

HELIX WATER DISTRICT

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MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, April 27, 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, Linden, Scalzitti and Hedberg.

Staff present: Lugo, Stoia, Tomasulo, Umphres, Hayman, Janzen, Miller, Baker, LaFalce, Curtis, Uhrhammer, Salois, Herrera, Lawler, Lunde, Vanegas and Masterson. Deputy General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority Sandra L. Kerl was also present.

Others present: Customer Carl Hedberg.

2. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Motion: Linden
Second: 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

3. The board of directors received a PowerPoint presentation regarding Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and San Diego County Water Authority's projected water rates. President Verbeke opened the discussion. The board clarified that a conservative approach to rates was being used, discussed the methodology to determine future rates and discussed the need to keep rates down. Ms. Kerl of the San Diego County Water Authority stated the mid-point of the high rate scenario and low rate scenario she provided the Helix Water District Board of Directors serves as a conservative estimate for budgeting purposes. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo asked for details regarding proposed work groups to be formed by MWD. Ms. Kerl did not have details regarding who would serve on the workgroup. Discussion ensued regarding rebates. The board thanked Ms. Kerl for the presentation.

Director Hedberg left the meeting at 4:23 p.m. and returned at 4:27 p.m. A quorum of the board remained.

5. The board of directors received a PowerPoint presentation and discussed plans for a cellular advanced metering infrastructure pilot project for fiscal year 2016-17.

Field Operations Manager Kevin D. Miller, Utility Crew Supervisor Daniel Baker and Field Supervisor II Paul J. LaFalce recommended a pilot project using Badger Orion advanced metering infrastructure endpoints; the Badger Beacon advanced metering analytics managed solution for 106 district-owned facilities and temporary construction meters with a projected budget (Schedule 227) of \$55,000. Staff stated budget savings will allow the district to run the pilot project at \$16,000 over last year's budget. Discussion ensued regarding the technology, timing and costs of said project. The board will be asked to decide on the pilot project during upcoming budget discussions. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo stated a demonstration can be provided at a future meeting.

6. The board received a PowerPoint presentation regarding 100 percent integration within fiscal year 2018-19 of the global positioning system to capture over 19,000 critical district assets and over 65,000 less-critical assets. Discussion ensued regarding the utilization of interns, part-time helpers and consultants to complete the project. Discussion ensued regarding timing and the use of satellites.

Director Scalzitti left the meeting at 4:44 p.m. A quorum of the board remained.

President Verbeke adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandra L. Janzen, Board Secretary


DeAna R. Verbeke, President