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

1. President McMillan called the regular board meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors McMillan, Gracyk, Verbeke, Scalzitti and Hedberg.

Staff present: Lugo, Miller, Olney, Tomasulo, Bryant, Janzen, Ross, Annett, Berens, Lundy, Garuba, Schipper, Curtis and Dambrose. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull and Bruce Beach were also present.

Others present: Customers John L. Wood and Paula Bodor. San Diego County Water Authority Senior Public Affairs Supervisor Teresa Penunuri was also present.

2. Director Verbeke provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported there were no additions or deletions to the agenda. President McMillan requested that closed session item B be discussed at the end of closed session. The motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously with President McMillan's suggested change to the order of the closed session items.

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 public comments.
5. President McMillan adjourned to closed session at 5:04 p.m. to conduct a conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation and real property negotiations.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to 54956.9(d)(2)

Number of potential cases: 1

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Real Estate Related to Conveyance System, Capacity Rights and Operation of the Proposed East County Advanced Water Purification Program

Agency Negotiator: Helix Water District

Negotiating Parties: Padre Dam Municipal Water District

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms for Proposed Conveyance of Property

C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Summit Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941 (APN: 470-680-16)

Agency Negotiators: Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo
Engineering Manager Milica K. Schipper
Senior Right of Way Agent/Environmental Analyst Debra S. Lundy

Negotiating Parties: William F. Best

Joseph R. Compton and Frank Fitzgerald

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: High Street, La Mesa, CA 91941 (APN: 499-010-09)

Agency Negotiators: Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo
Engineering Manager Milica K. Schipper
Senior Right of Way Agent/Environmental Analyst Debra S. Lundy

Negotiating Parties: United States Navy

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

6. President McMillan adjourned closed session at 6:38 p.m. and reconvened open session at 6:40 p.m. No reportable action was taken.

DISCUSSION

7. President McMillan provided the board with two written reports covering regional topics surrounding rates, bonds and the November 1, 2019 Municipal Debt Symposium. There were no board or public comments.

The board received a written report complimenting the district for their professional collaboration with the County of San Diego Public Works Department. Project Manager Keith Kezer and Utilities Coordinator Lawrence M. Hirsh provided emails.

8. President McMillan, Vice President Gracyk and Directors Verbeke, Scalzitti and Hedberg provided written reports. In addition, Vice President Gracyk reported attending the October 30, 2019 California Special Districts Association Essential Communications for Every Special District at Padre Dam Municipal Water District. Vice President Gracyk commended the board and staff for their development of positive working relationships with the district's elected officials.

Director Verbeke detailed the October 25, 2019 Association of California Water Agencies Steering Committee meeting in Sacramento to develop a strategic plan and core values and reported attending the Water Conservation Garden Joint Powers Authority Strategic Planning Retreat. Director Verbeke encouraged the board to attend the Garden's November 16, 2019 benefit concert celebrating the Garden's 20-year anniversary. Director Verbeke reported attending the November 1, 2019, San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Breakfast and thanked Director Scalzitti for his participation.

Director Scalzitti provided a full report regarding the San Diego County Water Authority October 24, 2019 board meeting including the proposed sale of the desalination plant, a professional services agreement with the City of San Diego for water testing, a storage agreement with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and regional agencies qualifying for local resources program funds.

Director Hedberg joined Director Verbeke in encouraging the board and staff to attend the November 16, 2019 benefit concert at the Water Conservation Garden and mentioned there are indirect costs if agencies leave the San Diego County Water Authority. There were no public comments.

9. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed the upcoming agenda items for the meetings scheduled on November 15 and 20, December 16 and 18, 2019 and reminded the board to check with the board secretary regarding any schedule questions. Mr. Lugo reminded the board that the office will be closed for Veterans Day and that Helix Helps will be at

Harry Griffen Park Saturday, November 9, 2019 planting approximately 200 trees. There were no public comments.

10. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull had nothing additional to report. There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion: Scalzitti
Second: Verbeke

- a) Memorandum dated November 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 sets of minutes:
 - i. October 16, 2019, Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. October 23, 2019, Committee of the Board Meeting
- c) The following operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
 - i. Checks dated October 18, 2019
 - ii. Checks dated October 25, 2019
 - iii. Checks dated November 1, 2019
- d) The board adopted Resolution 19-50 authorizing the grant of an access easement to the United States Navy across district fee-owned property on High Street, in the city of La Mesa, assessor parcel number 499-010-09; and authorized the expenditure of funds to acquire an access easement over Navy fee-owned property on High Street.
- e) The board approved the following attendance considerations:
 - i. San Diego Military Advisory Council
Economic Impact Study Release Luncheon
October 10, 2019 at 11 a.m.
Admiral Kidd Conference Center, San Diego

- ii. Regional Board Presidents and General Managers Meeting
October 14, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.
Otay Water District, Spring Valley
- iii. California Special Districts Association
Essential Communications for Every Special District
October 30, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Santee
- iv. Municipal Debt Symposium
November 1, 2019 from 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
San Diego Marriott Mission Valley, San Diego

ACTION ITEMS

12. The board adopted Resolution 19-51 awarding construction of pipeline project Greenfield and Madison CIP19004, to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid, SC Valley Engineering Inc., in the amount of \$2,214,535 and appropriated funds in the amount of \$2,711,000 from schedule 64, item 4 of the fiscal year 2019-20 capital budget. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Hedberg

Second: Scalzitti

Engineering Manager Milica K. Schipper provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding the project schedule.

13. The board authorized staff to rebid the Helix Water District administration office landscape improvements project CIP20010 and set December 12, 2019 at 10 a.m. as the date and time of the bid opening. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4:1.

Motion: Hedberg

Second: Verbeke

Facilities Manager Joseph J. Garuba and answered all questions with the assistance of General Manager Carlos V. Lugo regarding project warranties, prevailing wage and the bid package's extended work days and liquidated damages reduction to better suit the scope of a smaller project.

INFORMATION

14. Water Conservation Technician Vincent R. Dambrose III shared Helix History Part 1 and Part 2 videos with the board. San Diego County Water Authority Senior Public Affairs Supervisor Teresa Penunuri agreed with the board that the videos are awesome.

15. The Harry Griffen Park update was continued to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

16. President McMillan adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.



Daniel H. McMillan, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board