



LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas CA 91302

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

January 26, 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by David Lippman.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Board President Peterson 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 Charles Caspary, Jay Lewitt, Leonard Polan, Lee Renger, and Glen Peterson

Absent: None

Staff Present: David Pedersen, General Manager
Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board
David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations
Donald Patterson, Director of Finance and Administration
Carlos Reyes, Director of Resource Conservation and Public Outreach
Keith Lemieux, District Counsel

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

General Manager David Pedersen stated there was no update for Closed Session Item 13A, and he recommended that it be removed from the agenda.

Director Renger moved to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A List of Demands: January 26, 2016 - Approve

B Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 12, 2016 - Approve

C Cash and Investment Report for December 2015 - Receive and File

Director Caspary moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Director Renger. Motion carried unanimously.

5. ILLUSTRATIVE AND/OR VERBAL PRESENTATION AGENDA ITEMS

A Legislative and Regulatory Updates

General Manager David Pedersen reported that a response letter was sent to the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) regarding the Notice of Violation for the District failing to meet its water conservation standard. He noted the Water Board would be adopting revised emergency regulations at its meeting on February 2, 2016. He also noted that the Water Board was accepting comments through January 28, 2016, on proposed changes to the emergency regulations. He stated that District staff was working with MWD agency members to submit comments and to suggest that the Water Board focus more on efficiency standards. He reported that legislative bills would continue to be introduced through February 19, 2016, and the deadline for two-year bills to move out of the house of origin was the end of the month. He noted the District submitted comments for AB 163 (Herzberg) related to ocean discharge prohibition. He also noted that an Assembly Bill would be introduced by Assemblymember Eggman, which would propose forcing a statewide vote for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta fix and conveyance. He also noted that staff would be monitoring the "No Blank Checks" ballot initiative, which was filed by Stockton area farmer Dean Cortopassi. He also reported that Senator Dianne Feinstein would be proposing a drought bill, which would include short and long-term actions related to the ability to move water during wet periods and improving drought resiliency through desalination, recycled water, and storage, and including up to \$1.3 billion for projects. He noted that Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and other water agencies are mentioned in the bill as agencies eligible for water recycling funds.

D Water Supply Conditions and Drought Response

General Manager David Pedersen referred to the Water Supply Conditions chart in the agenda packet and made note of increased snowpack and precipitation.

6. **TREASURER**

Director Lewitt stated that the Treasurer's report was in order.

7. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A Local Agency Formation Commission: Election of Special District Representative

Select a candidate to serve as the Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Representative and authorize the General Manager to execute and return the official voting ballot no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Director Caspary moved to vote for Donald L. Dear and approve Item 7A as presented. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Renger, Peterson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Polan

8. **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

A Budget Planning Calendar for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Receive and file the Budget Planning Calendar for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and authorize implementation of a two-year budget process for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2018.

Director of Finance and Administration Donald Patterson presented the report.

Director Polan moved approve Item 8A as presented. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried unanimously.

Board President Peterson asked staff to ensure that the budget schedule coincides with election years.

B Potable Water Standby Charge: Adoption of Ordinance

By a roll call vote, waive the full reading of proposed Ordinance No. 278 as it relates to continuation of the Water Replacement Fund Standby Charge for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016; give second reading of the Ordinance by title only; approve the rules and regulations for Water Standby Charge Deferrals; pass, approve and adopt the Ordinance as presented; and order publication within 15 days of adoption using a summary of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 278

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AS IT RELATES TO STANDBY CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2016

Director Renger moved waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 278 as it relates to continuation of the Water Replacement Fund Standby Charge for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Renger moved to give second reading of Ordinance No. 278 by title only; approve the rules and regulations for Water Standby Charge Deferrals; pass, approve and adopt Ordinance No. 278 as presented; and order publication within 15 days of adoption using a summary of the ordinance. Motion seconded by Director Polan. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Caspary, Lewitt, Polan, Renger, Peterson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

District Counsel Keith Lemieux read Ordinance No. 278 in title only.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Potable Water Air-Vacuum Release Valves Relocation: Award of Final Design Contract

10. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A Organization Reports

(1) MWD Representative Report

Board President Peterson reported that the MWD Special Committee on the Bay-Delta met earlier in the day to discuss the planning process for the delta tunnels and the upcoming hearing before the State Water Board. He also reported that he visited the breaks in the State Water Project. He commented that the canal is a massive facility, which is currently filled with 50-year old debris. He noted that repairs to the canal would entail the use of new fiber membrane technology.

(2) Other

B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings

Director Caspary reported he attended the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County WaterWise Breakfast on January 21, 2016, where guest speaker Eric Boldt from

the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Weather Service spoke regarding snowpack, water outlook, and El Niño weather conditions.

C General Manager Reports

(1) General Business

General Manager David Pedersen reported that the District received notice of award of Proposition 84 grant funds in the amount of \$2 million to be used for the Calleguas – Las Virgenes Interconnection Project. He reminded the Board that a Special Meeting of Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority would be held on January 27, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room for the Recycled Water Seasonal Storage Basis of Design Workshop No. 2. He also reminded the Board that a Calleguas – Las Virgenes Public Financing Authority Meeting would be held on February 9, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., in the Board Room to consider refunding bonds. He stated that staff was proposing to cancel the February 23, 2016 Board Meeting due to lack of quorum because three of the Board members would be in Washington, D.C. He also stated that MWD staff had set up the annual student art exhibit in the District's Atrium.

(2) Follow-Up Items

D Directors' Comments

None.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Polan moved for a Future Agenda Item to discuss funding a long-term study to evaluate water quality and contaminants of emerging concern and impacts on health in general. Motion died for lack of a second.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

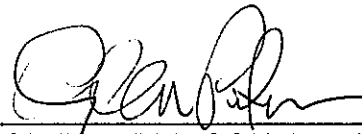
13. CLOSED SESSION (This item was removed from the agenda.)

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

15. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **5:37 p.m.**



GLEN PETERSON, President
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

ATTEST:



CHARLES CASPARY, Secretary
Board of Directors
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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