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**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD  
Wednesday, January 24, 2020 – 2 p.m.  
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**

1. President Gracyk called the special Committee of the Board meeting to order at 2 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors Gracyk, Verbeke, Scalzitti, Hedberg and McMillan.

Staff present: Lugo, Bryant, Miller, Olney, Tomasulo, Pope, Solano, Janzen, Curtis, Dambrose and Uhrhammer. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull and Lutfi Kharuf were also present.

Others present: IB Consulting Managing Partners Habib Isaac and Andrea Boehling and CV Strategies Vice President Tara Bravo.

2. Vice President Verbeke 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. There were no public comments. The motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

Motion: Scalzitti  
Second: Hedberg

4. President Gracyk 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.

**DISCUSSION**

5. The board conducted a workshop to receive and discuss a presentation by IB Consulting, LLC providing an overview of the Helix Water District Water Rate Cost of Service Study and CV Strategies to establish with the board the associated outreach goals.

Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant introduced IB Consulting Managing Partners Habib Isaac and Andrea Boehling and CV Strategies Vice President Tara Bravo. Both agencies provided PowerPoint presentations.


President Gracyk opened board comments. Discussion ensued regarding: conducting a public hearing in August; the Proposition 218 notice to include both upcoming board and community meetings; rate setting to be discussed in further detail during the February 1, 2020 board retreat; capacity fee discussions to take place in the summer; operating reserves of other agencies to be discussed during a future board meeting; emergency reserves to be discussed during a Finance and Administration Committee meeting; customer impact of fixed fees to be analyzed; Tier 1 to be discussed; San Diego County Water Authority's historical rate variable to be studied; analysis of the impact of a 60-day operating reserve on rates to be evaluated; communicate through outreach that water may be free, but that the transportation, storage and treatment add cost; communicate through outreach that customers are empowered to control their bills through water efficiency.

Director McMillan left the meeting at 2:36 p.m. and returned at 2:37 p.m. A quorum of the board remained.

Director Scalzitti left the meeting at 2:45 p.m. and returned at 2:47 p.m. A quorum of the board remained.

**ADJOURNMENT**

6. President Gracyk adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

  
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Mark Gracyk, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board