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**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, January 6, 2021 – 4 p.m.  
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427  
Virtual Meeting**

1. President Scalzitti called the special board meeting to order at 4:01 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.

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

Staff present: Lugo, Tomasulo, Olney, Bryant, Miller, Ross, Janzen, Pope, Herrera, Garuba, Curtis, Lundy and Emery. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull of Best Best & Krieger was also present.

Others present: San Diego County Water Authority Principal Public Affairs Representative Risa Brown and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck Policy Assistant Victoria Barba were present.

2. President Scalzitti provided the invocation with a moment of silence for victims of COVID-19 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported that item 6 could be removed from the agenda, as the offer to purchase the 5,625-square-foot lot in the city of La Mesa, assessor parcel number 470-680-16 was pulled by Mr. Tim Chung. Mr. Lugo reported the details would be discussed in full during the January 7, 2021 Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee meeting at 9 a.m. There were no public comments. The motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item 6 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Verbeke  
Second: Hedberg

4. President Scalzitti 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 by roll call vote. There were no public comments.

Motion: Verbeke

Second: Hedberg

- a) Memorandum dated January 6, 2021, from the Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen submitting expense and per diem claims was approved.
- b) The board approved the December 16, 2020, special board meeting minutes.
- c) The operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
  - i. Checks dated December 18, 2020
  - ii. Checks dated December 25, 2020
- d) Resolutions  
The board adopted the following resolutions:
  - i. Resolution 21-02 authorizing the execution of the partial quitclaim of the easement over assessor parcel number 479-141-13, in the city of Lemon Grove, county of San Diego, state of California
  - ii. Resolution 21-03 authorizing the execution of the quitclaim of the easement over assessor parcel numbers 398-320-53 thru 398-320-57, in unincorporated Lakeside, county of San Diego, state of California
  - iii. Resolution 21-04 declaring construction complete and authorized filing a notice of completion for Bella Terrazza–Main Ranch water main extension project RMB18035

### **ACTION ITEMS**

6. Item 6 was removed from the agenda during agenda item 4.

7. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to approve change order 4 for the Flume Road slope repair project RMB20096. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Hedberg  
Second: Verbeke

Assistant Director of Engineering Timothy J. Ross provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding negotiations with the contractor, native soil and the rock removal, and repurposing for a dry riverbed and erosion control. Director Verbeke reported the project has been completed efficiently. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo shared his appreciation for staff's negotiations with the contractor to save district funds.

8. The board authorized staff to call for bids and set February 11, 2021 at 3 p.m. as the date and time of the bid opening for the Grossmont Reservoir overflow retrofit project CIP20017; determined the project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the project. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Hedberg  
Second: Verbeke

Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions from Vice President Hedberg regarding the 30-inch reinforced concrete pipe and the closure that opens as needed while keeping animals from entering the infrastructure.

9. The board appropriated and approved the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$22,000 from the fiscal year 2020-21 capital budget for the replacement of heat pumps at the operations center CIP21403. Facilities Manager Joseph J. Garuba presented the board report. There were no board or public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Hedberg  
Second: Verbeke

## **DISCUSSION**

10. President Scalzitti reported that he will be attending the January 7, 2021, 9 a.m. Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee meeting. He shared that he has been receiving questions regarding the campground opening and that there are changes coming at the

county and district level. President Scalzitti reported that he will be providing the board secretary with the committee appointments soon.

A written report was received by the board regarding customer compliments for the outstanding service provided by Water Conservation Representative Thomas W. Speer, Valve Maintenance Technicians Lonny B. Dill and Ashley J. Bond.

11. Vice President Hedberg, Director McMillan, Director Gracyk and Director Verbeke provided written reports. Director McMillan reported attending the January 5, 2021 San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs, Infrastructure, and Land Use Committee meeting and asked San Diego County Water Authority Principal Public Affairs Representative Risa Brown to share when SDCWA would provide a water conveyance presentation to the committee. Ms. Brown confirmed that Dan Denham would present on February 2, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. Director McMillan and Vice President Hedberg plan to attend. Vice President Hedberg reported attending the Colorado River Water Users Association Federal Friday meeting with discussion surrounding the drought contingency plan and expected leadership changes. There were no public comments.
12. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed the upcoming agenda items for the board meetings scheduled on January 20, 2021. Mr. Lugo also mentioned the January 7, 2021 Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee meeting, the January 13, 2021 Engineering and Operations Committee meeting and the January 15, 2021, Special Finance and Administration Committee meeting. Mr. Lugo also reported there would be a virtual service award during the January 27, 2021, Committee of the Board meeting. Mr. Lugo reported district staff continue to work from home due to enhanced OSHA regulations and stronger stay at home mandates and continued increase in positive cases and exposures to COVID-19. Mr. Lugo reported customers would not be affected by the slower paced projects. There were no public comments. Vice President Hedberg asked if an agreement with the City of El Cajon could be brought to the full board in regards to fire trucks filling with district water. Mr. Lugo stated this would be brought to a future board meeting.
13. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull reported legal alerts continue to be emailed to the board and highlighted that the government intends to crack down on agencies that use public funds to support political campaigns. There were no public comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

14. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull introduced the item to be discussed in closed session. There were no public comments prior to President Scalzitti's adjournment of open session at 4:46 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. **THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
Consultation with:  
General Manager Carlos V. Lugo  
Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant  
Enterprise Architecture Manager Michael A. Herrera

**ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION/RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**


15. President Scalzitti adjourned closed session and reconvened open session at 5:21 p.m. There was no reportable action. There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

16. President Scalzitti adjourned the special board meeting at 5:22 p.m.

  
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Joel A. Scalzitti, President

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board