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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Virtual Meeting**

OPEN MEETING

1. President Scalzitti called the September 1, 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 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, McMillan, Gracyk and Verbeke were present. Director Hedberg was absent.

Staff present: Lugo, Tomasulo, Bryant, Olney, Miller, Ross, Janzen, Garuba, Schipper, Pope, Doubrava, Curtis and Annett. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull of Best Best & Krieger was present.

Others present: San Diego County Water Authority Principal Public Affairs Representative Christine Antoine.

2. Director Verbeke provided an 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 the agenda carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

Motion: Verbeke
Second: Gracyk
Ayes: Scalzitti, McMillan, Gracyk, Verbeke
Absent: 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. There were no public comments.

REPORT FROM ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION

5. Due to electronic conferencing difficulties experienced during the August 25, 2021, special board meeting, General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull, President Scalzitti and General Manager Carlos V. Lugo confirmed for the record that no reportable action was taken during the closed session.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried 4-0 by roll call vote. There were no public comments.

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

- a) Memorandum dated September 1, 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. August 18, 2021, regular board meeting
 - ii. August 20, 2021, special Water Quality & Resources Committee meeting
 - iii. August 25, 2021, Committee of the Board meeting
 - iv. August 25, 2021, special board meeting
- c) The operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
 - i. Checks dated August 20, 2021
 - ii. Checks dated August 27, 2021
- d) The board adopted Resolution 21-42 declaring construction complete and authorized filing a notice of completion for 7353 El Cajon Townhomes project RMB18114. Director Gracyk verified that the two 1-inch water services and a 2-inch water service were sufficient for the private development.

ACTION ITEMS

7. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to execute a second amendment with Mesa Energy Systems Inc., DBA EMCOR Services, to extend the term for one year and authorized an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000 to perform as-needed heating, ventilation and air conditioning maintenance and repair services. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

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

Facilities Manager Joseph J. Garuba presented the board report and answered all questions regarding the preventative maintenance monthly schedule, district satisfaction with repairs and the district's point of contact for the contractor.

8. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to execute a professional services agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation in the amount of \$1,761,214; and appropriated funds in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the fiscal year 2021-22 capital budget for design and construction support services for the Chet Harritt Pump Station and Lake Jennings aeration system projects CIP21008, and Clearwell effluent flow meter CIP22004. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

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

Engineering Manager Milica K. Schipper provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions with the assistance of General Manager Carlos V. Lugo, Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney, Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo and Assistant Director of Engineering Timothy J. Ross regarding the aeration curtain strategy, the system improvements needed regardless of the East County Advanced Water Purification program and the prospects of being asked to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act low-cost supplemental loan. President Scalzitti, Directors Verbeke and McMillan thanked staff for the thorough PowerPoint presentation and discussion.

DISCUSSION

9. President Scalzitti reported attending the August 31, 2021, Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Authority special board meeting. The HGRP JPA is expected to reconvene in

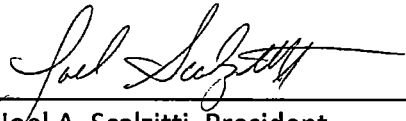
approximately six weeks to discuss appointment of an alternate chair and agency contributions. President Scalzitti also reported attending the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting on August 26, 2021.

Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen reported the district received a complimentary email regarding the outstanding service provided by Valve Maintenance Technicians Lonny B. Dill and Michael T. Pepin, which received 260 likes once shared on social media by a grateful customer.

10. President Scalzitti, Vice President Hedberg, Directors McMillan, Gracyk and Verbeke provided written reports. In addition, Director McMillan reported attending the August 31, 2021, Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Authority special board meeting and complimented President Scalzitti's leadership during the meeting. Director McMillan reported the materials provided from Director of Operations Kevin D. Miller were appreciated by members of the JPA. Director McMillan suggested the board consider a field trip to the Chula Vista recreational vehicle park and potentially the Vail Lake KOA to experience current campground standards. Director McMillan reported the east and north county members of the San Diego County Water Authority are sensitive to costs and do not want drought cut backs given the region's investments in reliability. Director Verbeke reported attending the special Engineering and Operations Committee meeting on August 27, 2021.
11. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported that he continues to participate in the Financial Strategies Work Group meetings with a focus on rate structures, lower water sales, local projects and affordability. Mr. Lugo reminded the board of the September 15, 2021 regular board meeting, the special Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee meeting on September 20, 2021 at 10 a.m., the Committee of the Board meeting on September 22, 2021, the special Finance and Administration Committee meeting on September 23, 2021 at 10 a.m. and the special board meeting on September 28, 2021 at 3 p.m. In addition, Mr. Lugo provided an update regarding the 36-inch emergency pipeline repair and condition assessment and shared that t-shirts are available in appreciation of the staff's hard work. There were no public comments.
12. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull had nothing additional to report.

ADJOURNMENT

13. President Scalzitti adjourned the regular board meeting at 4:05 p.m.




Joel A. Scalzitti, President

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ATTEST:


Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board