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MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – 2 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Virtual Meeting

1. President Scalzitti called the special board meeting to order at 2:08 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, Lundy, Herrera, Doubrava, Curtis, Uhrhammer, Dambrose and Malkin. General Counsel Lutfi Kharuf of Best Best & Krieger was also present.

Others present: Vice President of CV Strategies and Consultant Tara Bravo, and San Diego County Water Authority Principal Public Affairs Representative Risa Brown were present.

2. Director Verbeke provided the invocation. President Scalzitti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director McMillan lost his audio connection at 2:18 p.m. A quorum of the board remained.

3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported that a late item requiring immediate consideration was brought to the district's attention following the posting of the agenda. The board was provided the option to vote to add a second conference with real property negotiators under Government Code Section 54956.8 for the property referred to as the Windsor Hills Tank Vacant Lot, Summit Drive, La Mesa, California, assessor parcel number 470-680-16. The agency negotiating parties: General Manager Carlos V. Lugo, Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo, Engineering Manager Milica K.

Schipper, Senior Right of Way Agent/Environmental Analyst Debra S. Lundy with Negotiator Ms. Billie Powers to consider price and terms of payment for the potential land sale. There were no public comments. The motion to add the item carried 4:0.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Verbeke
Ayes: Scalzitti, Hedberg, Gracyk, Verbeke
Absent: McMillan

The motion to approve the agenda with the addition of closed session item B carried unanimously by roll call vote. There were no public comments.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Verbeke
Ayes: Scalzitti, Hedberg, Gracyk, Verbeke
Absent: McMillan

Director McMillan recovered his audio connection and rejoined the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

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.

DISCUSSION

5. The board received an update regarding public outreach for the Proposition 218 rate setting process from Vice President of CV Strategies and Consultant Tara Bravo. Ms. Bravo provided the Proposition 218 timeline:

- March 3 – public hearing notice to the board for approval
- March 10 – final date to mail the public hearing notice to customers
- April 28 – public hearing
- May 1 – new rates effective
- July 1 – new rate appears on water bills

President Scalzitti opened board discussion. There were no public comments. Vice President Hedberg and Director Gracyk requested the video footage showing a child washing her hands be replaced due to the running water. Director Verbeke reported the key messaging is great; she looks forward to receiving the videos and the community meetings. Director Verbeke thanked Ms. Bravo for working with the district. The double-sided English/Spanish version of the Proposition 218 notice was discussed. Vice President Hedberg verified the board will be provided an opportunity to review and reword the notice as needed, in time for publication. President Scalzitti and Vice President Hedberg requested a Chaldean version of the notice or a fact sheet be

available on the district website. General Counsel Lutfi Kharuf reviewed the legal requirements to be included on the notice, the mailing requirements and shared that written protest letters can be mailed or placed in the district drop box for the public hearing. Ms. Bravo reported that one-on-one board training sessions will be scheduled to review key communication points. Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Bravo's experience with other agencies. There were no public comments.

6. President Scalzitti opened board comments. Director McMillan reported attending the CalDesal virtual annual conference February 10 and 11, 2021. There were no public comments.

District Counsel Lutfi Kharuf reported the board would be entering closed session to discuss real property negotiations. President Scalzitti recessed open session at 3:15 p.m. and opened closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Windsor Hills Tank Vacant Lot, Summit Drive, La Mesa, CA
(APN: 470-680-16)

Agency Negotiators: General Manager Carlos V. Lugo, Director of Engineering
James A. Tomasulo, Engineering Manager Millica K.
Schipper, Senior Right of Way Agent/Environmental Analyst
Debra S. Lundy

Negotiating Parties: Mary Friend

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment for Potential Sale

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

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Property: Windsor Hills Tank Vacant Lot, Summit Drive, La Mesa, CA
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Agency Negotiators: General Manager Carlos V. Lugo, Director of Engineering
James A. Tomasulo, Engineering Manager Millica K.
Schipper, Senior Right of Way Agent/Environmental Analyst
Debra S. Lundy


Negotiating Parties: Billie Powers

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment for Potential Sale

President Scalzitti adjourned closed session and reconvened open session at 3:34 p.m. Mr. Kharuf stated there was no reportable action taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

7. President Scalzitti adjourned the special board meeting at 3:35 p.m.



Joel A. Scalzitti, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board