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**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, July 22, 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 3:03 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen to verify that the board, staff and members of the public could hear one another and that everyone could identify the board members by voice recognition or video image.

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

Staff present: Lugo, Olney, Bryant, Miller, Tomasulo, Solano, Janzen, Ziernicki, Pope, Lyford, Schipper, Ross, Andrews, Lunde, Lundy, Pearce, Lemke, Sample and Curtis. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was present.

Others present: A multitude of employees, retirees, family and friends joined Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney in celebration of his 20-year service award. Consultant Michele Tamayo of the Tamayo Group Inc. was present. Several unidentified customers also joined the electronic conference.

2. Director McMillan led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation 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: 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.

PRESENTATION

5. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo presented Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney with his 20-year service award. A multitude of employees, retirees, family and friends joined the first Zoom service award with the board. Mr. Olney shared with the board that every day is a challenge that he enjoys. He continued that the district moves to meet challenges while remaining stable. Each board member thanked Mr. Olney for his technical expertise, dedication and care for the employees and his family. Ms. Brenda Walker Olney thanked the board for the opportunities Brian has received and expressed how proud she is of her husband. There was no board action taken.

DISCUSSION

6. The board received an update regarding the district's strategic plan from Consultant Michele Tamayo. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo introduced Ms. Tamayo. There were no public comments. There was no board action taken.

Ms. Tamayo reviewed each page of the draft strategic plan with the board. Board discussion ensued. The board requested minor changes on pages 5, 9, 11, 15 and 17, with the addition of an accomplishments page. The board also requested an opportunity to review the changes prior to finalizing the strategic plan for distribution.

General Manager Carlos V. Lugo joined the board in complimenting the work of Ms. Tamayo, Human Resources Manager Anne D. Solano and Senior Public Affairs Representative Michelle M. Curtis for their work on the plan. Ms. Tamayo complimented the efforts of the board, executive team and all district employees.

President Gracyk adjourned the meeting for a recess at 4:57 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 5:12 p.m. All board members remained in attendance.

7. The board discussed the timing of the Proposition 218 hearing. Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant provided a PowerPoint presentation with four rate setting timing options that were discussed during the June 10, 2020, Finance and Administration Committee meeting. Discussion ensued. For planning purposes, the board agreed to pursue option 1 with a Proposition 218 hearing scheduled April 28, 2021, with an effective date May 1, 2021 and any potential increase on water bills July 1,

2021. Director Scalzitti and Verbeke clarified that based on the pandemic and needs of the customers, staff will need to remain flexible during these extraordinary times and potentially delay the timing. The board expressed a need for additional communication with those not serving on the Finance and Administration Committee. Director McMillan encouraged the board to look at the timing of the San Diego County Water Authority rate increase in relation to the district's timing. There were no public comments. There was no board action taken.

General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull left the meeting at 6:12 p.m. Director Hedberg left the meeting at 6:21 p.m. A quorum of the board remained.

8. The board received the annual right of way update. Senior Right of Way Agent/Environmental Analyst Debra S. Lundy provided a PowerPoint presentation. The board was pleased with the information and President Gracyk requested General Manager Carlos V. Lugo keep him up to date regarding surplus land in Lemon Grove. There were no public comments. There was no board action taken.
9. President Gracyk opened the meeting for any additional board comments or reports. There were no public comments. There were no written reports. President Gracyk reported meeting with General Manager Carlos V. Lugo and Consultant Michele Tamayo in reference to the strategic plan and reminded the board of the legislative recess August 1 through September 7, 2020. Director McMillan shared that the Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee will host a ribbon cutting at the Lake Jennings boat dock with the date and time to be determined. Director Scalzitti reported that the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors will be meeting on July 23, 2020 and that he will be unavailable September 3-11, 2020.

REPORTS

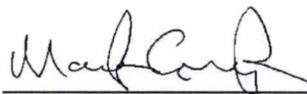
10. The board received the reports for the month of June 2020 and quarterly reports:
 - a) Financial
 - b) Claims
 - c) Rainfall, Use and Storage
 - d) System Demand
 - e) Monthly Demand
 - f) Conservation Status
 - g) State Water Resources Control Board
 - h) Capital Improvement Program

There were no board or public comments. There was no board action taken. Finance Manager Amy L. Pope highlighted the financial reports and Director of Water

Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney addressed the quarterly Lake Jennings recreation report.

ADJOURNMENT

11. President Gracyk adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.



Mark Gracyk, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board