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**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, July 24, 2019 – 3 p.m.  
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**

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

Staff present: Lugo, Olney, Tomasulo, Bryant, Janzen, Lyford, Palechek, Ross, Garuba, Malkin, Dambrose, Berens, Uhrhammer, Gustafson, Doubrava, Solano, Andrews, Lunde, Pope, Herrera and Curtis.

Others present: The boardroom was filled with the co-workers and friends of Thomas J. Pearce in honor of his 10-year service award.

2. Director Scalzitti led the Pledge of Allegiance. No invocation was provided.
3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. The motion to approve the Committee of the Board meeting agenda carried 4:0.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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 public comments. President McMillan requested a closed session be added to a future meeting regarding East County Advanced Water Purification negotiations.

**DISCUSSION**

5. The board recognized Plant Operations Supervisor Thomas J. Pearce for 10 years of service. There were no public comments. Mr. Pearce introduced his fiancé and thanked the board, executive team and co-workers for the legacy of excellence they inspire.

Water Treatment Plant Manager Larry W. Lyford provided introductory comments; General Manager Carlos V. Lugo provided background information and President Daniel H. McMillan presented the award. Mr. Lyford also presented Mr. Pearce with the Exemplary Operations Supervisor Award from the American Water Works Association. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported that AWWA is a national organization.

President McMillan adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m. for photographs. President McMillan reconvened the meeting at 3:27 p.m.


6. The board reviewed the annual strategic plan and objectives for fiscal year 2019-20. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo, Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney, Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant, Senior Public Affairs Representative Michael J. Uhrhammer, Field Operations Manager Oliver K. Malkin, Enterprise Applications Manager Quince S. Lunde and Enterprise Architecture Manager Michael A. Herrera addressed all questions regarding project timing, software upgrades, new technology, interns, plastic laterals, website upgrades and succession planning. There were no public comments.
7. The board received an update regarding the R.M. Levy Water Treatment Plant security camera replacement project. Information and Process Systems Supervisor Henry Palechek provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding the staff and technology.
8. The board received an update regarding the motor control center and programmable logic controller upgrade at the Helix 1B pump station. Information and Process Systems Supervisor Henry Palechek provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding voltage, wireless capability and project design. The board thanked staff for their experience, technical skills and knowledge.

**ADJOURNMENT**

9. President McMillan adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

  
Daniel H. McMillan, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board