

OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Members of the Council: Chair Jane Nye Vice Chair JL Diaz Seema Chandra Alon Glickstein Janice Smets

#### OAK PARK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES September 29, 2022 The Oak Park MAC held a meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Online/Teleconference.

#### 1. Call to Order of the meeting

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Jane Nye** at 7:00 PM. MAC members **Alon Glickstein**, **Seema Chandra**, **JL Diaz** and **Janice Smets** were present.

#### 2. Flag Salute

Jane Nye led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. Adoption of the Agenda

Seema Chandra moved to adopt the agenda as submitted. Alon Glickstein seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

#### 4. Approval of the meeting minutes of July 28, 2022

Alon Glickstein moved to adopt the minutes with one correction in Item 7 changing <u>www.vcemergemcy.com</u> to <u>www.vcemergency.com</u></u>. Janice Smets seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

#### 5. Public Safety Reports

There were no public safety reports. **Janice Smets** asked for follow up on an incident where there was a possible death in Oak Park.

#### 6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

**Vanise Terry** reported on behalf of Supervisor Parks that she is happy to partner with the Oak Park Fire Safe Council on their upcoming town hall on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Oak Park Community Center. She said the Board of Supervisors approved revisions to the County's sidewalk standards to include options for customized root removal depth depending upon tree type, ramping over roots, and rubberized permeable panels. She said the Board honored the life and legacy of Supervisor Carmen Ramirez and that the Governor has appointed Oxnard City Councilmember Vianey Lopez to fill the remainder of her term. Lastly, she offered kudos to the Ventura County Sheriff's Office detectives with the Gun Violence Reduction Program, who worked in collaboration with the Narcotics Street Team to arrest an individual involved in unlawful firearm activities.

#### 7. Presentation on the Pure Water Project by Oliver Slosser, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

**Chair Nye** provided an introduction of Oliver Slosser and briefly discussed the Joint Power agreement between the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Triunfo Water and Sanitation District. **Mr. Slosser** presented information on the Pure Water Project, including an overview of the project using reservoir water augmentation, project objectives and elements. He provided information about the site locations under consideration, the reservoir site, conveyance overview, and project timeline and CEQA review, and construction schedule (presentation included).

**Janice Smets** expressed concern about the project and mentioned a recent article in the Acorn Newspaper on this topic. She asked why the Pure Water Project is not replicating the project in Orange County. She mentioned she would do more research on FDA standards and that she would like to have it on the next agenda for future discussion. **Mr. Slosser** said Orange County's project is similar, but they have more substantial groundwater reserves, where this project has a surface water reservoir with greater requirements for treatment.

#### 8. Council Comments

**Seema Chandra** said she would be updating the signboard with information about the upcoming Fire Safe Council town hall.

**Janice Smets** provided photos of trees in Mae Boyar Park and expressed concern about trees dying from the drought because they're not getting enough water. She also pointed out trees that are growing sideways because they were not given proper support when planted by Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD). Lastly, she wanted to know what RSRPD is doing about rodent abatement in Mae Boyar. **JL Diaz** said the RSRPD Oak Park Committee will meet in October and these issues can be brought up at that meeting.

**JL Diaz** announced the Oak Park Fire Safe Council Town Hall meeting on October  $6^{th}$  from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. He said speakers will include Supervisor Parks, Ventura County Fire Chief Cook, and representatives from the Santa Monica Mountains Resource Conservation District and Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council. He also reported that work for the pond in Oak Park is about to start and he planned to invite RSRPD to provide an update on the project at the next MAC meeting.

