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MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, August 24, 2016 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427

1. President Verbeke called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors Verbeke, Muse, Hedberg and Linden. Director Scalzitti arrived at 3:01 p.m.

Staff present: Lugo, Tomasulo, Hayman, Stoia, Umphres, Bryant, Annett, Olney, Garuba, Miller, Doubrava, Lunde, Herrera, Ross, Fox, Lawler, Uhrhammer, Curtis and Solano. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was also present.

Others present: No others were present.

2. The agenda was approved 4:0.

Motion:	Muse
Second:	Linden
Ayes:	Verbeke, Muse, Hedberg and Linden
Absent:	Scalzitti

3. President Verbeke provided opportunity for members of the public to address the board on any item under the subject matter jurisdiction of the district. No one was there to be heard.

DISCUSSION

4. President Verbeke explained the review of the annual strategic plan goals and objectives will be grouped by strategic focus area sections. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo gave an overview of the strategic work plan which was initiated in 2014 and is updated every fiscal year with new objectives. The current strategic work plan includes two fiscal years' goals and objectives and objectives that are not complete from previous fiscal years. Completed goals and objectives prior to this timeframe have been archived.

The board reviewed and discussed goals and objectives in each strategic focus area, asked questions and provided comments to staff. Director of Administrative Services Lisa L. Stoia highlighted Objective 1.1 (a) stating the objective's due date has been delayed until the end of fiscal year 2016-17 to allow time to provide the board with a draft customer satisfaction survey at a Committee of the Board meeting, potentially in January 2017. President Verbeke requested the additional verbiage "in-house" be added to Objective 2.3 (a). Director Hedberg clarified that Objective 3.5 (b) may include utilizing GovInvest. Director of Administrative

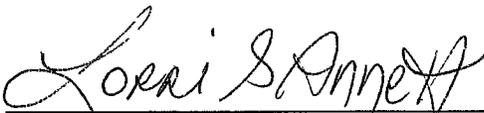
Services Lisa L. Stoia stated the goal is to continue reducing the district's unfunded liability and information regarding GovInvest, as a possible useful tool for the district, will be discussed at a Committee of the Board meeting in approximately two months. Director Scalzitti stated he would like information regarding possibilities for further decreasing the CalPERS unfunded liability.

Discussion on the goals and objectives continued. Vice President Muse suggested adding an objective exploring the feasibility of issuing bonds to fund infrastructure projects. Director Hedberg clarified staff reviews and considers the possibility of refinancing the district's bonds. Director of Operations Tristan D. Hayman stated information regarding creating a sustainable future including a status update on facility condition assessments, energy efficiency analysis, greenhouse gases inventory and fleet assessment will be provided at an upcoming Committee of the Board meeting. He also clarified that several objectives, although listed as complete, have been closed out at under 100 percent for fiscal year 2015-16 due to labor resources being reassigned to cover higher than normal levels of local city and county street improvement projects, emergency pipe repair and increased private capital development projects in fiscal year 2015-16. Corresponding new objectives for fiscal year 2016-17 have been reduced by 25 percent. Director of Water Quality/System Operations Mark D. Umphres highlighted Objective 5.1 (b) stating the hydrodynamic model is a key component to the Advanced Water Purification project and the district is close to finalizing a memorandum of understanding with Padre Dam Municipal Water District which will be brought back to the board potentially in October 2016 for approval. Director Hedberg clarified that an evaluation of the cellular AMI pilot project will be brought to the board at a future board meeting. Director Verbeke suggested an objective regarding partnering with the Water Conservation Garden to increase education and outreach to district customers be added to Strategic Focus Area 7, Public Education and Outreach.

5. The board received information and discussed the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring program, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Staff evaluated the district's interests in participating in the GSA/GSP under the SGMA and feels that further participation provides no benefit to the district or its customers as the initial process is expected to take up to three years and could cost as much as or more than \$1 million. The district will retain the ability to provide input into the GSA/GSP process during the prescribed public comment periods as required in the SGMA.

President Verbeke adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lorri S. Annett, Assistant Board Secretary



DeAna R. Verbeke, President