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**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**

1. President Scalzitti called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors Scalzitti, Hedberg, Verbeke and Gracyk were present. Director McMillan was absent.

Staff present: Lugo, Tomasulo, Miller, Stoia, Olney, Janzen, Salois, Lundy, Bryant, Annett and Uhrhammer.

At 3 p.m. the boardroom was filled with Helix Water District employees, retirees and friends of Inspector II William O. Gaston in honor of his 20-year service award.

Others present: Customer John L. Wood was present. At 3:36 p.m. the boardroom was filled with poster contest winners, their teachers and families. Scholarship winners and families also attended the meeting.

2. Vice President Hedberg provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The agenda was approved 4:0.

Motion: Gracyk
Second: Hedberg
Ayes: Scalzitti, Hedberg, Verbeke, 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. No one requested to be heard.

DISCUSSION

5. The board recognized Plant Operator II Courtney R. Hernandez and System Operator II Travis D. Powell for receiving the American Water Works Association Operator

Meritorious Award. Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney provided background information. President Scalzitti presented the plaques in honor of Ms. Hernandez's and Mr. Powell's achievements.

6. Inspector II William O. Gaston received an award for 20 years of service with the district. He was joined by friends, retirees and employees. Engineering Manager Timothy J. Ross introduced Mr. Gaston; General Manager Carlos V. Lugo provided background information; Director Gracyk presented a framed certificate. Mr. Gaston introduced his family and friends and thanked Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo, Mr. Ross, General Manager Carlos V. Lugo, the employees and the board for their support.

President Scalzitti adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m. for service award photographs.

President Scalzitti reconvened the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

7. The board of directors recognized the winners of Helix Water District's annual Water is Life calendar poster contest. The board received a PowerPoint presentation by Senior Public Affairs Representative Michael J. Uhrhammer showing the kindergarten through third grade winners as George Bosch and Joy Harrison (honorable mentions); Desiree Magana (third place); Seema Osmani (second place) and Arianna Luna (first place). The fourth through sixth grade winners were Mia Macias and Shams Sodeq (honorable mentions); Saul Mendoza Castillo (third place); Liliana Yalda (second place) and Miryam Markos (first place). The board congratulated each contestant and provided gift cards, sketch pads, markers, certificates and tote bags.
8. The board of directors recognized Nanse Mansor as the recipient of the Dr. Lillian Childs 2017 district scholarship and Lamees Sharif as the recipient of the Robert D. Friedgen 2017 district scholarship. The board received a PowerPoint presentation by Senior Public Affairs Representative Michael J. Uhrhammer introducing the recipients. President Scalzitti thanked Dr. Childs and Mr. Friedgen for attending and presenting the checks for \$1,000. President Scalzitti presented certificates.
7. The board of directors received the annual right of way report. Senior Right of Way Agent and Environmental Analyst Debra S. Lundy provided a PowerPoint presentation. Director Gracyk clarified there are currently 40 remaining quitclaims and that new encroachments continue to be identified. Vice President Hedberg verified the encroachments are a recorded document that remain with the property title. President Scalzitti requested the board of directors have another joint meeting with the board of directors from Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District in July or August. President Scalzitti also requested the board of directors take a field trip to the diverting dam. President Scalzitti directed staff to provide an overall review of lease options and philosophies at a future Committee of the Board meeting. The board provided general consensus that all future lease inquiries are to come to the board of directors for consideration. There were no public comments.

8. President Scalzitti adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.



Joel A. Scalzitti, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Board Secretary