



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

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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5:00 PM

May 10, 2016

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Lesli Stein.

**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, Len Polan, Lee Renger, and Glen Peterson

Absent: None

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Renger moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A Minutes: Special Meeting of April 18, 2016 and Regular Meeting of April 26, 2016 - Approve**

**B Directors' Per Diem – April 2016 - Ratify**

**C Financial Review: Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-16**

**Receive and file the financial review for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-16.**

**D Independent Auditor Services: Contract Amendment for Name Change**

**Authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement for auditing services to reflect a name change from Pun & McGeady, LLP to the Pun Group, LLP.**

**E Annual Supply and Delivery of Ammonium Hydroxide: Award of Bid**

**Accept the bid from Airgas Specialty Products, Inc., and authorize the General Manager to approve an initial 13-month purchase order, in the amount of \$37,000, with four one-year renewal options, in the amount of \$34,106.10 per year, for the supply and delivery of ammonium hydroxide.**

**F List of Demands: May 10, 2016 - Approve**

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

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

**A Poster Contest Awards Ceremony**

Tiffany Wright, Public Affairs Associate, provided introductory remarks and acknowledged school office managers, school principals, teachers, and family members for their support. She noted that the top five poster contest winners would have their original artwork submitted to Metropolitan Water District for the calendar contest.

Board President Peterson presented the awards to the top 12 finalists for this year's Water Awareness Poster Contest.

The Ann Dorgelo Water Awareness Perpetual Trophy was awarded to Bay Laurel Elementary School. Principal Steve Scifres and Ms. Kodama accepted the award.

## **B Legislative and Regulatory Updates**

General Manager David Pedersen reported that Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. issued Executive Order B-37-16, *Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life*. He noted that the Executive Order included actions to use water more wisely, eliminate water waste, strengthen local drought resilience, and improve agricultural water use efficiency and drought planning. He also noted that the Executive Order included provisions to make some of the water conservation measures permanent, extend the emergency declaration through January 31, 2017, and call upon the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) to develop a new, long-term framework for water use efficiency for beyond 20 by 2020. He stated there would be new permanent and mandatory targets established, which the District had already considered with the formation of the budget based rate structure. He noted that Governor Brown was also calling upon the Department of Water Resources and the Water Board to engage with water suppliers, environmental groups, and other stakeholders in preparing this framework by January 10, 2017. He also noted that the Water Board released a revised proposed framework for the emergency regulations, which would move away from conservation standards with the sliding scale based on 25 percent, require all wholesale and retail water suppliers to prepare supply and demand balances for the coming three years, and continue monthly reporting indefinitely. He noted that the new standards would become effective June 1, 2016, and the Water Board would receive comments up to May 18, 2016. He also reported that SB 814 (Hill) Drought: Excessive Water Use: Urban Retail Water Suppliers, had passed the Senate floor. He noted that this bill initially proposed stiff penalties for water wasting and would have mandated that water agencies impose a \$500 minimum penalty per unit of water. He stated that the bill was subsequently revised to provide a penalty of up \$500 per unit of water. He noted that the District would be in compliance with the proposed bill due to budget based rates and penalty structure. He also reported that S. 2848, the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA) had passed through the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee with a 19-1 vote.

## **C Water Supply Conditions and Drought Response**

General Manager David Pedersen reported that Metropolitan Water District (MWD) lifted the Water Supply Allocation Program and instituted a Water Supply Alert. He stated that MWD anticipates adding 400,000 acre feet to storage this year. He also reported that the District achieved a 26 percent reduction in water usage for the month of April as compared to 2013, for a cumulative reduction of 28.3 percent.

### **6. TREASURER**

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

### **7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **A General District Election on November 8, 2016: Resolution No. 2492**

Pass, approve, and adopt proposed Resolution No. 2492, pertaining to a General District Election to be held in the District on Tuesday, November 8, 2016; and authorize the Board Secretary to submit certified copies of said resolution, completed Roster of Officeholders for Local Jurisdictions, and District Boundary Map to the Board of Supervisors and the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2492**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK TO RENDER ELECTION SERVICES FOR A GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

(Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 2492 on file in the District's Resolution Book and this reference the same is incorporated and made a part thereof.)