**Jane Nye** said that the Oak Park MAC election will not be on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot because the number of candidates is the same as the number of seats, which will save about \$15,000. She welcomed the two new members for next year, Michelle Santucci and Brian Trushinski, and congratulated incumbent JL Diaz. She said she has covered two more graffitied areas in Oak Park. As liaison to the Triunfo Water and Sanitation District, she reported that Triunfo has only sent two residential notices of a fourth violation in September, which was down from the 650 first violation notices written at the beginning of the drought restrictions. She said starting in October that Metropolitan Water District is going to further restrict watering to one-day per week at ten minutes per zone. She said Triunfo's Water Smart master gardener classes helped residents learn about water conservation. **JL Diaz** asked if watering twice a week for 5-8 minutes would be better than once a week for longer. **Chair Nye** said MWD is not flexible with their restrictions, but there are no restrictions on hand and recycled watering, and recycled irrigation. She also said Triunfo will be moving into their new offices in Westlake Village in October and will likely start holding their Board meetings there in January.

**Vanise Terry** provided a report on behalf of **Catherine Cheng**, the Oak Park High School student representative on the MAC regarding the Associated Student Body's fundraiser for school events, fall season sports that are happening, and upcoming spirit week and first school rally of the year. She also announced that Oak Park Instrumental Music has a concert next Friday and a mattress fundraiser on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### 9. Public Comments

**Denise Helfstein,** Oak Park Unified School District Board liaison to the MAC thanked the student representative for her update.

**Carolyn Cass-Barton** commented on her desire to establish protocols specific to Oak Park for sidewalk standards for homeowners to coordinate sidewalk repairs and expressed frustration that the 2-inch grinding was not part of the Board's approved revisions.

**Harry Medved** said the Friends of Oak Park Open Space have asked for more information about the duck pond from RSRPD. He announced the upcoming Great Oak Park Oak Walk on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4pm as part of Ventura County's OAKtober events hosted by Friends of Oak Park Open Space and led by Dan Cooper. He also announced that Dan Cooper is the first Oak Park resident in many years to run for the RSRPD Board to represent the Oak Park community.

#### **10. Information Items**

#### a. Update on CSA 4 Landscape Matters by Ventura County Public Works Agency

**Charles Alvarez, Ventura County Public Works Agency, Real Estate Services,** discussed recent staffing changes within Enhanced Landscape, including a new Branch Manager, Chaz McClure, and Landscape Crew Manager, Matt Kovacevich. He also discussed a monthly report provided by Mr. Kovacevich for September that highlighted projects happening in the community, including lifting of tree canopies, irrigation repairs, replacement of rusty timer enclosures, and the thinning of trees and shrubs. **Jane Nye** complemented Enhanced Landscape for cleaning pine needles on Kanan Road and Churchwood Drive. **Janice Smets** asked about trees dying in the medians and if there would be replanting due to the recent tree removals. **Mr. Alvarez** said the trees approved for removal recently were close to Woolsey Fire damage areas, and that trees near those areas were not removed after the fire to give them a chance to recover, but many have not and the drought has not helped. He did not recommend planting new trees in this current drought environment because there would not be adequate watering to establish them. **Mr. Alvarez** also provided an update on the turf removal project in Oak Park. He said

Public Works has documented all the areas for turf removal to qualify for the rebate program and Enhanced Landscape will provide design work for the application. He pointed to the Sutton Valley HOA area as an example for a recent turf removal project in Oak Park by Enhanced Landscape. He complemented his staff on their hard work on the application and said he anticipates an approximately \$300,000 rebate for the CSA4. He also discussed the potential costs of the project, which will likely go over the \$100,000 set in the CSA4 budget. He said they will look at only using drought tolerant plants for a consistent look and will redo the irrigation system to all drip rather than spray and drip. **Seema Chandra** asked for a cost estimate. **Janice Smets** suggested using bubble drip and discussed an article on planting suggestions to help monarch butterflies.

#### **11. Written Communications**

There were no written communications.

#### 12. Future Agenda Items

- a. Update on the Oak Park Pond
- b. CUP Request for Oak Park Fire Station No. 36, 8555 Deerhill Road (PL22-0044)
- c. Farewell to Supervisor Linda Parks
- d. Comment Letter on the Pure Water Project

#### 15. Adjournment

Chair Nye adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.



