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MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, April 22, 2020 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427

OPEN MEETING

1. President Gracyk called the special board meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen to verify all board members, staff and members of the public could hear one another and that everyone could identify the board members by voice recognition or video image via electronic conferencing software.

The roll call showed a quorum of the board present. Directors Gracyk, Verbeke, Hedberg, Scalzitti and McMillan were present.

Staff present: Lugo, Miller, Olney, Bryant, Tomasulo, Janzen, Doubrava, Ross and Berens. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was also present.

Others present: Customer Lani Lutar and other unidentified customers attended the teleconference. Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. San Diego Office Manager Mark Elliott; Global Technology for Integrated Security and Emergency Preparedness Forrest Gist; and Global Technology Leader for IoT and Smart Sensors Kenneth Thompson were in attendance.

2. President Gracyk 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 by roll call vote.

Motion: Verbeke
Second: Scalzitti

President Gracyk took a moment to recognize Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen and Assistant Board Secretary Lorri S. Annett on Administrative Professionals' Day. President

Gracyk also thanked the district’s team of administrative assistants for the excellent service they provide for the district and the board. Ms. Janzen thanked President Gracyk on behalf of the administrative support team for his encouraging words.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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. Ms. Lani Lutar requested the phone music be turned off. Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen requested that the customer who had placed the district on hold, mute their phone until they wished to be heard. The music and random voices stopped. There were no additional public comments.

ACTION ITEM

5. The board ratified the letter by district delegates to the San Diego County Water Authority calling for a minimum one year rate freeze and directed General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to reissue the letter from the entire board. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: McMillan
Second: Scalzitti

President Gracyk opened board comments. Discussion ensued. The board agreed to modify the letter slightly.

ADJOURNMENT

6. President Gracyk adjourned the meeting to closed session at 3:28 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES, FACILITIES

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a)

Presentation of America’s Water Infrastructure Act Risk & Resilience Assessment

Consultation with:

Consultant Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.

Mark Elliott, San Diego Office Manager

Forrest Gist, Global Technology for Integrated Security and Emergency Preparedness

Kenneth Thompson, Global Technology Leader for IoT and Smart Sensors

Agency Representatives:

Helix Water District General Manager Carlos V. Lugo
Director of Operations Kevin D. Miller
Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney
Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo
Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant
Safety/Risk Administrator Susen Doubrava

President Gracyk adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m. for a recess and reconvened closed session at 4:20 p.m.

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 Negotiators: Helix Water District General Manager Carlos V. Lugo
Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant
Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney

System Operations Manager Michelle P. Berens
Engineering Manager Timothy J. Ross
Negotiating Parties: Padre Dam Municipal Water District CEO/General Manager Allen Carlisle
Padre Dam Municipal Water District CEO/General Manager Allen Carlisle, Acting as the Appointed Administrator for the East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms for Proposed Conveyance of Property

RECONVENE

7. President Gracyk adjourned closed session and reconvened open session at 5:44 p.m. There was no reportable action taken during closed session. There were no public or board comments.

ADJOURNMENT

8. President Gracyk adjourned the special meeting at 5:45 p.m.



Mark Gracyk, President

ATTEST:


Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board