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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Virtual Meeting**

OPEN MEETING

1. President Hedberg called the February 2, 2022, 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, Olney, Bryant, Miller, Ross, Janzen, Solano, Curtis, Doubrava, Schipper, Uhrhammer, Medlin and Vielbig. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull of Best Best & Krieger was also present.

Others present: Lemon Grove Assistant City Manager Mike James was present with several unidentified attendees.

2. President Hedberg provided the invocation. Director Scalzitti led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported that 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. Director McMillan briefly lost his virtual connection to the meeting from 3:05 to 3:06 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. President Hedberg 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: McMillan

Second: Verbeke

- a) Memorandum dated February 2, 2022, 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. January 12, 2022, Engineering and Operations Committee meeting
 - ii. January 19, 2022, regular board meeting
 - iii. January 26, 2022, Committee of the Board meeting
- c) The operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
 - i. Checks dated January 21, 2022
 - ii. Checks dated January 28, 2022
- d) The board received information on the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority President's Special Recognition awards.
- e) The board approved the following attendance considerations:
 - i. American Water Works Association
CA-NV AWWA Webinars
January – July 2022
 - ii. Padre Dam Municipal Water District
Virtual Meeting with Finance and Lake Staff
January 12, 2022
 - iii. CalDesal Virtual Annual Conference
February 9-10, 2022

PRESENTATION

6. The board was introduced to district Engineering Intern Jamie Medlin and Public Affairs Intern Jack Vielbig. The board extended their well wishes to the new interns. Each intern thanked the board for the opportunity to contribute to the district.

ACTION ITEMS

7. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to continue as-needed, on-site COVID-19 testing with Discovery Health Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Verbeke
Second: Gracyk

Human Resources Manager Anne D. Solano and General Manager Carlos V. Lugo answered all questions regarding the 332 polymerase chain reaction tests for COVID-19 administered to staff between January 4, 2022, and February 1, 2022. Discussion ensued regarding staff safety and the competitively priced contract fee schedule. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo assured the board that staff would continue to evaluate the COVID-19 regulation framework proposed by the state and would adjust as needed.

8. The board approved the acquisition of a new vehicle for the recently appointed Director of Engineering Timothy J. Ross and appropriated funds in the amount of \$45,300 from the fiscal year 2021-22 capital budget. Director of Operations Kevin D. Miller answered all questions regarding the current fleet, mid-year budget adjustments and hybrid vehicle options. Director Scalzitti confirmed the addition of the vehicle was in lieu of a previously compensated vehicle allowance. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Scalzitti
Second: Gracyk

9. The board received an update on the Aqueduct 1 emergency repair project OPS22051 and determined by at least a four-fifths vote the need to continue with emergency work. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: McMillan
Second: Scalzitti

Director of Engineering Timothy J. Ross provided an update regarding the discovery of Lakeside Water District's asbestos cement pipeline on top of Helix Water District's waterline. Mr. Ross reported both agencies were working through the details to relocate

Lakeside Water District's pipeline. Director McMillan verified all costs would be absorbed by LWD.

INFORMATION ITEMS

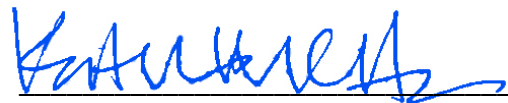
10. The board received a legislative update. Public Affairs Supervisor Michelle C. Curtis provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding the emergency water use regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control board effective January 18, 2022. Board discussion ensued regarding long-term water use efficiency regulations; urban water use objectives; commercial, industrial and institutional performance measures; water loss and annual supply and demand assessments. There were no public comments. Ms. Curtis was thanked for her thorough presentation.
11. The board received a presentation by Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant on the district's CalPERS and other postemployment benefit plans. Ms. Bryant provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding the costs associated with the district's unfunded liability.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. President Hedberg, Vice President Verbeke, Directors McMillan and Gracyk provided written reports. Directors Scalzitti and McMillan provided oral summaries of the January 27, 2022, San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting. Details of the treasurer's report, approval of the Vallecitos Water District request to waive a \$29,193 late fee, the authorization of a professional services contract with Alliance for Sustainable Energy LLC to perform an energy resilience analysis and adoption of a project labor agreement for the SDCWA's capital improvement program were provided. Discussion ensued. There were no public comments.
13. President Hedberg and Vice President Verbeke reported attending the SDCWA January 27, 2022, board meeting. There were no public comments.
14. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reminded the board of the February 7, 2022, special Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee meeting at 2 p.m., the special Water Quality and Resources Committee meeting February 9, 2022, at 2 p.m. and reviewed the agenda items for the February 16, 2022, regular board meeting and the February 23, 2022, Committee of the Board meeting. Mr. Lugo recognized Director McMillan for five years of service. President Hedberg congratulated Director McMillan on behalf of the board. There were no public comments.
15. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull congratulated Director McMillan for his service.

ADJOURNMENT

16. President Hedberg adjourned the regular board meeting at 5:12 p.m.



Kathleen Coates Hedberg, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board