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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 – 3 p.m.  
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427  
Virtual Meeting**

**OPEN MEETING**

1. President Scalzitti called the May 5, 2021, regular board meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The meeting was turned over to Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen to verify all board members, staff and 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, Miller, Tomasulo, Olney, Bryant, Ross, MacMaster, Janzen, Berens, Schipper, Pope, Curtis, Doubrava and Uhrhammer. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was also present.

Others present: Mr. Alejandro Anaya, Jr. and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck Policy Advisor Victoria Barba were present.

2. Director McMillan 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 comments. The motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Verbeke  
Second: McMillan

**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. 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: Scalzitti

- a) Memorandum dated May 5, 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:
  - i. April 21, 2021, regular board meeting
  - ii. April 28, 2021, special board meeting
- c) The operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
  - i. Checks dated April 23, 2021
  - ii. Checks dated April 30, 2021
- d) The board approved the following attendance consideration:
  - i. San Diego County Water Authority District Representative Daniel H. McMillan Meeting with SDCWA Controller and SDCWA Director of Finance Regarding Helix Concerns on April 19, 2021

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 6. The board set June 2, 2021 at 3 p.m. as the date and time for the public hearings regarding the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan and 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Addendum. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Gracyk

Second: Verbeke

General Manager Carlos V. Lugo introduced the project and Associate Engineer Jeffrey J. MacMaster provided a PowerPoint presentation. Public Affairs Supervisor Michelle M. Curtis also presented portions of the presentation. All questions regarding the seismic risk assessment, the percentages related to redundancy, the collaboration with the San Diego County Water Authority, the cities timeframe for review, the number of comments expected during the public hearing and the administrative process were answered. All board members congratulated Mr. MacMaster for his work and ability to develop the plan without the need for outside consultants. Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo reminded the board that the UWMP was only 51 pages in 2005 and has grown with increasing regulations to 899 pages in 2020. Mr. Tomasulo also recognized the work of Mr. MacMaster, Ms. Curtis and System Operations Manager Michelle P. Berens.

7. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to execute a second amendment to the professional services agreement with Infrastructure Engineering Corporation in the amount of \$327,280 and appropriated funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the fiscal year 2020-21 capital budget for construction inspection services for the Tunnel Hill facilities rehabilitation project CIP19013. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Gracyk  
Second: Verbeke

Assistant Director of Engineering Timothy J. Ross presented the item. President Scalzitti highlighted the district's positive working relationship with Infrastructure Engineering Corporation. Director Gracyk verified that the consultant will be integrated with district staff, uploading inspections forms from the field, working a minimum of four hours per call and billing monthly.

8. The board adopted Resolution 21-27 proclaiming the week of May 16-23, 2021 as National Public Works Week. There were no board or public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Hedberg  
Second: McMillan

### **DISCUSSION**

9. President Scalzitti detailed the April 22, 2021 San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting and let the board know he would forward the resignation letter of SD CWA General Counsel Mark J. Hattam through Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen. President Scalzitti also shared that final interviews for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's new general manager should wrap up on Saturday, May 8, 2021. President Scalzitti reported that he chaired the Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Agreement Board of Directors meeting on May 4, 2021. President Scalzitti presented badges to each board member virtually. The board is to contact Ms. Janzen with their badge delivery preferences.

Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen reported that the district received a compliment from Trinity Christian School Principal Jimmie Drummond regarding the hard work of district crews. A compliment was also received by Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District General Manager Butch Paddock regarding Reservoir Recreation Ranger Kira M. Haley for her extensive reservation knowledge and hosting skills.

10. Directors Scalzitti, McMillan, Gracyk and Verbeke provided written reports. Director Verbeke reported attending the La Mesa Community Garden ribbon cutting event and preparing for the May 6, 2021, Association of California Water Agencies Region 10

Membership meeting and the upcoming virtual spring conference on May 12 and 13, 2021. Director Gracyk reported attending the Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Agreement Board of Directors meeting on May 4, 2021, as a member of the public and was interested in events returning to the park.

Director McMillan shared that the San Diego County Water Authority and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California continue to exchange letters and reported that he attended the April 22, 2021, SDCWA board meeting. Director McMillan also reported attending the Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Agreement Board of Directors meeting on May 4, 2021, and commended President Scalzitti for serving as the chair. Director McMillan reported the HGRPJPA Board of Directors agreed to conduct a workshop in August to review the amendments and policies. Director McMillan highlighted the budget for the dog park and the need for the group to find funding, provide usage data and review the improvement plans. There were no public comments.

11. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed upcoming agenda items for the board meetings scheduled on May 19 and June 2, 2021. Mr. Lugo reported that the May 12, 2021 Water Quality and Resources Committee meeting will be cancelled due to the Association of California Water Agencies spring conference. Mr. Lugo asked the board to contact Ms. Janzen regarding the possibility of cancelling the Committee of the Board meeting on May 26, 2021 due to a lack of agenda items. In addition, Mr. Lugo requested the board contact Ms. Janzen regarding their preferences for the delivery or pickup of the badges and awards organized by Director McMillan. Mr. Lugo reported that President Scalzitti chaired the Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Agreement Board meeting and voted to conduct an in-person workshop in August to review the agreement and all amendments, the percentages paid to support the park and the structure of the board. There were no public comments.
12. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull had nothing additional to report. There were no public comments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

13. President Scalzitti adjourned the regular board meeting at 4:54 p.m.

  
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Joel A. Scalzitti, President

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board