

HELIX WATER DISTRICT

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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – 6 p.m.

7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427

1. President Scalzitti called the special board meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors Scalzitti, Hedberg, Verbeke and Gracyk.

Staff present: Lugo, Stoia, Tomasulo, Olney, Janzen, Bryant, Miller, Garuba, Salois, Fox and Annett. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was also present.

Others present: Customers James Marshall, Larry Nichols, Dan McMillan, David Burton, Donald and Paula Friga, Radu Alexandru, John L. Wood, Gordon Place, Curt Crook and San Diego Union-Tribune Reporter Karen Pearlman.

2. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported there were no additions or deletions to the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Gracyk

3. President Scalzitti provided opportunity for members of the public to address the board on any item under the subject matter jurisdiction of the district. Customer Gordon Place congratulated President Scalzitti and Vice President Hedberg on their new positions, thanked Director Verbeke for her years of public service in those roles and stated his hope that the board, staff and the customers will work together to deliver water at the lowest cost.

ACTION ITEMS

4. The board adopted Resolution 17-03 rescinding Resolution 15-16 and re-establishing the regular board meeting dates and time of the Helix Water District Board of Directors, effective February 1, 2017. President Scalzitti opened board comments. Vice President Hedberg stated she would like the language to adjourn the Committee of the Board meeting by 5 p.m. removed from the resolution. Director Verbeke amended her motion to have said language removed from Resolution 17-03. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Verbeke
Second: Gracyk

President Scalzitti opened public comments. Customer John L. Wood stated he has attended the meetings for years, worked second shift and took time off work to attend the meetings when they were in the evening. He stated attendance remains about the same unless topics such as budget and/or rates are on the agenda.

5. The board discussed potential procedural options for filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Director Luis P. Tejada and provided direction to staff. District Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull provided a PowerPoint presentation. President Scalzitti opened public comments. Customers Paula Friga, David Burton, Curt Crook and Gordon Place suggested the board of directors appoint the candidate who received the next highest number of votes during the election. Customer Larry Nichols asked for clarification regarding the fifteen-day noticing period.

General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull stated the government code does not allow the board to appoint a candidate until 15 days after the posting of a Notice of Vacancy.

Following board discussion, President Scalzitti made a motion directing staff to post the Notice of Vacancy on January 12, 2017; prepare an application with a filing deadline of January 26, 2017 at 5 p.m.; provide the board of directors an opportunity to submit questions to district counsel for board review at the January 18, 2017 regular board meeting; and schedule a special board meeting for Monday, January 30, 2017 at 6 p.m. for interviews. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Scalzitti
Second: Verbeke

ADJOURNMENT

President Scalzitti adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



Joel A. Scalzitti, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Board Secretary