

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

5:00 PM

August 3, 2015

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A Call to order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at **5:01 p.m.** by Chair James Wall in the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road in Calabasas. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

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

Absent: Director(s): Orkney

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Peterson moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: Director(s): None

ABSENT: Director(s): Orkney

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular JPA Meetings of May 4, 2015, and July 6, 2015

Director Polan requested clarification on which community was meant to be referenced in the Minutes of July 6, 2015, Item 5A, last sentence of the fifth paragraph. Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen suggested replacing the word "community" with "JPA's service area."

Director McReynolds moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular JPA Meeting of May 4, 2015, and July 6, 2015 as corrected. Motion seconded by Director Iceland, and carried by the following vote:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A September 2015 Joint Power Authority Board Meeting

Cancel the regular meeting of the Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority Board on September 7, 2015, and reschedule the meeting for an alternate date.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Renger moved to cancel the regular meeting of Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority on September 7, 2015, and schedule a special meeting on September 1, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., at the Oak Park Library subject to the library's availability, or at Las Virgenes headquarters if the library is unavailable. Motion seconded by Director McReynolds, and carried by the following vote:

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

B Characterization, Evaluation and Control of Invasive Species in the Malibu Creek Watershed: Authorization of Research Project

Authorize the General Manager/Administering Agent to execute a research project agreement in a form approved by Legal Counsel, with Pepperdine University in the amount of \$50,841.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen provided introductory remarks.

Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach Carlos Reyes provided

an overview of the proposed research project to study the impact of invasive species in the Malibu Creek Watershed.

Debbie Sharpton, Executive Director of the Mountains Restoration Trust, responded to questions regarding the removal of crayfish from the Malibu Creek Watershed and from private properties.

Gary Bucciarelli, representing the University of California Los Angeles La Kretz Center for California Conservation Science, responded to questions regarding potential impacts to the research study during the rainy season and the probability of comparing the brackish stream to other sites.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded to a question regarding whether the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) had been informed of this research study by indicating that staff would inform the Regional Board and Heal the Bay, Inc. of this study, and seek their input on the scope of work.

Dr. Lee Kats, Pepperdine University Vice Provost for Research and Strategic Initiatives and Chair of the Natural Science Department, responded to questions regarding the lifespan of crayfish, which is dependent on food availability and water temperature.

Director Peterson moved to approve Item 5B. Motion seconded by Director Iceland, and carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: Director(s): None

ABSENT: Director(s): Orkney

6. **BOARD COMMENTS**

None.

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

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported on the Quarterly Tour of the wastewater treatment, water recycling, and composting facilities held on August 1, 2015; he also explained that Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced the *California Emergency Drought Relief Act*, which could expand recycling projects and propose projects to Congress that would best fit the Title XVI program. Mr. Pedersen also reported the District had received approval from the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the County Health Department for improvements at Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility for

the Residential Recycled Water Fill Station Program, which is anticipated to be available in late August; staff will bring an item on the next agenda for preliminary design proposals for the Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Reservoir.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Tapia Water Reclamation Facility: Flood Protection Update

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen responded to questions related to accumulation of debris within the creek, debris and vegetation removal, and Rivertech's floodplain evaluation. He noted that staff would communicate with California State Parks regarding a long-term maintenance program for debris/vegetation removal within the creek area.

B Recycled Water Reservoir No. 2 Improvements: Final Acceptance

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

11. 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

The Board recessed to Closed Session at **5:58 p.m.** and reconvened to Open Session at **6:20 p.m.**

District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported the Board approved a budget for District Counsel to file briefings in the appeal of Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson, and authorized District Counsel to file an appeal to the Environmental Protection Agency's National Freedom of Information Officer.

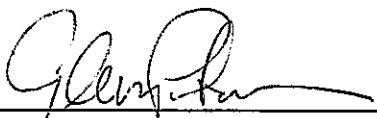
12. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:21 p.m.**



James Wall, Chair

ATTEST:



Glen/Peterson, Vice Chair