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**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, April 11, 2022 – 10 a.m.  
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427  
Virtual Meeting**

**OPEN MEETING**

1. President Hedberg called the April 11, 2022, special board meeting to order at 10:02 a.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 Hedberg, Verbeke, McMillan, Gracyk and Scalzitti were present.

Staff present: Lugo, Olney, Bryant, Miller, Ross, Janzen and Curtis. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was also present.

Others present: None.

2. 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: Scalzitti

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

3. 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.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. President Hedberg opened board discussion regarding the upcoming Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Agreement Governing Board meeting. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo introduced the item. Director of Operations Kevin D. Miller detailed the Harry

Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Agreement Governing Board agenda and materials for the April 11, 2022, 4 p.m. meeting. District Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull detailed Government Code Section 5919 requiring the district to operate the park in perpetuity due to the stipulations of the grant funding received to initially establish the park. Discussion ensued regarding the district's contribution allocation.

Director McMillan made a motion to amend the agreement to set the district's allocation to 20% of the HGRPJA budget. Director Scalzitti seconded the motion.

General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reminded the board that the motion made during the December 9, 2021, HGRPJA meeting failed requesting allocations for the City of La Mesa, City of El Cajon and Helix Water District be set to 30% each, with the City of San Diego remaining at 10%. Discussion ensued regarding equitable allocations.

Director McMillan withdrew his motion. Director Scalzitti reported that the district paid 10% in the original agreement until it was amended due to the financial hardships of the City of El Cajon. Director Scalzitti reported the City of El Cajon has recovered, therefore allocations could be amended to reflect the financial stability of all agencies.

Director McMillan made a motion for the district's representative to vote against the adoption of the JPA budget for fiscal year 2023; request the item be placed on a future agenda to reconsider the contribution levels prior to approval of the budget; and to report that the Helix Water District Board of Directors would like the JPA to reconsider the contribution levels as they did in 2003 to represent a more equitable level across the JPA members with Helix Water District paying 20%. The motion was seconded by Director Scalzitti. Additional discussion ensued. Director Gracyk requested a sub-committee be formed to discuss future public outreach regarding this topic. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. There were no public comments.

5. President Hedberg reported that she had reviewed the video from the April 6, 2022, La Mesa-Foothills Democratic Club meeting attended by Director Gracyk. President Hedberg reported reaching out to Director Gracyk regarding his statements made during the meeting to no avail. President Hedberg reported that she was misrepresented. There were no directors comments. There were no public comments.
6. The general manager's report was not provided.

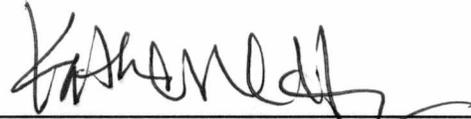
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

7. President Hedberg adjourned the special board meeting at 11:10 a.m.

*Special Board Meeting Minutes*

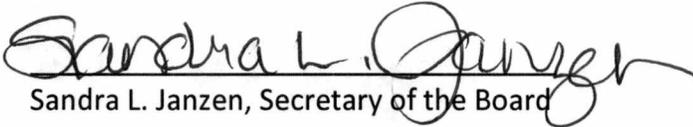
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Kathleen Coates Hedberg, President

**ATTEST:**



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board