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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD
Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**

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

Staff present: Lugo, Tomasulo, Bryant, Miller, Olney, Janzen, Curtis, Ross, Lundy, Berens, Haley, Pope, Schipper, Doubrava, Solano, Dambrose and Uhrhammer. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull and Bruce Beach were also present.

Others present: Executive Committee Member of the Association of California Water Agencies and Chairman of the Joint Powers Insurance Authority Workers' Compensation Committee David Drake was present. Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo was joined by his wife, retirees, district employees and friends for his 20-year service award.

2. Director McMillan 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: 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.

DISCUSSION

5. The board received a presentation by Executive Committee Member of the Association of California Water Agencies and Chairman of the Joint Powers Insurance Authority Workers' Compensation Committee David Drake commending district staff for their safe work habits. President Gracyk requested the board take photos with Mr. Drake and the workers' compensation insurance refund check in the amount of \$69,888. Photos were taken and President Gracyk and General Manager Carlos V. Lugo thanked Mr. Drake for his presentation on behalf of the board and staff.

6. President Gracyk and General Manager Carlos V. Lugo presented the award to Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo for 20 years of service. Mr. Lugo introduced and shared highlights of Mr. Tomasulo's career. Mr. Tomasulo introduced his wife as his sweetheart and thanked her for 25 years of marriage. Mr. Tomasulo recognized the attending retirees, the exemplary engineering team, dedicated and intelligent executive team and the board for their impressive ability to come together and provide leadership for the district. President Gracyk presented Mr. Tomasulo with his service award certificate and gifts and commended him for his standard of excellence leading the engineering team.

President Gracyk adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m. for congratulations and photographs.

President Gracyk reconvened the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

7. The board recognized the winners of the district's annual high school photo contest. Senior Public Affairs Representative Michelle M. Curtis announced and introduced the winners by category. In the black and white photo category: Mirna Dawood and Faith Rowe received honorable mentions; Bri Massaro received third place; Faith Farrell's photo was second and Rylee Koval won first place. In the color photo category: Daneca Perez Opinion and Jaqueline Aguilar received honorable mentions; Fernando Lara received third place; Emily McCann's photo was second and Avery McFedries won first place. Prizes for each winner were provided by the board.

President Gracyk adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m. for photographs.

President Gracyk reconvened the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

8. The board received an update regarding proposed improvements of the Lake Jennings campground. Engineering Manager Timothy J. Ross provided a PowerPoint presentation following an introduction of the presentation by Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee Chairman Daniel H. McMillan. Discussion ensued regarding six improvement options, the estimated construction costs and revenue losses, followed by increased

revenue and the estimated payback periods. Members of the PLLG Committee, Directors McMillan and Scalzitti, recommended option 5 in agreement with Director Hedberg. Vice President Verbeke requested more time to consider the options with additional financial information. President Gracyk requested incorporating consideration of a splash pad or other water feature, exploring solar or wind energy options and converting the office building into a store. Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant reported the financial model demonstrates that bank loans for Lake Jennings campground improvements are not feasible. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported the item will be placed on the March 25, 2020 Committee of the Board agenda for further consideration. There were no public comments. No action was taken.

President Gracyk adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m. for a brief recess.

President Gracyk reconvened the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

9. The board received a surplus property sale update. Senior Right of Way Agent/Environmental Analyst Debra S. Lundy provided a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion ensued. President Gracyk requested continued board updates regarding the High Street Zoning Phase 1 Land Use Feasibility Study request for proposals. Director Scalzitti requested the lease holders of El Monte land be considered during any potential sale of said lands to the county. There were no public comments. No action was taken.
10. President Gracyk opened and closed board comments. There were no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

11. President Gracyk adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.


Mark Gracyk, President

ATTEST:


Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board