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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Wednesday, February 5, 2020 – 5 p.m.**  
**7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**

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

Staff present: Lugo, Olney, Miller, Bryant, Tomasulo, Janzen, Annett and Curtis.  
General Counsel Nicholas W. Norvell was also present.

Others present: Lemon Grove City Council Member Yadira Altamirano and Lemon Grove Planning Commissioner Liana LeBaron were present.

2. Director Scalzitti 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: Verbeke

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.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Motion: Scalzitti  
Second: Verbeke

- a) Memorandum dated February 5, 2020, 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. January 8, 2020, Engineering & Operations Committee meeting
  - ii. January 14, 2020, special Finance & Administration Committee meeting
  - iii. January 15, 2020, regular board meeting
  - iv. January 16, 2020, special Parks, Land, Lakes & Garden Committee meeting
  - v. January 24, 2020, special Committee of the Board meeting
- c) The following operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
  - i. Checks dated January 17, 2020
  - ii. Checks dated January 24, 2020
  - iii. Checks dated January 31, 2020
- d) The board adopted the following resolutions:
  - i. Resolution 20-04 declaring construction complete and authorize filing a notice of completion for Villeta at Lake Murray project RMB18047
  - ii. Resolution 20-05 declaring construction complete and authorize filing a notice of completion for Starbucks Spring Street project RMB19043

## **PRESENTATION**

- 6. The board received a PowerPoint presentation by Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney providing an overview of the district's water supply and operations. Board discussion ensued. Mr. Olney addressed all questions with the assistance of General Manager Carlos V. Lugo and Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo regarding the raw and treated systems, minimum flows, capacity, infrastructure maintenance and pipe materials, San Diego County Water Authority policies and collaboration, potential for stranded assets, normal variables in operations, potential operational impacts of the proposed East County Advanced Water Purification project, natural reservoirs in comparison to Lake Jennings and emergency supply. No action was taken. There were no public comments.

President Gracyk recognized meeting attendees Lemon Grove City Council Member Yadira Altamirano and Lemon Grove Planning Commissioner Liana LeBaron.

## DISCUSSION

7. President Gracyk reported attending the January 27, 2020 La Mesa Environmental Sustainability Commission and shared an email from Customer Ms. Andrea Beth Damsky complimenting Helix Water District Facilities Manager Joseph J. Garuba for his presentation regarding the administration office's upcoming landscape improvements and various district projects to reduce energy use. President Gracyk also read an email from Ms. Josan Feathers, P.E. complimenting the staff for an excellent Water Talks program.

- a) An email was included in the board package from Customer Glen Paulen in reference to the excellent customer service he received from Utility Crew Member Eric D. Hughes.

In addition, President Gracyk reported attending the February 1, 2020, special board workshop at the operations center thanking the board for their attendance. President Gracyk reported that eight topics were discussed with items planned for further discussion and board action. President Gracyk reported attending the Committee of the Board meeting on Friday, January 24, 2020, regarding outreach efforts for the upcoming Proposition 218 process.

8. Vice President Verbeke, Directors Scalzitti and McMillan provided written reports. Vice President Verbeke also shared that she attended the annual employee appreciation breakfast, an Association of California Water Agencies workshop and an ACWA board meeting adopting a five-year strategic plan and electing new executive committee members. Vice President Verbeke also detailed the Water Conservation Garden Joint Powers Authority Board meeting and upcoming events.

Directors Scalzitti and Hedberg detailed the San Diego County Water Authority Board Meeting highlighting that money currently directed to the 135 percent funded Other Post-Employment Benefits account will be redirected to the CalPERS unfunded liability. Director Scalzitti expressed appreciation to the board for the special board workshop on February 1, 2020 and Director Hedberg reported touring the Water Conservation Garden facilities. Director Hedberg also detailed a field trip of the Imperial Valley conveyance system that she participated in through the SDCWA. Discussion ensued.

Director McMillan reported requesting an appraisal and quote for a biological study in reference to the possible surplus and sale of El Monte Valley lands discussed during the special Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee meeting on January 16, 2020. Director McMillan reported options were discussed for Lake Jennings, which will be presented to the full board during the February 26, 2020 Committee of the Board meeting. There were no public comments.

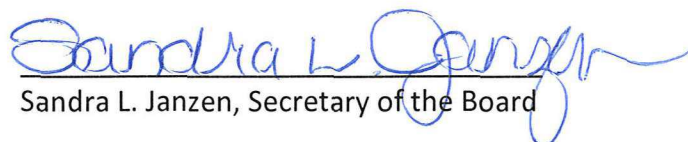
9. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed the upcoming agenda items for the meetings scheduled on February 12, 19, 26, and March 5 and 11, 2020. He reminded the board of the February 19, 2020, 4:30 p.m. closed session to present General Manager Lugo's performance appraisal and that the March 4, 2020 regular board meeting has been rescheduled to March 11, 2020. There were no public comments.
10. General Counsel Nicholas W. Norvell reminded the board to complete their Form 700 by the April 1, 2020 deadline. There were no public comments.
11. The board received a presentation of the quarterly capital improvement program by Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo. President Gracyk and Vice President Verbeke thanked Mr. Tomasulo for the excellent report. There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

12. President Gracyk adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

  
Mark Gracyk, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board