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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Virtual Meeting**

OPEN MEETING

1. President Scalzitti called the June 2, 2021, 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, Miller, Tomasulo, Olney, Bryant, Janzen, Schipper, Pope, Lundy, Curtis, MacMaster, Berens, Lyford, Solano, Ross, Herrera, Dambrose and Uhrhammer. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull of Best Best & Krieger was also present.

Service Award: Network Support Specialist Alfred A. Endozo was joined by district retirees, family and friends for his 25-year service award.

Others present: Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck Policy Assistant/Advisor Victoria Barba was present.

2. Director Verbeke provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported item 8 was to be deleted from the agenda due to recent developments in case law with respect to prevailing wage. There were no public comments. The motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of item 8 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Gracyk
Second: Verbeke

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: Hedberg
Second: Verbeke

- a) Memorandum dated June 2, 2021, from Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen submitting expense and per diem claims was approved.
- b) The board approved the May 19, 2021, regular board meeting minutes.
- c) The operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
 - i. Checks dated May 13, 2021
 - ii. Checks dated May 21, 2021
 - iii. Checks dated May 28, 2021
- d) The board approved the following attendance consideration:
 - i. 2021 BIA Southern California Water Conference
Ontario DoubleTree Hotel
August 13, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Director Verbeke highlighted that the conference appears to be meeting in person.

SERVICE AWARD

6. Enterprise Architecture Manager Michael A. Herrera introduced Network Support Specialist Alfred A. Endozo for his 25-year service award. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo presented the award and provided Mr. Endozo's background. Mr. Endozo introduced his mother and son, thanked his family for their support and congratulated the board and all his managers over the years for keeping the district moving forward.

ACTION ITEMS

7. The board conducted four public hearings regarding the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan addendum, the revised water shortage response policy and procedure, the 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan and 2020 Urban Water Management Plan; approved Resolutions 21-30, 21-31, 21-32 and 21-33, respectively; adopted the plan and policy updates; and authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to file the plans with the California Department of Water Resources. President Scalzitti opened the four public hearings at 3:33 p.m. There were no public comments. President Scalzitti closed the four public hearings at 3:34 p.m. The motion to approve the four resolutions carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Hedberg

Second: Verbeke

Associate Engineer Jeffrey J. MacMaster introduced the item. There were no questions. Director Verbeke congratulated staff for their work on agenda item 7 and recommended all read the documentation.

8. Item 8 to adopt Resolution 21-34 awarding a two-year contract for as-needed janitorial services to the lowest responsible bidder, Stratus Building Solutions, in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 was pulled from the agenda.

9. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to execute a contract amendment with ktua in the amount of \$36,980, and appropriated additional funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the addition of project scope to Phase 1 of the Lake Jennings campground improvements project CIP20009. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: McMillan

Second: Verbeke

Assistant Director of Engineering Timothy J. Ross provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions. Director Gracyk confirmed the study would be complete by the end of July and detailed the project scope for the road design. President Scalzitti, Director McMillan and Director Verbeke thanked staff for considering a second roadway to and from the campground. President Scalzitti and Vice President Hedberg highlighted the importance of an additional roadway for cyclists and walkers as well as vehicles.

10. The board adopted Resolution 21-35 amending Resolution 21-17 establishing job classifications and monthly rates of pay for fiscal year 2021-22 effective July 1, 2021. There were no board or public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Verbeke

Human Resources Manager Anne D. Solano introduced the item and was available to address any comments.

11. The board adopted Resolution 21-36 to nominate and support DeAna R. Verbeke as a candidate for a board member position on the Association of California Water Agencies' Region 10 Board of Directors. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Gracyk
Second: McMillan

Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen introduced the item and was available to address any comments. President Scalzitti shared that the board is wholeheartedly in support of Director Verbeke's continued excellent service on the Association of California Water Agencies' Region 10 Board of Directors.

12. The board authorized President Scalzitti to cast a ballot selecting one nominee, on behalf of the district, for the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission Special Districts Advisory Committee and to sign the vote certification. There were no public comments. The motion to cast the ballot for David A. Drake of Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: McMillan

Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen introduced the item and answered all questions with the assistance of District Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull regarding any potential conflicts of interests some of the candidates may or may not encounter while serving as an alternate special district member.

DISCUSSION

13. President Scalzitti reported the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors met on May 27, 2021, and provided a complete summary of the agenda items covered during the meeting: monthly treasurer's report; approval of the amendments to the compensation plan for the unrepresented employees; designation for emergency assistance and relief; setting a public hearing date and preliminary assessment for rates and charges to be discussed further; update of the SDCWA's statement of debt management and disclosure policy; energy procurement; positions of various bills and an

agreement with the County of San Diego for supplemental water use efficiency incentive funding.

Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen reported that the district received customer compliments from Ms. Connie Ottinger and Mr. Paul Gearing, respectively, regarding Meter Reader Damon N. Silva, Utility Crew Supervisor Shaun D. Naffziger, Equipment Operator Israel I. Perez, Construction Services Coordinator Phillip M. Sample and Utility Crew Members Ryan S. Frappier, John D. Wilson and Jeffrey A. Wyatt for their hard work, professionalism and assistance.

14. Director McMillan and Director Verbeke provided written reports. Director McMillan shared that there were some board sensitivities expressed during the May 27, 2021 San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting surrounding the limited time provided to review information regarding rates. Director McMillan also requested the Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant provide any questions or comments to Representatives Scalzitti and McMillan regarding the SDCWA budget workshops on June 8 and June 10, 2021. Director McMillan encouraged the board to visit Mast Park, highlighted during the June 1, 2021, San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs and Infrastructure and Land Use Committee meeting. Vice President Hedberg reported listening to a podcast by Rob Hunter regarding the diversified water supply available in Orange County, California which provides residents with water during a drought. Vice President Hedberg requested a future update regarding the district's leak detection program. There were no public comments.
15. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed upcoming agenda items for the board meetings scheduled on June 16, 23 and July 7, 2021. Mr. Lugo reported the Scholarship Committee would meet on June 3, 2021; Finance and Administration Committee on June 9, 2021; Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee on July 1, 2021; and the Engineering and Operations Committee on July 14, 2021. Mr. Lugo reported staff would provide the board with a future plan for potential projects that may allow the district to secure state and/or federal funding. Director McMillan shared that representatives from the San Diego County Water Authority would like to provide the district with regular updates. Mr. Lugo advised that an email would be forwarded through Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen to determine if the board prefers SDCWA updates during public comments or during the agenda items. There were no public comments.
16. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull reported that the executive order permitting the district to meet virtually would stay in place for an extended period following the governor lifting COVID-19 restrictions on June 15, 2021. Ms. Hull estimated the board would be allowed to meet virtually for a few more months. There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

17. President Scalzitti adjourned the regular board meeting at 4:20 p.m.



Joel A. Scalzitti, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board