

HELIX WATER DISTRICT

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, June 17, 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, Umphres, Hayman, Tomasulo, Janzen, Olney, Ross, Bryant, Curtis, Schipper, Haley, Smith, Uhrhammer, Lyford, Lawler, Salois, Miller, Tejada, Masterson and Annett. General Counsel Elizabeth Hull was also present.

Others present: Lake Jennings Campground supporters: Haley Murray, Bud Murray, Bob McDowell, Evelyn Zarluk, Barb Lagorio, Dan Northcutt, Julie Linville, Felix Ellis, Bob Reed, Ben and Marion Dear, Marissa Thomson, Rebekah Gates, Jennifer and Sierra Hill and Ben Harness. UT-San Diego Reporter Karen Pearlman, East County Magazine Reporter Miriam Raftery, East County Magazine Intern Devreo Bell and a cameraman from San Diego 6 News were also present.

2. Director Linden 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. There was no one to be heard.

5. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

Motion:	Linden
Second:	Scalzitti
Vote:	5 ayes

- a) The following operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:

- i. list dated June 2, 2015
 - ii. list dated June 9, 2015
- b) Memorandum dated June 17, 2015, from the board secretary submitting expense and per diem claims was approved.
- c) The following minutes were approved:
 - i. special board meeting of June 2, 2015
 - ii. regular board meeting of June 3, 2015
- d) The board approved the reports for the month of May 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
- e) The board adopted the following resolutions:
 - i. 15-41 authorizing the quitclaim of two blanket easements over portions of Rancho Mission of San Diego, in the city of Lemon Grove, county of San Diego, state of California, Assessor Parcel Numbers 480-043-30, 31, 37 and 38

Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen stated the vesting of the quitclaim changed June 16, 2015 from Lemon Grove Community Development Agency to the city of Lemon Grove as the successor agency.
 - ii. 15-42 establishing classifications and monthly rates of pay for Helix Water District employees effective July 1, 2015
- 6. The board agreed to operate the campground through fiscal year 2015–16; to amend the fiscal year budget 2015-16 to include \$20,000 for implementation of the marketing plan recommendations to be evaluated in March of 2016; to appoint Director Joel A. Scalzitti as the campground liaison to report to the board as a per diem assignment and to eliminate the Lake Jennings Committee meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:	Verbeke
Second:	Scalzitti
Vote:	5 ayes

Both Vice President Muse and Director Linden stated their concerns regarding the campground operations deficit; funds needed to address the infrastructure and the lack of use by the ratepayers.

President Verbeke provided opportunity for the following campground supporters to address the board of directors: Bob Reed, Ben Harness, Dan Northcutt and Bob McDowell.

7. The board adopted Resolution 15-44 considering the final mitigated negative declaration for the application of copper-based algaecides at five reservoirs in San Diego County under the California Environmental Quality Act, adopting the mitigation monitoring and reporting program, approving the application of copper-based algaecides at Lake Jennings and authorizing the filing of a notice of determination. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:	Linden
Second:	Scalzitti
Vote:	5 ayes

Director Hedberg asked System Operations Manager Brian M. Olney if we expect to use copper given the drought. Mr. Olney explained copper has not been used at Lake Jennings in 20 years. Director Scalzitti asked if Lake Cuyamaca was involved in this process. The answer was no.

President Verbeke recognized East County Magazine Intern Devreo Bell. Mr. Bell asked if copper had been used to treat Lake Jennings in the past. Director of Water Quality/System Operations Mark D. Umphres stated copper is a tool that can be used as new types of algae crop up. President Verbeke suggested Mr. Bell make an appointment with staff to answer his questions in depth.

8. The board authorized staff to call for bids for pipeline project Greenfield Drive (1), South Lincoln Avenue, easement at Corto Lane and Crystal Lane; Greenfield Drive (2), Oro Street, North Second Street; Greenfield Drive (3), easement at Greenfield Tank, Work Order 4239, and approve Thursday, July 23, 2015, at 10 a.m. as the bid opening date and time. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:	Linden
Second:	Scalzitti
Vote:	5 ayes

9. The board adopted Resolution 15-43 declaring construction complete and authorized filing a notice of completion for the Dictionary Hill Pump Station motor control center replacement project, Work Order 4213. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:	Muse
Second:	Linden
Vote:	5 ayes

President Verbeke, Director Linden and Director Scalzitti thanked staff for their professionalism and continued cost-saving accomplishments.

10. The board cast its vote for candidate Jo MacKenzie for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors 2015 Election. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:	Verbeke
Second:	Hedberg
Vote:	5 ayes

DISCUSSION:

- A. President Verbeke thanked Finance Manager Jennifer C. Bryant for an outstanding drought presentation at the San Diego East County Economic Development Council on June 17, 2015. President Verbeke also asked the board of directors to save August 14, 2015, for an Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 event.
- B. Director Hedberg reported she attended the Council of Water Utilities meeting on June 16, 2015. She asked staff for drought postcards and requested a drought presentation at a future Committee of the Board meeting. Director Hedberg stated the Grossmont-Mt. Helix Improvement Association held their annual meeting at The Water Conservation Garden and 250 people attended. Director Linden stated environmental groups are taking lead roles on the Water Reliability Coalition.
- C. General Manager Lugo reported the Water Reliability Coalition was not necessary in support of desalination projects. Mr. Lugo asked Water Conservation Specialist Michelle M. Curtis and Finance Manager Jennifer C. Bryant to provide a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the drought. Director Linden asked how much staff time was dedicated to the drought since the board declared a Level II drought alert. Ms. Curtis stated the increase in staff time is significant and requires the hiring of a full-time temporary helper.
- D. General Counsel Elizabeth Hull reported the State Attorney filed a request for the California Supreme Court to depublish the San Juan Capistrano case due to its vague, overbroad and non-support effect on water conservation.
- E. Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen reviewed future agenda items and confirmed the June 24 Committee of the Board meeting would be held at 3 p.m. and provide an opportunity to review all district-owned property; that the July 1 regular board meeting covering the cost of service study, draft water rates, and the draft proposition 218 notice would be scheduled for 5 p.m. and that all Lake Jennings Committee meetings have been cancelled.

President Verbeke adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Sandra L. Janzen, Board Secretary

DeAna R. Verbeke, President

