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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 – 5 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**

1. President McMillan called the special board meeting to order at 5 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors McMillan, Gracyk, Verbeke, Scalzitti and Hedberg.

Staff present: Lugo, Tomasulo, Bryant, Olney, Miller, Janzen, Lundy, Annett, Dambrose and Solano. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was also present.

Others present: Lemon Grove City Councilman Matt Mendoza, Best Best and Krieger Partner Bruce W. Beach, BBK Associate Emily Chaidez, Allan Crecelius, President, Reward Strategy Group Inc. and Gina Calderon, Senior Principal Consultant, Reward Strategy Group Inc.

2. Vice President Gracyk led the Pledge of Allegiance. No invocation was provided.
3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported there were no additions or deletions to the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Verbeke

4. President McMillan provided opportunity for members of the public to address the board on any item under the subject matter jurisdiction of the district. There were no requests to be heard.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

5. President McMillan adjourned the meeting to closed session at 5:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives:

General Manager Carlos V. Lugo

Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant

Human Resources Manager Anne D. Solano

Allan Crecelius, President, Reward Strategy Group Inc.

Gina Calderon, Senior Principal Consultant, Reward Strategy Group Inc.

Employee Organizations:

Helix Water District Employees' Association

Helix Water District Middle Management Employees' Association

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

6. President McMillan adjourned closed session at 6:35 p.m. President McMillan left the meeting at 6:36 p.m. A quorum of the board remained.

Chair Gracyk reconvened open session at 6:37 p.m. There was no reportable action.

DISCUSSION

7. The president's report was not provided.
- a) Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen reported the district received customer compliments regarding all three construction crews from Customers James Dosch and Bruce Crosby. Ms. Janzen also shared a letter from Customer Joe Glidden thanking the public affairs team and volunteer staff for the February 2, 2019, Helix Water Talk at the administration office.
8. President McMillan, Vice President Gracyk, Director Verbeke and Director Scalzitti provided written reports. In addition, Director Hedberg reported attending the Urban Water Institute Conference from February 27 through March 1, 2019, stating a session regarding the benefits of the Salton Sea was refreshingly optimistic. Director Scalzitti reported attending the February 28, 2019, San Diego County Water Authority meeting covering federal legislative priorities, annexations, the appointment of Gail Goldberg to represent the San Diego region, at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Director Scalzitti also reported he has been appointed to a committee to review best practices for future MWD representative appointments; that new legal

counsel will represent the San Diego County Water Authority at an expected savings and that General Manager Maureen Stapleton resigned with Ms. Sandy Kerl serving as interim general manager effective March 1, 2019.

Director Scalzitti reported attending the March 1, 2019, First Friday Breakfast and expressed his support along with Director Verbeke for a May 18, 2019, fundraiser for the East County Transitional Living Center. Vice President Gracyk reported attending the Association of California Water Agencies DC2019 conference February 26 through 28, 2019, with additional details to come at a future date.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried 4:0. There were no public comments.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Scalzitti
Ayes: Gracyk, Verbeke, Scalzitti, Hedberg
Absent: McMillan

- a) Memorandum dated March 6, 2019, from the Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen submitting expense and per diem claims was approved.
- b) The board approved the following set of minutes:
- i. February 14, 2019, special Water Quality & Resources Committee meeting
 - ii. February 20, 2019, special board meeting
- c) The following operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
- i. List dated February 20, 2019
 - ii. List dated February 27, 2019
- d) The board approved the following attendance considerations:
- i. Development Agreements, Public-Private Partnerships & Redevelopment
University of California, Davis, Extension Course
February 28, 2019
Sacramento, California
 - ii. Investment and Financial Management Symposium
March 15, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
San Diego Marriott Mission Valley
San Diego, California

- iii. 2019 Water Reuse California Annual Conference
March 17-19, 2019
Hyatt Regency Orange County
Garden Grove, California

ACTION ITEM

- 10. The board adopted Resolution 19-09 concurring with the nomination of Paul E. Dorey of Vista Irrigation District and Resolution 19-10 concurring with the nomination of E.G. “Jerry” Gladbach of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4:0.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Scalzitti
Ayes: Gracyk, Verbeke, Scalzitti, Hedberg
Absent: McMillan

- 11. The board adopted Resolution 19-11 concurring with the nomination of Andrew Morris of the Santa Rosa Regional Resources Joint Powers Authority and Resolution 19-12 concurring with the nomination of Paul E. Dorey of Vista Irrigation District to the California Water Insurance Fund Board of Directors. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4:0.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Scalzitti
Ayes: Gracyk, Verbeke, Scalzitti, Hedberg
Absent: McMillan

Vice President Gracyk left the board meeting at 6:59 p.m. recusing himself from discussion of item 12 due to an abundance of caution in regards to the location of the small valve replacement project and the 500 foot buffer zone. A quorum of the board remained. Director Hedberg chaired the meeting.

- 12. The board adopted Resolution 19-13 awarding construction of small valve replacement project CIP19115, to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid, CCL Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$2,769,000. The board appropriated funds in the amount of \$3,335,000 from schedule 64, item 15 of the fiscal year 2018-19 capital budget. There were no public comments. The motion carried 3:0.

Motion: Verbeke
Second: Hedberg
Ayes: Verbeke, Scalzitti, Hedberg
Absent: McMillan, Gracyk

Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo answered all questions regarding the large variation in bid amounts.

Vice President Gracyk returned to the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and served as chair for the rest of the meeting.

PRESENTATION

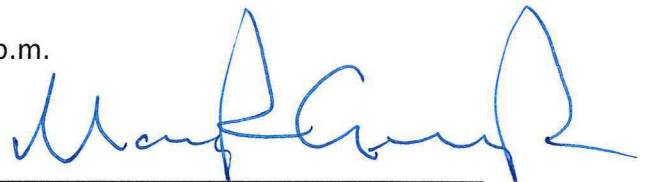
13. The board received a refund check in the amount of \$142,414 presented by Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority Chief Executive Officer Andy Sells. There were no public comments. Photographs were taken.

DISCUSSION

14. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed upcoming agenda items for the meetings scheduled on March 7, 13 and 20, 2019. There were no public comments. President Hedberg requested the following attendance consideration be placed on the next regular board meeting agenda: The New Shape of Water California Water Policy 28 on April 4 and 5, 2019, in San Diego.
15. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull had nothing additional to report.

ADJOURNMENT

16. Chair Gracyk adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.



Mark Gracyk, Chair

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board