

HELIX WATER DISTRICT

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MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 – 3 p.m.

7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427

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

Staff present: Lugo, Stoia, Tomasulo, Olney, Miller, Bryant, Janzen, Salois, Garuba, Fox, Lawler, Uhrhammer, Doubrava, Schipper, Lyford, LaFalce, Schuff and Curtis.

At 3:02 p.m. the boardroom was filled with Helix Water District employees, retirees, and the family of Associate Engineer Aneld A. Anub in honor of his 20 year service award.

Others present: Customers Larry Nichols and James Marshall.

2. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Motion: Verbeke

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. No one requested to be heard.

DISCUSSION

4. Associate Engineer Aneld A. Anub received an award for 20 years of service with the district. He was joined by retirees, employees and family. Engineering Manager Timothy J. Ross introduced Mr. Anub; General Manager Carlos V. Lugo provided background information; President Joel A. Scalzitti presented a framed certificate. Mr. Anub introduced his family, thanked the board, the executive team and the employees for their support.

President Scalzitti adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m. for service award photographs. President Scalzitti reconvened the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

5. The board of directors received a PowerPoint presentation by Assistant Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant regarding a proposed Helix Water District customer survey as a goal set in the 2014 strategic plan. The board provided staff with consensus to provide the board with a contract for an outside research firm to conduct a statistically-based survey and expressed a desire to discuss survey questions during a future board meeting. The board discussed the

purpose of the survey, need for a Spanish version, data regarding re-purification; Lake Jennings, the Water Conservation Garden, automated meters, and expressed the desire to use the survey as an opportunity to let customers know Helix Water District provides Lake Jennings and Harry Griffen Regional Park. The board requested staff provide the customer surveys of other agencies within our region for review.

6. The board of directors received a PowerPoint presentation by Director of Administrative Services Lisa L. Stoia regarding Helix Water District's CalPERS and other post employment benefits funding levels. The board appreciated the annual presentation and provided staff with general consensus that staff should continue to work with GovInvest for the ability to model multiple changes in discount rates and multiple years of lump sum payments. The board also provided general consensus for staff to provide the PowerPoint presentations prior to the meeting for proper board member preparation time. Staff answered all board questions.
7. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo provided the board with an update regarding the preparations for the March 8, 2017, 6 p.m. special board meeting of the Helix Water District Board of Directors. Mr. Lugo also stated staff is working with Raftelis Financial Consultants to update the rate model for an out of sequence rate change. Vice President Hedberg asked Facilities Manager Joseph J. Garuba to brief the board regarding the upcoming SANDAG staff level meeting regarding greenhouse gases at Vice President Hedberg's request.

President Scalzitti adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.


Joel A. Scalzitti, President

ATTEST:


Sandra L. Janzen, Board Secretary