

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

5:00 PM

January 10, 2018

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Wall in the Board Room at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District headquarters at 4232 Las Virgenes Road in Calabasas, California. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Caspary, Lewitt, Orkney, Pan, Paule, Peterson, Polan, Renger, Tjulander, and Wall.
Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Polan moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Paule. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen introduced Michael Congelliere, who was substituting for John Mathews, Triunfo Sanitation District Legal Counsel. He also introduced newly hired employee Michael McNutt, Public Affairs and Communications Manager.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of December 4, 2017

Director Peterson moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Caspary. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

David Lippman, Director of Facilities and Operations, provided the following update:

Mixing Study: In February 2017, the Board approved a proposal from Trussell Technologies to prepare the Las Virgenes Reservoir Mixing and Dilution Study, which will be used to verify that the reservoir will meet the State Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Water Board) new surface water augmentation regulations and the required detention time and dilution factors. The proposal also included a review of the study by an independent advisory panel. The study is nearly completed and a draft will be presented at the February 5th Board meeting. The Water Board's new surface water augmentation regulations have not yet been finalized, and it is anticipated that the final regulations will be issued early this year.

Advanced Water Treatment Siting Study: In February 2017, the Board approved a proposal from Woodard & Curran to prepare the Advanced Water Treatment Siting Study. The study will explore all potential sites for the Advanced Water Treatment Facility and narrow down the list of potential sites. The study is nearly completed and a draft will be presented at the February 5th Board Meeting.

30800 Agoura Road Property: In August 2017, the Board adopted the Negative Declaration for the purchase of the property located at 30800 Agoura Road, and approved the option payment of \$100,000 for the property. The option payment is not refundable; however, should the JPA purchase the property before March 12, 2018, the option payment will be applied to the purchase price. Staff will provide a recommendation regarding the purchase of the property at the March 5th Board Meeting. Should the Board not move forward with purchasing the property prior to March 12th or should the Board decide on delaying a decision, the option payment will not be applied towards the purchase price.

Funding and Financing: In November 2017, the Board approved the proposal from Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to prepare a Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI Feasibility Study, which will be the first step to compete for Title XVI construction funds. This study will incorporate the results from the mixing study and the siting study, which will then become foundational for the project's environmental documents. The Bureau of Reclamation previously awarded a \$150,000 grant for the preparation of the feasibility study.

Demonstration Project: In September 2017, the Board approved issuing a Request for Proposal for project support services, including design, preparation of testing, operational plans, and coordination with public outreach firms. The original proposal was based on the Preliminary Design Report; however, based on the Board's input at the December 12, 2017 meeting when ideas were presented

related to the public outreach aspect, the scope of work was changed to include holding a workshop with the Board in order to define the parameters of the Demonstration Project. Staff will provide a recommendation regarding the proposal at the February 5th Board Meeting.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that staff applied for a \$75,000 planning grant from the State Water Resources Control Board - Water Recycling Funding Program; however, a legacy statute was enacted in 2000 as part of Proposition 13 prohibiting the use of these grant funds for surface water augmentation projects. He stated that it was likely at that time there was concern with toilet-to-tap projects. He also stated that staff believes this statute is outdated and the time has come to eliminate this statute due to the Water Board's new surface water augmentation regulations. He reported that he was working with Syrus Devers, the JPA's lobbyist, to prepare a legislative proposal to remove this statute. He noted that according to Mr. Devers, this would be a consensus type item and it would likely not need to be a stand-alone bill, and it could likely be included in the Natural Resources Omnibus Bill. He stated that this would allow the JPA to be eligible for these types of grants in the future.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A Sewage Flow Monitoring from Triunfo Sanitation District: Award

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to approve an initial one-year purchase order with five one-year renewal options to ADS Environmental Services, in the amount of \$34,800, for sewage flow monitoring services.

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen presented the report. He responded to a question regarding whether the sewage flow monitoring was computerized by stating that the monitors are computerized; however, they require calibration. Brett Dingman, Water Reclamation Manager, added that the area velocity meters measure depth and the velocity of flow, and the monitors transmit data via cellular technology to allow the contractor to compile the data.

Director Peterson moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Orkney. Motion carried unanimously.

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Orkney inquired whether any wastewater collection system issues were experienced during the recent rain. Brett Dingman, Water Reclamation Manager, responded that the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility received 2.8 inches of rain and the flow was 13 million gallons per day (MGD). He also reported that Malibu Creek showed an increased flow of 800 cubic feet per second (CFS) at noon earlier in the day. He noted that no issues were experienced.

8. ADMINISTERING AGENT/GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Administering Agent/General Manager David Pedersen reported that a copy of a comment letter was provided that was sent to the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) regarding concerns with its proposal to prohibit wasteful water use practices. He noted that the Water Board is proposing a prohibition on irrigating turf on public street medians and parkways, including prohibiting the use of recycled water for irrigating these areas. He stated that staff would continue to monitor the Water Board's proposed prohibition. He also stated that staff would meet with the surety company the following week to discuss the Centrate Equalization Tank Project.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

11. CLOSED SESSION

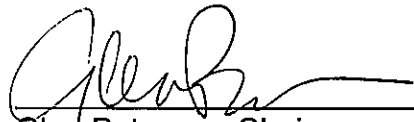
A Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9): One Case

In the opinion of Legal Counsel, disclosure of the identity of the litigations would be prejudicial to the JPA.

The Closed Session was not held.


12. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **5:22 p.m.**



Glen Peterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Michael Paule, Vice Chair