

**LAS VIRGENES - TRIUNFO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas CA 91302**

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

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5:00 PM

May 4, 2015

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Wall.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**A** Call to order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at **5:02 p.m.** by Chairman Wall in the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road in Calabasas. Joanne Bodenhamer, the Interim Clerk of the Board called the roll.

Present: Director(s): Caspary, Iceland, Lewitt, Polan, McReynolds, Orkney,  
Paule, Renger, and Wall

Absent: Director(s): Vice Chairman Peterson

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A Approval of Agenda**

Director McReynolds moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Director Iceland and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Director(s): McReynolds, Iceland, Orkney, Paule, Wall, Caspary, Lewitt,  
Polan, and Renger.

NOES: Director(s): None

ABSENT: Director(s): Peterson

ABSTAIN: None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comment cards.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A Minutes: Regular JPA Meetings of March 2, 2015 and April 6, 2015.**

Director Iceland moved to to approve the minutes of March 2, 2015 and April 6, 2015. Motion seconded by Director Renger, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Director(s): McReynolds, Iceland, Orkney, Paule, Wall, Caspary, Lewitt, Polan, and Renger.  
NOES: Director(s): None  
ABSENT: Director(s): Peterson  
ABSTAIN: None

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

**A Preliminary JPA Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16**

Administering Agent/General Manager, Pedersen gave an overview of the key budget drivers. Operating expenses of \$15.6 Million is just a touch over 2.5% more than last year, capital expenditures of \$7.1 Million due to lower than expected recycled water sales at the wholesale level the new recycled water rate will be \$436.55, compared to the current rate of \$373.72.

Mike Hamilton was introduced and gave detailed specifics on the budget and discussed the following: Revenues and the recycled water rate to the JPA participants; project costs and expenditures.

Discussion took place and questions of the Board were answered.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**A Independent Audit Services: Contract Renewal (Pg.33)**

**Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to exercise the first one-year renewal option with Pun & McGeady, LLP, to continue providing independent audit services to the JPA.**

Administering Agent/General Manager Pedersen gave an overview of the item stating that Pun & McGeady was selected to complete the JPA's audit; they did the audit last year and the audit committee gave positive feedback using that company; staff recommend five one-year renewal options and this would be the first one-year renewal option.

Director Caspary moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Iceland and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Director(s): McReynolds, Iceland, Orkney, Paule, Wall, Caspary, Lewitt, Polan, and Renger.  
NOES: Director(s): None  
ABSENT: Director(s): Peterson  
ABSTAIN: None

**B Financial Review: Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-15**

**Receive and file the financial review for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-15.**

Finance & Administration Director, Donald Patterson gave an overview of the third quarter financial review.

Director Polan questioned the \$250,000 variance in total revenues and Don Patterson explained that is due to lower projected sales between FY 14/15 and FY15/16.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 6B. Motion seconded by Director McReynolds, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Director(s): McReynolds, Iceland, Orkney, Paule, Wall, Caspary, Lewitt, Polan, and Renger.  
NOES: Director(s): None  
ABSENT: Director(s): Peterson  
ABSTAIN: None

**7. BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Paule commented about TSD and LVMWD working together as a joint board and spoke about forming a committee with representatives from TSD and LVMWD to figure out how to work better going forward in terms of cooperation between the two boards; this will give the opportunity to sit down and understand that both boards have the same objective; the boards need to participate in a way that benefits all of the agencies so it's not Las Virgenes vs. Triunfo which it turns into at times.

Director Orkney commented on the outreach to Ventura County to increase the use of recycled water; at the AWA Water Symposium, Director Orkney took the opportunity to do some outreach and spoke with Jim Friedl who is now the Manager for Conejo Park and Recreation District; Mr. Friedl would like access to recycled water; Cal Water is adding funds to the budget for recycled water piping for two parks; at Senator Fran Pavley's Advisory Council meeting, Director Orkney spoke with the chair of Conejo Valley School District and they are in favor of recycled water as well; President of the Unified School District, Betsy Connelly mentioned that the utilities are being buried in front of Westlake High School.

Director Caspary commented that he hopes that TSD and Calleguas can come to an agreement on upcoming projects and he is pleased that Director Orkney is committed to increasing reclaimed water distribution;

Director Polan agreed with Director Paule's suggestion for TSD and LVMWD to have a workshop to see what can be done.

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

Administering Agent/General Manager Pederson reported on several items which included: creek avoidance; sprayfields; Malibu Creek flows are at 2.8 cfs;

progress is being made on the cathodic protection for the Centrate tanks and work is nearly complete; Encino Reservoir investigation; currently working with MWH to complete the plan of action for the Encino Reservoir and the indirect potable use scenario.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director McReynolds suggested an agenda item specifically for public outreach in regards to the NPDES Permit; this will help the public to be fully aware of what is occurring.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A Reservoir No. 2 Improvements: Purchase of Shade Balls**

Director McReynolds thanked staff for saving \$60,000 on the contract for the shade balls.

**B Bioassessment Monitoring Report: Approval of Purchase Order**

Director McReynolds asked about trends for bioassessment monitoring results (i.e. do the results show that conditions are changing and, if so, for the better or worse). Water Reclamation Manager Brett Dingman explained that the bioassessment scores have been consistently below the theoretical values expected for Las Virgenes Creek and Malibu Creek and that the results were even a bit lower than historical due to the drought.

Director Caspary commented that the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains recently completed a study on the Topanga Creek Watershed involving a source identification program to determine the origins of bacterial contamination; they also looked at the biological integrity of Topanga Creek, which showed low bioassessment scores despite very low nutrient levels; the results will likely strengthen the JPA's response to lower nutrient standards expected with Tapia's NPDES Permit renewal.

**C Board Meeting Follow-up Items**

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comment cards.

The Board took a brief recess and reconvened in closed session at **6:13 p.m.**

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**A Conference with District Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)):**

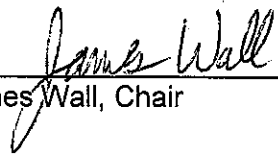
**Las Virgenes - Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States  
Environmental Protection Agency and Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P.  
Jackson**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

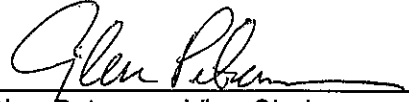
The Board reconvened to open session at 6:30 p.m.

No reportable action was taken in closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

  
James Wall, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Glen Peterson, Vice Chair