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# Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo

#### Project Update Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)

September 29, 2022

### Agenda

- Introductions
- Why Pure Water
- Pure Water Project Overview
- Schedule





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# Why Pure Water?

### JPA's Pure Water Project has Three Core Objectives

#### **Protect Malibu Creek**

- Comply with more stringent regulatory requirements for discharging to Malibu Creek
- Divert flows from Tapia WRF

#### Create a Local Drinking Water Source

- Maximize reuse with reservoir water augmentation
- Create a viable resource to supplement the region's water supplies



#### **Balance Seasonal Variation**

- Balance seasonal variation of recycled water demand
- Manage salinity in the region with new Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF), conveyance, and concentrate management



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# Pure Water Project Overview

### Pure Water Project's Unique Features

- California reservoir water augmentation (surface water source augmentation project)
- Facility locations require significant conveyance
- Utilization of existing infrastructure
- AWPF will:
  - Serve as a discharge mechanism for Tapia WRF
  - Receive seasonally variable flowrates (same source as Title 22 flows)





### Among the First Reservoir Water Augmentation Projects

- Using "Reservoir Water Augmentation" (per Assembly Bill [AB] 574) to mean "Surface Water Source Augmentation Project"
- City of San Diego's North City Pure Water Project (Miramar Reservoir):
  - First surface water source augmentation project permitted in California (in construction)
  - Conditional approval letter from Division of Drinking Water (DDW)
  - Discharge permit from San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
- Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo:
  - First for Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles RWQCB





### Pure Water Project Elements

#### • California's Reservoir Water Augmentation requires:

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Westlake Filtration Plant - Full advanced treatment **MWD** Drinking water reservoir potable Water treatment plant water 7.5-MGD influent **Tapia WRF** capacity Las Virgenes Reservoir **18-MGD capacity** New AWPF AWPF: Full Advanced Treatment (membrane filtration [MF], reverse osmosis [RO], ultraviolet advanced oxidation process [UV-AOP]) 12-MGD capacity WATER PRO IEC



Background World Imagery Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, GIS User Community

#### 2 AWPF sites

#### Main conveyance

- Source Water from Tapia WRF
- Purified Water to Las Virgenes Reservoir
- Concentrate to Calleguas Salinity Management Pipeline (SMP)
- Conveyance corridors are similar for both sites

# Two AWPF Site Locations under Consideration for CEQA Review

 Option 1: 30800 Agoura Road in City of Agoura Hills





 Option 2: Las Virgenes Reservoir in Westlake Village





### AWPF at Agoura Road Site



Sources: ESRI World Topo Map; ESRI World Street Map



### AWPF at Agoura Road Site





### AWPF at Agoura Road Site





### AWPF at Reservoir Site



Sources: ESRI World Topo Map; ESRI World Street Map





#### AWPF at Reservoir Site





### Conveyance Overview

- Source Water
- Purified Water
- Concentrate
- Residuals
  - ≈ 20 miles of pipelines



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### Concentrate Pipeline

- Several Alternatives are being considered
- Finding alternatives that minimize impacts to residents and businesses, and minimize construction time



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### Raw Water Pipeline

- Conveys water from the recycled water distribution system to the AWPF
- Image assumes Agoura Road site for AWPF





### Product Water Pipeline

- Conveys highly purified water from the AWPF to Las Virgenes Reservoir
- Image assumes Agoura Road site for AWPF



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## Schedule

# **Pure Water Project Timeline** Resona Board Internet of Pure Matter Project Indementation Introduced Pure Water Project to Constrain of the one o

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2016 - 2020

Phase 1: 2021 – 2022 **Program Implementation** 

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Regional Brine Management Study

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### **CEQA Review Schedule**



### **Project Construction Schedule**





#### Malibu Creek

# Thank You

