



Setting Standards of Excellence in Public Service

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

OPEN MEETING

1. President Scalzitti called the November 3, 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, Gracyk and Verbeke were present. Director McMillan was absent.

Staff present: Lugo, Bryant, Tomasulo, Olney, Miller, Ross, Janzen, Schipper, Pope, Malkin, Doubrava, Curtis, Annett and Uhrhammer. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was also present.

Others present: None.

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

Motion: Verbeke
Second: Hedberg
Ayes: Scalzitti, Hedberg, Gracyk, Verbeke
Absent: 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 4-0 by roll call vote. There were no public comments.

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

- a) Memorandum dated November 3, 2021, from 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. October 13, 2021, Engineering and Operations committee meeting
 - ii. October 20, 2021, regular board meeting
- c) The operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
- i. Checks dated October 22, 2021
 - ii. Checks dated October 29, 2021

ACTION ITEMS

6. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to execute a professional services agreement with IEC, an Ardurra Company in the amount of \$234,679, and appropriate funds in the amount of \$150,000 from the fiscal year 2021-22 capital budget for engineering design services for pipeline project CIP21001. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

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

Engineering Manager Milica K. Schipper provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding CIP21001 and CIP21002 being bid separately due to the size of the projects; the multiple locations of the work within Division 1; and the easements returning to homeowners upon completion of construction.

7. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to execute a professional services agreement with Kleinfelder Inc. in the amount of \$277,550, and appropriated funds in the amount of \$320,000 from the fiscal year 2021-22 capital budget for engineering

design services for pipeline project CIP21002. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

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

Engineering Manager Milica K. Schipper provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding higher than expected survey costs due to the number of streets involved; the proximity of construction to Sprouts Farmers Market in La Mesa and construction notification to customers that will be impacted.

8. The board received an update on the Aqueduct 1 emergency repair project OPS22051 and determined by a four-fifths vote that there is a need to continue with emergency work. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

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

General Manager Carlos V. Lugo and Assistant Director of Engineering Timothy J. Ross reported that preliminary data identifies five locations with more than 80% metal loss. There are 52 total defects with the majority showing approximately 50% metal loss. Staff continues to await final analysis. Results expected in six to eight weeks, despite staff's request for an expedited process. Vice President Hedberg confirmed weather had not been an issue while testing the two miles of pipe. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reminded the board this is a main pipeline to the treatment plant.

INFORMATION

9. The board received and filed General Manager Carlos V. Lugo's water shortage response Level 1 declaration notice. Public Affairs Supervisor Michelle M. Curtis reported the declaration calls for voluntary conservation of up to 10% and supports of the statewide drought and the governor's call for voluntary conservation consistent with the San Diego County Water Authority's Level 1 declaration in October 2021. Ms. Curtis confirmed the San Diego region has reliable water supplies due to decades of investments in water and conservation. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo shared that the district will do its part to continue to use water wisely with the declaration posted for customers on the district website and in the administration office lobby. Discussion ensued. There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION

10. President Scalzitti reported that during the October 28, 2021, San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting, the Level 1 water contingency plan was activated; and the \$35,871,153.70 in damages and interest paid by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, for a breach of the parties' exchange agreement, will be disbursed to the SDCWA member agencies with the district receiving over \$2.4 million. President Scalzitti also reported the SDCWA board established the meeting dates for 2022, executed a capital improvement program reimbursement, implemented financial reporting from a third party, adopted positions on various legislative bills, approved an advocacy contract and adopted a 2021 energy management policy. There were no public comments. Vice President Hedberg confirmed that the SDCWA reimbursement check would be discussed at a future board meeting.

Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen reported the district received a complimentary email regarding the excellent customer service provided by Valve Maintenance Technician Michael T. Pepin.

11. President Scalzitti, Directors McMillan and Gracyk provided written reports.
12. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reminded the board of the November 10, 2021, 3 p.m. Special Water Quality and Resources Committee meeting and the November 17, 2021, 3 p.m. regular board meeting. In addition, Mr. Lugo reported that the application for the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program was submitted on November 3, 2021, with a request for \$625,000. There were no public comments.
13. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull had nothing additional to report.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

14. President Scalzitti requested General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull lead the board into closed session and recessed open session at 3:49 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**
Pursuant to Government Code §54957
Title: General Counsel

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

15. President Scalzitti adjourned closed session and reconvened open session at 3:58 p.m. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull shared that no reportable action was taken during

closed session. There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

16. President Scalzitti adjourned the regular board meeting at 3:58 p.m.



Joel A. Scalzitti, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board