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**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Virtual Meeting**

OPEN MEETING

1. President Scalzitti called the June 23, 2021, Committee of the Board meeting to order at 3 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 Hedberg, Scalzitti, McMillan, Gracyk and Verbeke were present.

Staff present: Lugo, Miller, Olney, Bryant, Ross, Janzen, Herrera, Dambrose, Haley and Uhrhammer. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull of Best Best & Krieger was also present.

Others present: Friends and family of the photo contest contestants and the landscape contest winners attended the meeting. In addition, Ms. Smarty Plants from the Water Conservation Garden and San Diego County Water Authority Principal Public Affairs Representative Christine Antoine attended the meeting.

2. Vice President Hedberg provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Verbeke
Second: Hedberg

PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. President Scalzitti provided an 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.

PRESENTATIONS

5. The board recognized the winners of Helix Water District's annual Lake Jennings spring photo contest. Public Affairs Representative Vincent R. Dambrose III provided a PowerPoint presentation, introduced all the participants and named the adult category winners: first place, Johnathan Bradley; second place, Johnathan Bradley; third place, Jeff Morin; and honorable mention, Eric Hyman. Mr. Dambrose announced the youth category winners as follows: first place, Aaron D'Souza; second place, Gabriel Heilpern; and third place, Lillian Heilpern. On behalf of the board, President Scalzitti congratulated all the contest winners.
6. The board recognized the winner of Helix Water District's annual WaterSmart landscape contest. Public Affairs Representative Vincent R. Dambrose III provided a PowerPoint presentation and introduced contest winner Rosalie Dosik. Each board member individually congratulated Ms. Dosik in appreciation of her beautiful water-wise landscape. Ms. Dosik shared that she learned about the contest through the Water Conservation Garden and has enjoyed the wildlife that share her landscape with her.

DISCUSSION

7. The board discussed the timeline and options for reopening the boardroom. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo, District Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull and Enterprise Architecture Manager Michael A. Herrera reviewed the potential approaches to opening the boardroom, allowing Zoom to continue through September 30, 2021, offering a hybrid approach to meetings, pending legislation and restriction of the California Ralph M. Brown Act. Discussion ensued. The board agreed to wait until July 21, 2021, to implement a hybrid approach. There were no public comments.
8. President Scalzitti reported he would attend the San Diego County Water Authority Board Meeting on June 24, 2021, and invited the board to a reception at 3 p.m. to meet the new general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Mr. Adel Hagekhalil. Vice President Hedberg congratulated the public affairs team for the annual water quality report, mentioned having attended a drought briefing and opened discussion regarding water storage banking opportunities in Lake Mead. Director McMillan congratulated staff for the closed captioning provided during the Zoom meetings, and shared that the district's customer assistance program has become a regional topic. Director McMillan detailed the water investments Southern California agencies have made to provide customers with water. Director Verbeke welcomed Ms. Smarty Plants from the Water Conservation Garden to the board meeting and reported attending the June 19, 2021, Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District's opening of a community center. Director Gracyk congratulated the public affairs team on the professional presentation on the annual water quality report and reported receiving a

refresher on the Brown Act during the June 21, 2021, La Mesa Environmental Sustainability meeting. Director Gracyk reported 147 trees had been planted in La Mesa, and the La Mesa City Council would not be meeting in person until after September 30, 2021, as allowed by the governor's executive order. There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

9. President Scalzitti adjourned the Committee of the Board meeting at 4:19 p.m.



Joel A. Scalzitti, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board