Director Renger moved to approve Item 7A as presented. Motion seconded by Director Lewitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS**

**A 2015 Urban Water Management Plan – Public Hearing**

**Conduct a public hearing to accept comments on the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan.**

Board President Peterson opened the Public Hearing at 5:39 p.m.

General Manager David Pedersen presented the report.

Catrina Paez, representing Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions posed by the Board.

Clerk of the Board/Deputy Secretary Josie Guzman noted that the City of Westlake Village submitted an email with no comments, and the City of Calabasas submitted comments related to projected growth.

There were no public comments.

Board President Peterson declared the Public Hearing closed at 5:58 p.m. The Board will consider adoption on May 24, 2016.

**9. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**A Claim from Stephen Heller on behalf of Stephen B. and Lily Ann Niefield**

**Deny the claim from Stephen Heller on behalf of Stephen B. and Lily Ann Niefield.**

Director Renger moved to deny the claim. Motion seconded by Director Caspary.

General Manager David Pedersen responded to a question regarding the location of the vault cover by presenting an aerial photograph and noting that the vault cover is located outside of the District's service area boundary.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **10. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

### **A Organization Reports**

- (1) MWD Representative Report/Agenda(s)

Board President Peterson reported that the MWD Board discussed the purchase of the Delta Islands. He also reported that MWD held a two-day meeting to discuss the future of MWD and updating the Metropolitan Water District Act, which was originally adopted in the 1920's.

- (2) Other

### **B Director's Reports on Outside Meetings**

Director Polan reported that he attended the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Spring Conference in Monterey, where he attended the Water Management Committee Meeting and sessions regarding the Delta Fix, Communications Committee Program, and engaging millennials.

Director Lewitt reported that he also attended the ACWA Spring Conference, where he attended the Federal Affairs Committee Meeting for an update on several bills. He also reported that he attended ethics training.

Board President Peterson reported that he also attended the ACWA Spring Conference and also attended the Communications Committee Program session. He noted that the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) would now accept Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. He noted that the JPIA would continue to exclude the Central Basin Municipal Water District from the liability program. He also reported he attended the session regarding the Delta Fix.

Director Renger reported that he also attended the ACWA Spring Conference, where he attended a presentation by Sensus regarding automated meter infrastructure that can be used for meter reading and acoustic leak monitoring. He also reported that he attended a presentation by Sage Engineers and SunPower Corporation regarding solar power and a presentation regarding the drought's effect on trees.

## **C General Manager Reports**

### **(1) General Business**

General Manager David Pedersen noted the following events: the Solar Cup Challenge May 13th through 15th; potable water quarterly tour on May 14th; booth event for Agoura Hills Public Safety Day at the Agoura Hills Fire Station on May 14th; and Special JPA Meeting on May 11th.

### **(2) Follow-Up Items**

## **D Directors' Comments**

None.

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **13. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed to Closed Session at **6:26 p.m.** to discuss the following item:

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

1. Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency and Heal the Bay, Inc. v. Lisa P. Jackson (TMDL cases)
2. Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority v. United States Environmental Protection Agency (FOIA case)

## **14. OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

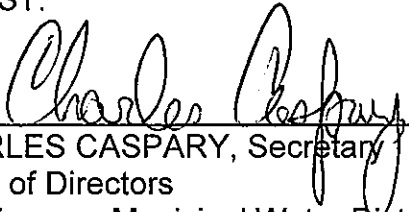
The Board reconvened to Open Session at **6:38 p.m.** District Counsel Wayne Lemieux reported there was no reportable action taken during the Closed Session.

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **6:38 p.m.**



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

ATTEST:



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

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