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**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Virtual Meeting**

OPEN MEETING

1. President Scalzitti called the September 22, 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 Scalzitti, Hedberg, McMillan and Verbeke were present. Director Gracyk was absent.

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

Others present: None.

2. Director McMillan led the Pledge of Allegiance. No invocation was provided.
3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported Item 6 was to be pulled from the agenda. Mr. Lugo shared an update regarding the East County Advanced Water Purification Project would be added to a future agenda once renderings are available. There were no public comments. The motion to approve the agenda carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

Motion: Verbeke

Second: McMillan

Ayes: Scalzitti, Hedberg, McMillan, Verbeke

Absent: Gracyk

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.

DISCUSSION

5. The board received the annual public affairs update. Public Affairs Supervisor Michelle M. Curtis provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding the district's website link to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California flow monitor devices pilot rebate program, the mulch rebate of up to \$25 per cubic foot for a maximum of \$100 and how the Facebook live Water Chats work. President Scalzitti requested staff work with teachers to offer extra credit to students that watch/participate in Water Chats. President Scalzitti congratulated Ms. Curtis, the public affairs team, those in customer service and the employees working in the field for their excellent public relations with district customers. The full quorum of the board congratulated Ms. Curtis on the thorough presentation. Vice President Hedberg verified the district is attending the East County Advanced Water Purification Communications and Outreach meetings and following the consultant's recommendations. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo shared that the CV Response Team continues to meet weekly providing regular pandemic updates to employees.
6. The update regarding the East County Advanced Water Purification project was pulled from the agenda to be presented at a future meeting when details are available.
7. Director McMillan reported that the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors may delay the board retreat due to the pandemic, yet the facilitator met with both Director McMillan and President Scalzitti in preparation for the retreat. Director McMillan reported that he and Vice President Hedberg attended the California Special Districts Association's Annual Conference from August 30 - September 2, 2021 in Monterey and shared bond information with Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant. Director McMillan reported attending the Urban Water Institute 28th Annual Conference September 8 and 9, 2021, and shared that the city of Poway is expected to increase rates while a group is prepared to push back on the proposed rates from the SDCWA. Director McMillan shared that regional agencies have their fixed water rates as high as \$75 or \$80. Director McMillan reported attending an East County SDCWA "caucus" meeting and a second SDCWA "caucus" meeting – both on September 22, 2021. Director McMillan reported the Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Authority will conduct a workshop in mid to late October. Director McMillan reported attending the special Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee meeting on September 20, 2021, with President Scalzitti to review the 30% design for the Lake Jennings campground improvements project and the committee agreed on a realtor to market the High Street property. President Scalzitti requested a board field trip to a campground in Chula Vista to learn the expectations of today's campers. Director Verbeke reported the Finance and Administration Committee would be meeting with the auditor during a special meeting on September 23, 2021. Vice President Hedberg verified the Appellate Court District

decision was in favor of the San Diego County Water Authority versus the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Vice President Hedberg reported attending the East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors meeting on September 16, 2021 highlighting the contractor award, communication outreach plan and grant funding. Director McMillan added that he attended the September 17, 2021, San Diego Local Agencies Formation Commission Special District Advisory Committee.

REPORTS

8. The board received the reports for the month of August 2021:
- a) Financial
 - b) Rainfall, Use and Storage
 - c) System Demand
 - d) Monthly Demand
 - e) Conservation Status

There were no board or public comments.

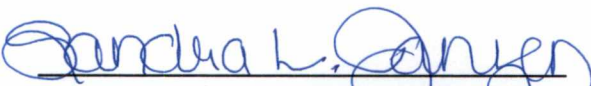
ADJOURNMENT

9. President Scalzitti adjourned the Committee of the Board meeting at 3:55 p.m.



Joel A. Scalzitti, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board