

**HELIX WATER DISTRICT**  
*Setting standards of excellence in public service*

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 2015 – 2 p.m.**  
**7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**

1. President Verbeke called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. The roll call showed Directors Verbeke, Muse, Hedberg, Linden and Scalzitti present.

Staff present: Lugo, Tomasulo, Stoia, Umphres, Hayman, Bryant, Janzen, Olney, Salois, Schipper, Miller, Ross and Annett. General Counsel Elizabeth Hull was also present.

Others present: Customer Yened Garcia and Editor Catherine Dickerson of WaterSanDiego – Technology, not deprivation.

2. President Verbeke gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported there were no additions or deletions to the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Motion:	Hedberg
Second:	Linden
Vote:	5 ayes

4. President Verbeke provided opportunity for members of the public to address the board on any item under the subject matter jurisdiction of the district. Editor Catherine Dickerson of *WaterSanDiego – Technology, not deprivation* urged the board of directors to look to technology as a solution to the drought and to hold San Diego up as an example of how to manage water. Customer Yened Garcia asked the board of directors to consider adjusting her water bill.

5. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

Motion:	Linden
Second:	Verbeke
Vote:	5 ayes

- a) The following operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
- i. list dated August 18, 2015
  - ii. list dated August 25, 2015

- b) Memorandum dated September 2, 2015, from the board secretary submitting expense and per diem claims was approved.
- c) The minutes of the regular board meeting of August 19, 2015, were approved.
- d) The board adopted the following attendance considerations:
  - i. San Diego County Water Authority Symposium  
Drought or El Nino: Charting a Sustainable Water Future  
October 15, 2015 7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
San Diego, CA
  - ii. Association of California Water Agencies Region Chair and Vice  
Chair Issues  
August 12, 2015 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Webinar
- e) The board adopted the following resolutions:
  - i. 15-58 authorizing the quitclaim of one aligned easement in the city  
of La Mesa, county of San Diego, state of California,  
assessor parcel number 490-660-53
  - ii. 15-60 authorizing the quitclaim of one aligned easement in the city  
of La Mesa, county of San Diego, state of California,  
assessor parcel numbers 495-151-19, and 495-171-18 and  
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- f) The board received the reports for the month of July 2015:
  - i. Claims report
  - ii. Treasurer's report
  - iii. Budget summary
  - iv. Rainfall, Use and Storage report
  - v. System Demand report
  - vi. Conservation Status report
  - vii. Monthly Demand report
- 6. The board authorized the general manager to execute an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Helix Water District and Kleinfelder for the design of South Rim Tank rehabilitation project, Work Order 4464, in the amount of \$187,505 and appropriated funds in the amount of \$230,000 from schedule 64, item 11 of the fiscal year 2015-16 capital budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:	Hedberg
Second:	Linden
Vote:	5 ayes

Director Hedberg asked and received clarification regarding the total amount to be appropriated.

7. The board appropriated funds in the amount of \$50,000 from schedule 64, item 17 of the fiscal year 2015-16 capital budget for the design of the Vista Pump Station motor control center replacement, Work Order 4626. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Muse  
Second: Scalzitti  
Vote: 5 ayes

8. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to execute Change Order 4 to pipeline project 2579, Work Order 2579, in the amount of \$58,000 for extra work performed on Vista Del Cajon Road. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Muse  
Second: Hedberg  
Vote: 5 ayes

Vice President Muse clarified that Universal Pipeline Inc. replaced 1,000 linear feet of cast-iron pipe. Director Hedberg requested details regarding the terms of the contract. Director Linden asked what materials were tested. Director of Water Quality/System Operations Mark D. Umphres stated the lab tested for bacterial contaminants before placing the pipeline in service.

9. The board adopted Resolution 15-59 opposing a public goods charge on water and approved a district letter in agreement with a legislative alert sent by the Association of California Water Agencies objecting to a potential statewide tax on water bills. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed tax. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Linden  
Second: Hedberg  
Vote: 5 ayes

10. The board voted for all the candidates listed on the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce board ballot to serve during the 2015-17 term. Candidates are: Shannan Doane, Bill Hammett, Brian Sack and Marcia Tolin. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Scalzitti  
Second: Linden  
Vote: 5 ayes

**DISCUSSION:**

- A. President Verbeke asked if any board members are interested in serving on the Association of California Water Agencies or California Special Districts Association committees. Director Hedberg stated she would like to serve on ACWA's Communications Committee. President Verbeke reminded the board of directors they will need to decide if they would like to continue CSDA membership in January. President Verbeke also reminded the board to provide the board secretary with their evaluation of general counsel by September 9, 2015.
- B. President Verbeke, Vice President Muse and Director Linden provided written reports. Director Scalzitti provided an oral report regarding the August 20, 2015, San Diego Chapter California Special Districts Association meeting, stating he enjoyed the presentation by Fire Chief Bill Metcalf from the North County Fire Protection District.
- C. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo had nothing new to report.
- D. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull provided a written report detailing the following topics: proposed overhaul of CEQA guidelines; dangers of "reply-all" emails; chromium-6 compliance bill to be signed by the governor, and the Department of Water Resources announced \$30 million in rebates to replace lawns and inefficient toilets.
- E. Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen reviewed future agenda items and reminded the board that the October 7, 2015, regular board meeting will be held at 5 p.m. for the Proposition 218 public hearing. President Verbeke confirmed with the board that all are available for the October 28, 2015, Committee of the Board meeting for an informational update regarding the status of the East County Reuse Feasibility Study. President Verbeke requested the review of the policies and procedures manual be moved to a regular board meeting. The November Committee of the Board meeting was cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the board was asked to reserve December 9 at 3 p.m. for a Committee of the Board meeting if needed.

President Verbeke adjourned the meeting at 3 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Sandra L. Janzen, Board Secretary

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DeAna R. Verbeke, President

