

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

5:00 PM

August 4, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mark Norris.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at **5:00 p.m.** by Chair Shapiro in the Board Room at Triunfo Water & Sanitation District headquarters at 370 N. Westlake Boulevard, Westlake Village, California, 91362. Josie Guzman, Clerk of the Board, conducted the roll call.

Present: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall
Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Corasdeschi moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Tjulander. Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Pedersen, Administering Agent/General Manager, introduced new employee, Nancy Lawrence, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board. The Board welcomed Nancy to the JPA.

Donald Patterson, Assistant General Manager, introduced new employee, Adrienne Burns, Director of External Affairs. The Board welcomed Adrienne to

the JPA.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 7, 2025: Approve

Director Jarecky moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion seconded by Director Wall. Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

A State and Federal Legislative Update

Ana Schwab, federal lobbyist for the JPA with Best Best & Krieger LLP (BBK), reported the FY26 appropriations process is underway with a deadline of September 30, 2025. Expectation is a short-term continuance on some if not all appropriations bills. Federal funding schemes are coming out with new notice of funding opportunities and those are being watched. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced they will continue litigation on per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) Maximum Contaminant Levels for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanoic sulfonic acid (PFOS) and they will be rescinding the rule for the hazard index and redoing that process. She answered Board questions regarding federal issues.

Syrus Devers, state lobbyist for the JPA with Syrus Devers Advocacy LLC reported that the month-long legislative break ends on August 18, 2025, and none of the bills being followed were amended at this time. The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is lead on SB 707 - open meetings bill and is working on them with the author. He noted that the Delta Conveyance Project, Golden Mussels and Healthy Rivers and Landscapes are on the agenda for future lobbying activities.

He responded to questions regarding AB 259 (Rubio), Open Meetings, which was rolled into SB 707; AB 367 (Bennett) Water County of Ventura Fire Suppression, which is aimed at Ventura County and would not affect the JPA; SB 1146 (Papa) Water Infrastructure, Dams and Reservoirs, Water Release, False Pretenses, which would not affect the JPA; current gubernatorial candidates; and current federal redistricting.

B Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Update

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, presented the report and PowerPoint presentation regarding landscaping update, which included overall goals of landscaping and landscaping considerations.

Alexa Hendricks, Resource Conservation Supervisor, continued the PowerPoint presentation and addressed the proposed plants

Mr. Slosser continued the PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the landscaping plan.

A discussion ensued regarding continuing to conduct tours of the current Sustainability Garden and the Pure Water Demonstration Facility; and the inclusion of a bicycle repair station, water refill station, wildlife viewing area, and seating and informational area at the Advanced Water Purification Facility site.

C Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: Public Art Component

Joe McDermott, Assistant General Manager, presented a verbal report on a tentative plan to incorporate an art component at the Advanced Water Purification Facility. He summarized the types of art components that could be incorporated, which typically would be added towards the end of a project. He stated that staff could explore options, and noted there could be challenges due to the number of windows on the building.

A discussion ensued regarding exploring options, concerns with cost and staff time, focusing on the functionality of the Advanced Water Purification Facility, consider discussion of an art component towards the end of the project.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility Biofilter Source Testing: Approval

Accept the proposal from Montrose Air Quality Services, LLC, and authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a contract, in the amount of \$77,550, for biofilter source testing at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility.

Veronica Hurtado, Water Reclamation Manager, presented the report.

Director Coradeschi moved to approve Item 6A. Motion seconded by Director Jarecky.

Ms. Hurtado responded to questions regarding South Coast Air Quality Management requested modifications to the testing protocol and additional sample locations within the six biofilter zones.

Motion carried 9-1 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Lewitt, Nye, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall

NOES: Director Polan
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

**B Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility Waste Gas Flare Project:
Approval of Amendment No. 2**

Accept the proposal from Brown and Caldwell, and authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute Amendment No. 2, in the amount of \$281,313, for engineering design of a boiler at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility.

John Soderberg, Associate Engineer, presented the report and PowerPoint presentation.

Director Coradeschi moved to approve Item 6B. Motion seconded by Director Wall.

Mr. Soderberg responded to questions regarding the existing boiler, which was at the end of its useful life, and noted that the new boiler would meet new capacity while the old boiler would act as a backup.

Veronica Hurtado, Water Reclamation Manager, responded to a question regarding the increase in hydrogen sulfide levels by stating that levels had increased since 2013 due to the design of the third digester. She noted that a proposal was submitted for a hydrogen sulfide treatment system.

Mr. Soderberg responded to a question regarding practices followed by other agencies with no composting facilities by stating that sludge is dried in the sun and then taken to the landfill or a facility in Kern County.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

C Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo: On-Call Project Partnering Services

Accept the proposal from richconsulting LLC, and authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to execute a one-year on-call professional services agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$49,080, with four one-year renewal options for continuation of project partnering services

for the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo.

Oliver Slosser, Engineering Program Manager, presented the report.

Director Polan moved to approve Item 6C. Motion seconded by Director Jarecky.

David Pedersen, Administering Agent/General Manager, responded to a question regarding the qualifications of Richard Harasick from richconsulting LLC by stating that Mr. Harasick was previously Senior Assistant General Manager with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

D RWQCB Settlement Offer R4-2025-0160: Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing

Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to accept the Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing, and approve payment, in the amount of \$138,000, to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Veronica Hurtado, Water Reclamation Manager, presented the report.

Director Burns moved to approve Item 6D. Motion seconded by Director Coradeschi.

Ms. Hurtado responded to a question regarding discharging Outfall 005 to the Los Angeles River when unable to discharge to Malibu Creek or when unable to use the Sprayfields due to saturation.

A discussion ensued regarding the violations and settlement offer to address mandatory minimum penalties, and the possibility that the Advanced Water Purification Facility may alleviate future violations.

Motion carried 10-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Burns, Coradeschi, Jarecky, Levine, Lewitt, Nye, Polan, Shapiro, Tjulander, and Wall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

7. **BOARD COMMENTS**

None.

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

David Pedersen Administering Agent/General Manager, reported that the Malibu Creek flow was measuring at 6.1 cubic feet per second (CFS). He noted there would be two board meetings in September: one on September 2nd at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and one on September 29th at Triunfo Water & Sanitation District which is a week before the normal meeting date to avoid a Jewish holiday.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

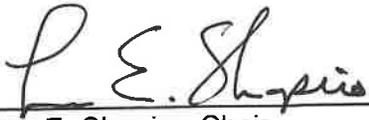
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10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

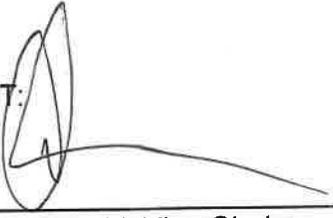
None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **7:06 p.m.**



Leon E. Shapiro, Chair

ATTEST: 

Andy Coradeschi, Vice Chair

