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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, July 6, 2022 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Virtual/Hybrid Meeting**

OPEN MEETING

1. President Hedberg called the July 6, 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 Hedberg, Verbeke, McMillan, Gracyk and Scalzitti were present.

Staff present: Lugo, Olney, Bryant, Valdez, Janzen, Malkin, Schipper, Kingsbury, Herrera, Pope, Curtis, Annett, and Uhrhammer. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull of Best Best & Krieger was also present.

Others present: None.

2. Director McMillan provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported there were no other 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: Gracyk

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: Scalzitti
Second: Verbeke

- a) Memorandum dated July 6, 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. June 8, 2022, special Finance and Administration Committee meeting
- ii. June 15, 2022, regular board meeting
- iii. June 22, 2022, Committee of the Board meeting

- c) The board ratified the following operating account checks:

- i. Checks dated June 17, 2022
- ii. Checks dated June 24, 2022
- iii. Checks dated July 1, 2022

Director Gracyk reported that he would review the check registers with General Manager Carlos V. Lugo during a future meeting.

- d) The board approved the following resolutions:

- i. Resolution 22-32 declaring construction complete and authorized filing a notice of completion for Granite Hills High School Theater water main extension project RMB21072
- ii. Resolution 22-33 declaring construction complete and authorized filing a notice of completion for Legacy Homes water main extension project RMB19140

- e) The board approved the following attendance consideration:

- i. National Water Resources Association, Western Water Seminar
July 25-27, 2022
Fairmont, Montana

ACTION ITEMS

6. The board appropriated funds in the amount of \$487,000 from the fiscal year 2022-23 capital budget to fund the small valve replacement program project CIP23002 in accordance with the district's capital improvement program master plan. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Gracyk
Second: McMillan

Field Operations Manager Oliver K. Malkin answered all questions regarding materials and the anticipated start of the project.

7. The board appropriated funds in the amount of \$150,000 from the fiscal year 2022-23 capital budget for the survey and design of pipeline project CIP23001. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Scalzitti
Second: McMillan

Engineering Manager Milica K. Schipper provided a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion ensued regarding 17 miles of cast-iron pipe to be replaced in El Cajon by 2029, equipment, safety and as-built plans.

8. The board waived the minor irregularity related to the execution of the bid bond in S.C. Valley Engineering Inc.'s bid; adopted Resolution 22-31 awarding construction of pipeline project CIP21003 to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid, S.C. Valley Engineering Inc., in the amount of \$3,720,494; and appropriated funds in the amount of \$4,520,000 from the fiscal year 2022-23 capital budget. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Scalzitti
Second: Gracyk

Assistant Engineer Karah N. Kingsbury provided a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion ensued regarding inflationary costs, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act and competitive bids. Ms. Kingsbury was commended on her presentation by President Hedberg and Director Scalzitti.

9. The board cast its ballot for Ken Endter of Fallbrook Public Utility District for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors 2022 Election. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Verbeke
Second: McMillan

INFORMATION ITEM

10. The board received a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan from Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant. Ms. Bryant answered all question regarding the loan signees, payments after five years, interest rates, current and future debt service. District Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull reminded the board that the contractual agreement would be reviewed by counsel. Ms. Bryant, President Hedberg and Director McMillan thanked Finance Manager Amy L. Pope for her WIFIA loan analysis and contributions. There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. Directors Hedberg, Verbeke, McMillan, Gracyk and Scalzitti provided written reports. In addition, Directors Scalzitti and McMillan detailed the agenda items from the June 23, 2022, San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting. Discussion ensued.

All board members reported that the June 29, 2022, joint meeting with the Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District Board of Directors was pleasant and appreciated. Vice President Verbeke shared that the LCR&PD Board of Directors would be coming to the district for a future tour of the treatment plant followed by lunch.

In addition, Vice President Verbeke reported attending the June 24, 2022, Association of California Water Agencies Region 9 meeting. Director McMillan reported the San Diego Regional East County Chamber of Commerce would be hosting Politics in Paradise at the Water Conservation Garden (date to be determined) and suggested California Water Commissioner Fern Steiner be contact to present at a future board meeting. There were no public comments.

12. President Hedberg reported attending the June 23, 2022, San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting and speaking with Secretary of California Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot regarding the investments the region had made in water supply and reliability and the costs associated with said investments.

President Hedberg requested Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen share that the district received two customer compliments in regards to Customer Service Representative Michelle I. Harrison. There were no additional public comments.

13. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed the agenda items to be covered during the 9 a.m. Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee meeting, the 3 p.m. July 20, 2022, regular board meeting and the 3 p.m. July 27, 2022, Committee of the Board meeting. Mr. Lugo

reminded the board that the July 13, 2022, Engineering and Operations committee was cancelled due to the board's conference schedule. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported a letter of appreciation was sent to the Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District Board of Directors, that staff would continue to review the San Diego County Water Authority water rates and that Fuerte Drive traffic delays in El Cajon would continue to be addressed. There were no public comments.

14. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull had nothing additional to report. There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

15. President Hedberg adjourned the regular board meeting at 4:34 p.m.



Kathleen Coates Hedberg, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board