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MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 – 4 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427

1. President McMillan called the special board meeting to order at 4 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors McMillan, Gracyk, Verbeke, Scalzitti and Hedberg.

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

Others present: Customer John L. Wood, Alpine Fire Protection District Board Member Baron Willis, San Diego Union-Tribune Reporter Karen Pearlman, photo contestants, teachers and families.

2. Director Verbeke provided an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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: Scalzitti

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. Alpine Fire Protection District Board Member Baron Willis announced his candidacy for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission special district election.

PRESENTATION

5. The board recognized the winners of the district's annual high school photo contest. Black and white awards were received by Jeanette Chen, first place; Brisa Rueda, second

place; Neva Devine, third place; and Sabrina Boykin and Parker Rufener Simpson received honorable mentions. Color awards were received by Sunshine Astourian, first place; Joilee Luna, second place; Layla Burdett, third place; and Rylie Codiamat and Kristin Williams received honorable mentions. The board provided gift cards, certificates and prizes. Senior Public Affairs Representative Michelle M. Curtis provided a PowerPoint presentation and thanked the board, teachers and participants for their support of the photo contest.

President McMillan adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m. for group photographs. President McMillan reconvened the special board meeting at 4:24 p.m.

DISCUSSION

6. President McMillan reported attending the Investment and Financial Management Symposium March 15, 2019, stating the San Diego economy is strong with interest rates expected to remain the same. President McMillan also reported attending the March 7, 2019, Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee stating the spring carnival at Lake Jennings will run approximately \$10,000 and can be discussed further during the budget process. President McMillan stated he would like Helix Water District signage at Harry Griffen Park; he toured potential surplus land; and has scheduled a regional meeting of board presidents and general managers on April 5, 2019, at the operations center from 1 to 3 p.m. President McMillan also requested additional information regarding the San Diego County Water Authority total water sales and financial consequences if agencies do not purchase water.
 - a) Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen reported that the Helix Helps volunteers received a compliment from Casa De Oro Native Plant Community Garden for pulling weeds, moving gravel and digging trenches. Ms. Janzen also reported that Ms. Laurie Ronson thanked Customer Service Manager Sonya Andrews for her excellent service.
7. Vice President Gracyk, Director Verbeke, Director Scalzitti and Director Hedberg provided written reports. In addition, Vice President Gracyk reported attending the 2019 WaterReuse California Annual Conference and tour March 17-19, 2019 and will forward conference PowerPoint presentations to the board. Vice President Gracyk also reported attending the City of La Mesa Environmental Sustainability Commission meeting on March 18, 2019, regarding Vision Zero – a plan to keep pedestrians safe, the Power Your Drive program and the district’s energy study. Vice President Gracyk also reported attending the March 19, 2019, Council of Water Utilities meeting and requested the board consider adopting a resolution in support of Assembly Bill 1588 and help sponsor the bill. Vice President Gracyk reported that the Lemon Grove Community Garden will open on March 30, 2019 and he has requested that the Helix Helps volunteers support the event.

Director Verbeke reported attending (via teleconference) the March 15, 2019, Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies. The committee is expected to recommend the ACWA office building be sold, office space be rented and CalPERS unfunded liability be paid. Director Verbeke also reported attending the San Diego River Conservancy meeting on March 14, 2019 and stated that the ACWA Region 10 meeting will be held July 30, 2019, in Mission Viejo.

Director Scalzitti reported receiving a legislative update during the Council of Water Utilities meeting on March 19, 2019 and mentioned the South Rim Tank reception March 21, 2019, at 5 p.m. will be followed by a Lakeside Chamber of Commerce mixer. Director Hedberg provided the board with a “flume” technology presentation and requested the Engineering and Operations Committee review and discuss the technology for detecting leaks on April 10, 2019. District Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull reminded the board the district will not recommend technology to customers. Director Hedberg also reported providing a mini-grant to Lemon Avenue Elementary School for rain barrels on March 18, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously. There were no public comments.

Motion: Gracyk
Second: Hedberg

- a) Memorandum dated March 20, 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. March 6, 2019, special board meeting
 - ii. March 6, 2019, regular board meeting with clarification added that Director Verbeke did not attend the First Friday Breakfast
 - iii. March 7, 2019, Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee
- c) The following operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
 - i. List dated March 6, 2019
 - ii. List dated March 13, 2019
- d) The board approved the following attendance consideration:

- i. The New Shape of Water
California Water Policy 28
April 4-5, 2019
The Courtyard by Marriott, Liberty Station, San Diego

Director Hedberg reported the district is sponsoring The New Shape of Water and encouraged all to attend. Vice President Gracyk and Director Verbeke reported they plan to attend. President McMillan requested staff notify the board anytime the district is sponsoring an event.

INFORMATION

9. The board received information regarding management and regulatory compliance for the district's two earthen dams. There were no public comments. System Operations Manager Michelle P. Berens provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding potential flooding during extreme weather or seismic events.

REPORTS

10. The board received the reports for the month of February 2019:
 - a) Financial
 - b) Rainfall, Use and Storage
 - c) System Demand
 - d) Monthly Demand
 - e) Conservation Status
 - f) State Water Resources Control Board

There were no public or board comments.

DISCUSSION

11. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed upcoming agenda items for the meetings scheduled on March 27 and April 3, 4, 10 and 17, 2019. There were no public comments. Vice President Gracyk requested that regular board meetings remain at 5 p.m. to eliminate customer confusion regarding meeting dates and times. Vice President Gracyk also requested information regarding Otay Water District's sponsorship of Assembly Bill 1588. Mr. Lugo detailed the district's public outreach calendar for the months of March, April and May. Mr. Lugo provided the topics discussed at the March 19, 2019, San Diego County Water Authority Member Agency Managers meeting. Director Scalzitti encouraged the general managers group to push for information regarding SDCWA's rate stabilization fund.

12. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull had nothing additional to report.

ADJOURNMENT

13. President McMillan adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.


Daniel H. McMillan, Chair

ATTEST:


Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board