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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – 6 p.m.  
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**

1. President Scalzitti called the regular board meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors Scalzitti, Hedberg, Verbeke and Gracyk. Director McMillan was absent.

Staff present: Lugo, Stoia, Tomasulo, Miller, Olney, Janzen, Schipper, Curtis, Bryant, Annett, Lundy, Lunde, and Fox. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was also present.

Others present: Customers John L. Wood, Andrea Beth Damsky and Thom Rosenberger. General Manager of San Diego County Water District Maureen Stapleton, Meena Westford of Metropolitan Water District, and San Diego Union-Tribune Reporter Karen Pearlman were also present.

2. Director Verbeke gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported there was a request to continue item 9 to a future board meeting and continue item 10 to June 21, 2017. The agenda was approved with a continuation of item 9 to a future meeting and a continuation of item 10 to the June 21, 2017, regular board meeting. The motion carried 4:0.

Motion: Verbeke  
Second: Hedberg  
Ayes: Scalzitti, Hedberg, Verbeke and Gracyk  
Absent: McMillan

4. President Scalzitti provided opportunity for members of the public to address the board on any item under the subject matter jurisdiction of the district. There were no requests to be heard.
5. The consent agenda was approved 4:0.

Motion: Hedberg  
Second: Gracyk  
Ayes: Scalzitti, Hedberg, Verbeke and Gracyk  
Absent: McMillan

- a) Memorandum dated June 7, 2017, from the board secretary submitting expense and per diem claims was approved.
- b) The board approved the minutes of the special board meeting of May 17, 2017, the regular board meeting of May 17, 2017 and the Committee of the Board meeting of May 24, 2017.
- c) The following operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
  - i. List dated May 16, 2017
  - ii. List dated May 23, 2017
  - iii. List dated May 30, 2017
- d) Resolutions:
  - i. The board adopted Resolution 17-27 authorizing the quitclaim of one easement in the city of El Cajon, county of San Diego, state of California, over portions of assessor parcel numbers 492-290-02, 03, 10 and 11.
  - ii. The board adopted Resolution 17-28 authorizing the quitclaim of two contiguous easements in the city of El Cajon, county of San Diego, state of California, over portions of assessor parcel numbers 387-062-01, 02, 03; 388-011-08 and 388-012-01.
  - iii. The board adopted Resolution 17-34 nominating DeAna R. Verbeke to the Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 Board of Directors.
- e) The board approved the following attendance considerations:
  - i. Richard A. Reynolds Groundwater Desalination Facility Phase 2 Expansion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
June 15, 2017 at 10 a.m.  
3066 N. Second Avenue, Chula Vista, CA
  - ii. "Risk, Crisis & Uncertainty: Are We Ready?"  
Urban Water Institute's 24th Annual Water Conference

August 16-18, 2017  
Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa

- f) The board returned the claim from Mr. Darrel Williams as untimely and directed General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to send notice of the action by the district.

### **PRESENTATION**

6. The board received a PowerPoint presentation by San Diego County Water Authority General Manager Maureen A. Stapleton: SDCWA Issues Update. President Scalzitti clarified that no partners have been identified in the Metropolitan Water District's purchase of five islands of land in the Delta. Director Verbeke thanked Ms. Stapleton for her presentations throughout the community on the region's behalf. Director Gracyk clarified that both the San Diego County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District may appeal to the California Supreme Court for a final ruling regarding the litigation between the two agencies. Vice President Hedberg requested communication from the SDCWA remain professional. General Manager Lugo thanked Ms. Stapleton for her presentation recognizing that Metropolitan Water District is an important participant in ensuring a reliable and diverse water supply for San Diego County customers.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

7. The board authorized staff to call for bids and set Thursday, July 6, 2017, at 10 a.m. as the bid opening date and time for the South Rim Tank rehabilitation project, Work Order 4464. The board determined the project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act and approved the project. The motion carried 4:0.

Motion: Hedberg  
Second: Gracyk  
Ayes: Scalzitti, Hedberg, Verbeke and Gracyk  
Absent: McMillan

Engineering Manager Milica K. Schipper provided a PowerPoint presentation. There were no public comments. Vice President Hedberg verified there will be water redundancy and proper fire flow protection during the project's construction period. Director Verbeke appreciated the photographs detailing the project's future and Director Gracyk requested, and was provided, specifics regarding the exterior urethane coating and the interior epoxy finish.

8. The board adopted Resolution 17-32 declaring an end to the Drought Response Level 1. The motion carried 4:0.

Motion: Hedberg  
Second: Verbeke  
Ayes: Scalzitti, Hedberg, Verbeke and Gracyk  
Absent: McMillan

Senior Public Affairs Representative Michelle M. Curtis provided a PowerPoint presentation. There were no public comments. President Scalzitti requested the PowerPoint presentation be reviewed at a future Committee of the Board meeting to allow more time to discuss the information provided. All questions were answered from Directors Scalzitti, Hedberg, Verbeke and Gracyk.

9. Item 9 authorizing the general manager to execute a professional services agreement between Helix Water District and Probe Research Inc. in the amount of \$18,150 for the district's 2017 customer survey was continued to an undetermined future board meeting.
10. Item 10 adopting Resolution 17-33 amending Resolution 16-17 establishing job classifications and monthly rates of pay was continued to the June 21, 2017 regular board meeting.

### **INFORMATION**

11. The board received a report regarding changing the carrier of the long term disability, life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment plans, effective July 1, 2017. Human Resources Manager Sue S. Fox provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions. Vice President Hedberg clarified that district employees pay 35 percent of the long term disability insurance premiums and do not receive state disability insurance.

### **DISCUSSION**

12. President Scalzitti reported the board of directors have an opportunity to view the 36-inch pipe repair in progress on June 8, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Director Verbeke stated she was not available on that date, but would like to participate in a future opportunity, to see the pipeline repair. President Scalzitti also stated the San Diego County Water Authority is currently undergoing the budget process and that there is an opportunity to watch the last segment of cast-iron replacement in Lemon Grove on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 9 or possibly 10 a.m.

Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen reported the district received customer compliments regarding Valve Maintenance Technicians III Geoffrey M. Menta and Jesus A. Gonzalez, Valve Maintenance Technician II Michael T. Pepin, Customer Service Representatives

Marquette Aytes and Deborah A. Copher. President Scalzitti also reported receiving compliments regarding district staff while having lunch in El Cajon.

13. Directors Scalzitti, Hedberg, Verbeke and Gracyk provided written reports. Vice President Hedberg also reported the San Diego County Water Authority is undergoing the budget process. Director Gracyk reported attending the May 31, 2017 WaterReuse meeting with a focus on legislative issues. Director Gracyk stated the winners of a science fair received an award at said meeting for treating water with the use of cilantro.
14. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed upcoming agenda items for the Tuesday, June 13, 2017 special board meeting; the June 21, 2017 regular board meeting; the June 28, 2017 Committee of the Board meeting; the July 5, 2017 regular board meeting; the July 12, 2017 4 p.m. Engineering and Operations Committee meeting and the July 19, 2017 regular board meeting. Mr. Lugo also stated a joint board meeting with Sweetwater Authority, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Otay Water District and Lakeside Water District will be hosted by Helix Water District on August 29, 2017 from 9 a.m. to noon at the operations center in El Cajon. Mr. Lugo also provided details regarding the Helix Helps volunteer efforts to clean up trash on June 17, 2017 at Wells Park from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
15. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull had nothing further to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

15. President Scalzitti adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

  
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Joel A. Scalzitti, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sandra L. Janzen, Board Secretary