He also reported that the MWD Board would be considering the Local Resources Program (LRP) application for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo on April 9th. He noted that Chair Lewitt spoke in support of the LRP application at the MWD One Water and Stewardship Committee Meeting, which received a unanimous vote to recommend approval to the MWD Board. He also reported that the creek avoidance period would begin on April 15th, and discharge to Malibu Creek from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility (Tapia) would be prohibited. He noted that Southern California Edison would have a maintenance shutdown on April 15th and 16th, and Tapia would run on the backup generators during that time.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A Annual Supply and Delivery of Polymer: Award

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:54 p.m.**