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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – 5 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**

1. President Gracyk called the regular board meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors Gracyk, Verbeke, Scalzitti, Hedberg and McMillan.

Staff present: Lugo, Tomasulo, Olney, Miller, Bryant, Janzen, Andrews, Ross, MacMaster, Herrera, Lunde, Solano, Doubrava, Pope, Annett and Curtis. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was also present.

Others present: None

2. Director Hedberg 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. There were no public comments. The motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

Motion: Verbeke
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.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Verbeke

- a) Memorandum dated February 19, 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. February 1, 2020, special board workshop
 - ii. February 5, 2020, regular board meeting
 - iii. February 12, 2020, Water Quality and Resources Committee meeting
- c) The following operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
 - i. Checks dated February 7, 2020
 - ii. Checks dated February 14, 2020
- d) The board adopted Resolution 20-07 declaring construction complete and authorized filing a notice of completion for 935 Sweetwater Road project RMB19019
- e) The board approved the following attendance considerations:
 - i. Investment & Financial Management Symposium
March 18, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
San Diego Marriott Mission Valley
 - ii. Mexican American Business & Professional Association
Monthly Lunch Meeting/Planning for the Future
Safe and Reliable Water for All
February 12, 2020 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
San Diego County Water Authority

ACTION ITEMS

- 6. The board received the annual strategic work plan midyear update. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo introduced the item. Director McMillan requested that staff bring an evaluation of all potential water sources for the district to a future board meeting. General Manager Lugo suggested the item be added as an additional goal. President Gracyk requested the board receive regular updates regarding the potential East County Advanced Water Purification project and encouraged staff to continue the public outreach to the district's ratepayers. Director McMillan requested the district's mission and vision statements be modernized through the strategic planning process. No board action was taken. There were no public comments.

7. The board approved the midyear adjustments to the fiscal year 2019-20 capital improvement program budget schedules 64 and 76. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Verbeke

Second: Hedberg

Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo provided a PowerPoint presentation and addressed all questions with the assistance of General Manager Carlos V. Lugo regarding an inspection of the Grossmont Reservoir overflow improvements expected within the next few years, the delay of the pipeline project in the Mt. Helix area to provide residents with a break from construction and the capabilities of the Malta X1260 Grabber for fall protection. President Gracyk stated the importance of staff safety. General Manager Lugo reported the board will receive a fleet update at a future board meeting. Director of Engineering Tomasulo also recognized Engineering Manager Milica K. Schipper for her work on the capital improvement program budget.

8. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to execute a memorandum of understanding with the County of San Diego and appropriated \$220,000 from the fiscal year 2019-20 capital budget for the design of Phase 1 of the Bradley Avenue improvement and pipeline relocation project CIP20016. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Scalzitti

Second: Verbeke

Engineering Manager Timothy J. Ross provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions with the assistance of Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo regarding the direct costs to the district as the project is under a franchise agreement, traffic and seismic concerns, the removal of the top three feet of soil to address subgrade geologic conditions with construction to begin in November of 2020. President Gracyk requested district staff assist City of El Cajon staff to determine if the project helps the city with their climate action plan.

Director Scalzitti chose to recuse himself from item nine at 6:05 p.m. due to the proximity of the project to his residence. A quorum of the board remained.

9. The board authorized staff to call for bids and set April 2, 2020 at 10 a.m. as the date and time of the bid opening for the pipeline project Broadway, Second, Grape and Third, CIP20001; determined the project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act and approved the project. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4:0.

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

Associate Engineer Jeffrey J. MacMaster provided a PowerPoint presentation and addressed all questions regarding the California Environmental Quality Act exemption with the assistance of General Manager Carlos V. Lugo and District Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull as outlined in the board report.

Director Scalzitti returned to the board meeting at 6:10 p.m.

10. The board adopted Resolution 20-06 declaring construction complete and authorized filing a notice of completion for small valve replacement project CIP19115. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Verbeke
Second: Hedberg

Engineering Manager Timothy J. Ross provided a PowerPoint presentation. President Gracyk recognized Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo for his suggestion that the project serve as an opportunity for the board to meet with the elected from the city of Lemon Grove in celebration of the collaborative efforts for successful projects such as the small valve replacement project. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo suggested this may be an opportunity to conduct a brown bag luncheon as discussed during the February 1, 2020 special board workshop.

