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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Wednesday, April 7, 2021 – 3 p.m.**  
**7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**OPEN MEETING**

1. President Scalzitti called the regular board meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. The meeting was turned 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, Haley, Berens, Schipper, Pope, Lyford, Herrera, Solano, Lundy, Curtis, Dambrose, Doubrava and Uhrhammer. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was also present.

Others present: San Diego LAFCO Commissioner/Special District Representative Barry Willis, KTUA Planning and Landscape Architecture Project Manager Chris Langdon, Assistant Project Manager Amy Hoffman and Kampgrounds Enterprise Incorporated Sub Consultant Clint Bell, San Diego Union-Tribune Reporter Karen Pearlman, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck Policy Assistant Victoria Barba and an unidentified customer were present.

2. President Scalzitti 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, but mentioned a special board meeting was added to conference with real property negotiators. There were no public comments. The motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Verbeke  
Second: Hedberg

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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. San Diego LAFCO Commissioner/Special District Representative Barry Willis reported he is interested in hearing from the board regarding the proposed detachment of Fallbrook Public Utilities District and Rainbow Municipal Water District from the San Diego County Water Authority. President Scalzitti, Vice President Hedberg and Director McMillan thanked Mr. Willis for dropping by the virtual meeting. Director McMillan also shared that he has discussed the item with Mr. Willis. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo clarified for the media that the board has not taken a formal stance on the detachment issue at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5. The motion to approve the consent agenda with a minor modification to the minutes carried unanimously by roll call vote. There were no public comments.

Motion: McMillan

Second: Verbeke

- a) Memorandum dated April 7, 2021, from the Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen submitting expense and per diem claims was approved.
- b) The board approved the following sets of minutes with a minor modification:
  - i. March 17, 2021, regular board meeting
  - ii. March 18, 2021, special Parks, Land, Lakes & Garden Committee meeting
  - iii. March 24, 2021, regular board meeting
- c) The operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
  - i. Checks dated March 19, 2021
  - ii. Checks dated March 26, 2021
  - iii. Checks dated April 2, 2021
- d) Resolutions  
The board adopted the following resolutions:
  - i. Resolution 21-20 concurring in the nomination of incumbent Jo MacKenzie of the Vista Irrigation District to the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors
  - ii. Resolution 21-21 declaring construction complete and authorize filing a notice of completion for the Little Flower Haven project RMB18088

- iii. Resolution 21-22 declaring construction complete and authorize filing a notice of completion for the Johnson Elementary School project RMB20033
- e) Attendance Consideration
  - i. Meetings with Vice President of CV Strategies Tara Bravo on March 16 and 18, 2021, regarding outreach for the Proposition 218 public hearing

**ACTION ITEMS**

6. The board appropriated funds in the amount of \$52,000 from the fiscal year 2020-21 capital budget for the replacement of legacy tape library infrastructure at the administration office, operations center and treatment plant locations project CIP21102. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: McMillan  
Second: Hedberg

Enterprise Architecture Manager Michael A. Herrera provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions. Director McMillan verified that the tapes are the most secure and efficient option for the district.

7. The board adopted Resolution 21-19 awarding construction of Grossmont Reservoir overflow retrofit project CIP20017, to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid, Wright Construction Engineering Corp., in the amount of \$346,000 and appropriated funds in the amount of \$467,000 from the fiscal year 2020-21 capital budget. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Gracyk  
Second: Verbeke

Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo answered all questions. Director Gracyk ensured that district staff will remain in contact with city officials and will limit any impacts to Harry Griffen Park participants.

8. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to approve change order 8 for pipeline project CIP20001. 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 with the assistance of General Manager Carlos V. Lugo. There were no board comments.

### **WORKSHOP**

9. The board conducted a workshop regarding the Lake Jennings campground improvements project CIP20009, reviewed the draft campground programming study and provided staff with guidance to proceed with the 30 percent design phase for full build out at the recommendation of the Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee.

Following opening comments and background information from General Manager Carlos V. Lugo and Assistant Director of Engineering Timothy J. Ross, KTUA Planning and Landscape Architecture Project Manager Chris Langdon, Assistant Project Manager Amy Hoffman and Kampgrounds Enterprise Incorporated Sub Consultant Clint Bell provided a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion ensued. Vice President Hedberg and Director Verbeke ensured the design phase was included in the consultant's contract approved in November 2020. Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee Chair McMillan and Co-Chair Scalzitti detailed the series of meetings they participated in with the consultants and staff. Director McMillan detailed Mr. Bell's campground experience. Director Gracyk verified that Mr. Bell considered an investment in the campground improvements solid. Director Gracyk verified that moving forward the board would remain flexible, conduct future board workshops and consider accommodations for disabled campers. Director Verbeke shared that she looks forward to future workshops and thanked Reservoir Recreation Ranger Kira M. Haley for her dedicated service in improving campground operations so that the board could move forward.

President Scalzitti opened public comments. San Diego LAFCO Commissioner/Special District Representative Barry Willis expressed excitement for the project.

### **DISCUSSION**

10. President Scalzitti detailed the March 25, 2021, San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting: retirement of Director Tony Heinrichs; adoption of the Water Planning and Environmental Committee work plan for calendar years 2021 and 2022; new treated water service connection for the City of Poway; Engineering and Operations Committee work plan for calendar years 2021 and 2022; authorization of a professional services agreement with Brown and Caldwell for design and engineering support services for the Crossover Pipeline Interstate 15 bypass project; and authorized a notice of completion for the Northern First aqueduct structures and lining rehabilitation project.

Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen reported that the district received a compliment regarding the outstanding, highly competent, professional service provided by Utility Crew Supervisor Ryan S. Smith, Utility Crew Members Michael J. Russell and Peter J. Spangler, and Inspector Garrett T. Hurst for their work at 4949 Baltimore Drive in La Mesa.

The board agreed to discuss virtual, in-person or hybrid meeting approaches at a future board meeting.


11. President Scalzitti, Director McMillan and Director Gracyk provided written reports. Vice President Hedberg and Director Verbeke stated they will be providing written reports for the April 21, 2021, regular board meeting packet. Director McMillan reported that the San Diego County Water Authority will be conducting detachment discussions at the committee level with a facilitator. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reminded the media that the Helix Water District Board of Directors has not taken a formal position regarding the potential detachment issue. Director McMillan and Director Gracyk thanked San Diego LAFCO Commissioner/Special District Representative Barry Willis for his attendance at the district's April 7, 2021 regular board meeting. There were no public comments.
12. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed upcoming agenda items for the board meetings scheduled on April 21 and 28, 2021, and the Engineering and Operations Committee meeting on April 14, 2021 at 4 p.m. Mr. Lugo reported staff will be conducting a community meeting at 6 p.m. on April 8, 2021 regarding the proposed water rate adjustment and will also attend the April 20, 2021 Lemon Grove City Council meeting. Mr. Lugo reported that the district had received 111 verified Proposition 218 protest letters and will continue to meet with members of the public in an effort to keep communication open. Mr. Lugo continued to report that the Helix Helps customer assistance program launched April 5, 2021, with 20 applications received, four completed with two denied as the qualifications were not met. There were no public comments.
13. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull had nothing additional to report. There were no public comments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

14. President Scalzitti adjourned the regular board meeting at 5:13 p.m.

  
Joel A. Scalzitti, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board