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**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Friday, August 21, 2020 – 10 a.m.  
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427  
Virtual Meeting**

1. President Gracyk called the special board meeting to order at 10:01 a.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.

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, Bryant, Miller, Tomasulo, Janzen, Pope, Schipper, Uhrhammer and Dambrose. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was present.

Others present: DLM Engineering Inc. Principal Engineer Don MacFarlane, Gillingham Water and Planning Inc. Principal Engineer Doug Gillingham, San Diego County Water Authority Deputy General Manager Dan Denham, SDCWA Colorado River Program Director Kelly Rodgers, SDCWA Public Affairs Principal Risa Baron, SDCWA Rate and Debt Manager Pierce Rossum, and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Special Projects Manager Meena Westford with several unidentified customers joining the electronic conference.

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 or board 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. The board received PowerPoint presentations by DLM Engineering Inc. Principal Engineer Don MacFarlane, Gillingham Water and Planning Inc. Principal Engineer Doug Gillingham, and San Diego County Water Authority Deputy General Manager Dan Denham regarding regional water conveyance feasibility.

Director Scalzitti thanked Mr. MacFarlane and Mr. Gillingham for the presentation and acknowledged the generational impact the proposed project would have for generations to come. Director McMillan stated agreement with the presentation, stating the project is not economically feasible. Director Hedberg thanked the consultants for their presentation and pointed out to the board that local water supply is good.

Vice President Verbeke lost internet connection at 10:58 a.m. A quorum on the board remained. Vice President Verbeke rejoined the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

President Gracyk adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m. for a recess and reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

San Diego County Water Authority Deputy General Manager Dan Denham reviewed the key drivers for the regional water conveyance system study, provided an update regarding key results from Phase A and described the scope of work for Phase B. The board thanked Mr. Denham for his time and the added clarity he provided regarding timelines for future decisions to be made by the SDCWA board of directors.

President Gracyk and Vice President Verbeke clarified that the project includes off-ramps at each phase and suggested additional information may be needed through phase two. General Manager Lugo reported the San Diego County Water Authority will address this item at the August 27, 2020, board meeting with distribution of the board report to all district board members as soon as it becomes available.

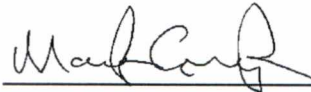
President Gracyk thanked the presenters on behalf of the board and staff.

### **DISCUSSION**

6. Director McMillan provided a reminder of the special board meeting on August 31, 2020 at 9 a.m. at the Lake Jennings boat dock.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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



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Mark Gracyk, President

**ATTEST:**



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Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board