11. The board adopted Resolution 20-08 to nominate and support President Mark Gracyk as a candidate for the position of the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Seat B - Southern Network. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported item 11 was discussed during the February 1, 2020 special board workshop. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Scalzitti
Second: Hedberg

Director Hedberg suggested President Gracyk provide a letter of recommendation from Mr. Lugo with his application.

DISCUSSION

12. President Gracyk reported attending the February 18, 2020 Council of Water Utilities meeting with the full board and enjoyed hearing COO/General Counsel for Rancho Guejito Vineyard Hank Rupp as the guest speaker. The board members appreciated learning of the facility's water efficiency, utilization of shade from the dense planting of avocado trees and the honoring of the wildlife. Director Hedberg shared that a future Women in Water event will be hosted at the Rancho Guejito Vineyard.

In addition, President Gracyk reported attending a meeting at the City of Lemon Grove regarding a draft climate action plan and the February 19, 2020 Cleantech meeting regarding vehicle charging stations.

13. President Gracyk, Vice President Verbeke, Directors Scalzitti and McMillan provided written reports. Vice President Verbeke shared that she toured an Emergency Operations Center. Vice President Verbeke provided information regarding the Water Conservation Garden's Tomatomania event March 7 and 8, 2020 and reported attending the February 19, 2020 East County Economic Development Council meeting detailing Connectory.com originated by the council and supported by federal grant funding. Vice President Verbeke confirmed that the district has water efficient showerheads available for customers.

Directors Scalzitti and McMillan detailed the February 12, 2020 Water Quality and Resources Committee meeting including a tour of the treatment plant and recognized Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney for providing the tour. Discussion ensued regarding breathing apparatus.

Director Hedberg reported participating in the February 13, 2020 Association of California Water Agencies Communication Committee via teleconference and provided the committee's recommendation to focus messaging on resiliency and planned potable reuse instead of drought and toilet to tap verbiage. Director Hedberg also highlighted agenda items from the upcoming February 27, 2020 San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting and reminded the board that the East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority board meeting will be conducted on February 20, 2020 at 2 p.m. beginning with the swearing in of ex-officio board member Director Scalzitti.

In addition to Director McMillan's other reports, he reminded the board that options for Lake Jennings improvements will be presented to the full board during the February 26, 2020 Committee of the Board meeting and reminded staff that he would like to see a continued push for more signage at Harry Griffin Park. There were no public comments.

14. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed the upcoming agenda items for the meetings scheduled on February 26, March 5, 11, 18 and 25, 2020. He reminded the board that the March 4, 2020 regular board meeting has been rescheduled to March 11, 2020 and that the March 11, 2020 Finance and Administration Committee was cancelled. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo also detailed the San Diego County Water Authority Member Agency Managers' Meeting hosted by National City on February 18, 2020, covering fiscal sustainability, rates and charges, the upcoming regional conveyance study, the status of the San Vicente energy storage project, reduced water sales by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and potential revisions to the local resources program. Mr. Lugo also reported he and members of the executive team plan to attend the East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority meeting as detailed by Director Hedberg. There were no public comments.
15. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull provided two handouts to the board entitled, "Senate Bill 50 Dies in the Senate: Now What?" and "PFOA and PFOS Response Levels Lowered for California Drinking Water". Ms. Hull also reported that she will be teaching in the Ukraine from February 29, 2020 through March 21, 2020. Ms. Hull reported that Mr. Lutfi Kharuf of Best Best & Krieger will serve as district counsel during her absence. President Gracyk requested that Ms. Hull provide the board with Mr. Kharuf's contact information. There were no public comments.

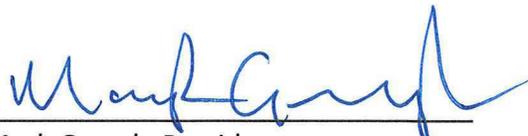
REPORTS

16. The board received the following reports for the month of January 2020:
 - a) Financial
 - b) Rainfall, Use and Storage
 - c) System Demand
 - d) Monthly Demand
 - e) Conservation Status
 - f) State Water Resources Control Board

Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant reviewed the changes to the summary of district funds and Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney reported that midyear water resources are holding, although additional runoff is preferred. There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

17. President Gracyk adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. reporting that the special board meeting would reconvene.



Mark Gracyk, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board