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MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 – 3 p.m.

7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427

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

Staff present: Lugo, Umphres, Tomasulo, Hayman, Stoia, Janzen, Fox, Gutkowski, Uhrhammer, Solano, Bryant, Miller, Salois and Curtis.

Others present: Customers Gordon Place and Dan McMillan.

2. The agenda was approved 3:0.

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

3. Chair Scalzitti provided opportunity for members of the public to address the board on any item under the subject matter jurisdiction of the district. No one requested to be heard.

DISCUSSION

4. The board of directors received a PowerPoint presentation by Senior Public Affairs Representative Michael J. Uhrhammer regarding plans for an event to reveal the tipis and kayaks at Lake Jennings. Staff was asked to consider dates other than October 27, 2016 due to meetings at the San Diego County Water Authority. Staff was asked to mail paper invitations in addition to emailed graphic invitations. The board reviewed the guest list.
5. The board of directors received a PowerPoint presentation by Human Resources Manager Susan S. Fox and Senior Human Resources Analyst Sandra C. Gutkowski regarding the district's medical plan renewals effective January 1, 2017. Director of Administrative Services Lisa L. Stoia stated Chief Executive Officer Walter "Andy" Sells of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority discussed consumer driven health plans during the September Council of Water Utilities meeting and therefore the PowerPoint presentation would touch on this topic. Ms. Gutkowski reported the monthly medical premiums will increase in 2017 by 1.71 percent to 12 percent depending on the coverage. These increase have been included in the budget. Ms. Fox reported CDHPs would actually increase district expenditures. All questions were answered and Director Hedberg requested a breakdown of the number of participants in single, double

and family coverage. Chair Scalzitti recognized Customer Gordon Place. Mr. Place requested the board look into options to control the costs of employee benefits. Customer Dan McMillan spoke in favor of health savings accounts in combination with high deductible medical plans.

Chair Scalzitti adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sandra L. Janzen, Board Secretary


Joel A. Scalzitti, Chair