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MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD/BUDGET WORKSHOP
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Hybrid (Virtual and in Person) Meeting

OPEN MEETING

1. President Hedberg called the March 23, 2022, Committee of the Board/Budget Workshop to order at 3:04 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 in person or via electronic conferencing software. Directors Hedberg, Verbeke, McMillan, Gracyk and Scalzitti were present.

Staff present: Lugo, Olney, Bryant, Miller, Ross, Janzen, Pope, Garuba, Malkin, Doubrava, Valdez, Schipper, Haley, Lunde, Annett, Lyford, Berens, Herrera, Pearce, Curtis, Aytes, Dambrose and Uhrhammer. General Counsel Nicholas Norvell of Best Best & Krieger was also present.

Others present: None.

2. Vice President 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 unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Verbeke
Second: 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.

WORKSHOP

5. The board received the staff presentation of the draft budget schedules regarding the development of the fiscal year 2022-23 operating and capital budgets. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo introduced the presentation followed by Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant, Assistant General Manager Brian M. Olney, Director of Operations Kevin D. Miller, Director of Engineering Timothy J. Ross and Human Resources Manager Anne D. Solano. Discussion ensued. There were no public comments.

Staff detailed a 7.7% proposed increase over the fiscal year 2021-22 budget. The draft \$107,913,300 budget included the capital program budget of \$21,309,000. Staff clarified that the capital program budget would include projects and reserves funded through PayGo, previously appropriated funds, capital reserves and Water Infrastructure and Innovation loan funds.

President Hedberg recessed the meeting at 5:30 p.m. for a meal break. President Hedberg reconvened the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

President Hedberg requested the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce membership be increased \$100 and that the district include a \$500 silver membership with the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce Business on Schedule 410. Board members requested the East County Advanced Water Purification expenses and revenues be tracked in the financial statements; that staff negotiate lower credit card fees; that staff provide an update regarding automated meter reading technology and advanced metering infrastructure at a future Committee of the Board meeting; and that a footnote be added to the budget in the supplemental schedule noting the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Authority refund check to be used for employee events and safety equipment. Director McMillan suggested the board set a goal for the district's CalPERS unfunded liability. Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant shared that the final budget would reflect the move of Meter Reading Program 4403 to an operation schedule. President Hedberg requested staff consider submitting the final budget to the Government Finance Officers Association awards program and that the district's value titles be displayed in the boardroom.

Director Gracyk left the meeting at 6:06 p.m. A quorum of the board remained.

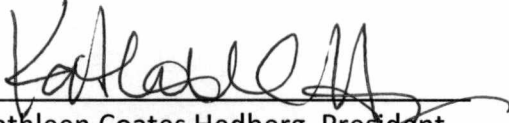
DISCUSSION

6. President Hedberg reported attending the March 22, 2022, dedication of Pure Water Oceanside at the San Luis Rey Reclamation Facility. There were no additional reports. There were no public comments.

7. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo had nothing additional to report. There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

8. President Hedberg adjourned the Committee of the Board/Budget Workshop at 7:23 p.m.


Kathleen Coates Hedberg, President

ATTEST:


Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board