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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, October 5, 2022 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Virtual/Hybrid Meeting**

OPEN MEETING

1. President Hedberg called the October 5, 2022, regular board meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present. Directors Hedberg, Verbeke, McMillan, Gracyk and Scalzitti were present.

Staff present: Olney, Ross, Bryant, Miller, Valdez, Janzen, Doubrava, Herrera, Garuba, Schipper, Rocco, Kingsbury Lundy, Curtis, Mackey and Uhrhammer. General Counsel HongDao Nguyen and Elizabeth W. Hull of Best, Best & Krieger were also present.

Others present: Customer Jordie Lehr was present. La Mesa Police Department Officer Taylor Persitza and Sergeant Todd Snyder were also present.

2. Vice President Verbeke provided an invocation of gratitude honoring district staff during Water Professionals Week and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. General Manager Brian M. Olney 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: Scalzitti
Second: Verbeke

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.

RECESS

5. General Counsel HongDao Nguyen announced the topic to be discussed in closed session.

There were no public comments. President Hedberg recessed the meeting for closed session at 3:17 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957

Consultation with: La Mesa Police Department Officer Taylor Persitza and Sergeant Todd Snider

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

6. President Hedberg adjourned closed session at 3:56 p.m. and reconvened open session at 3:56 p.m. There was no reportable action.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously by roll call vote. There were no public comments.

Motion: Verbeke

Second: Scalzitti

- a) Memorandum dated October 5, 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. Dated September 21, 2022, regular board meeting
 - ii. Dated September 22, 2022, special Finance and Administration Committee
- c) The board ratified the following operating account checks:
- i. Checks dated September 23, 2022
 - ii. Checks dated September 30, 2022
- d) The board adopted the following resolutions:
- i. 22-51 authorizing the execution of the quitclaim of an easement over a portion of assessor parcel number 499-460-37, in unincorporated Spring Valley, county of San Diego, state of California.
 - ii. 22-53 declaring construction complete and authorized filing a notice of completion for Mazda El Cajon improvement project RMB20042.

ACTION ITEMS

8. The board authorized General Manager Brian M. Olney to execute a first amendment to the existing professional services agreement between Helix Water District and AARK Engineering Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$90,000, to perform structural engineering services on an as-needed basis. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: McMillan

Second: Scalzitti

Engineering Manager Milica K. Schipper provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding the tasks, costs, policies and procedures regarding amendments and professional services evaluation criteria.

9. The board authorized General Manager Brian M. Olney to execute a change order in an amount not to exceed \$670,000 with Orion Construction Corporation, and appropriated additional funds in the amount of \$670,000 from the fiscal year 2022-23 capital budget for the Aqueduct 1 pipeline repair project CIP22007. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Verbeke

Second: Gracyk

Director of Water Quality and System Operations Luis Valdez provided a few PowerPoint slides. President Hedberg thanked Mr. Valdez for the detailed presentation shared during the previous board meeting.

10. The board appropriated funds in the amount of \$260,000 from the fiscal year 2022-23 capital budget for the design of the treatment plant raw water large valve installation project CIP22002K and authorized the pre-purchase of a new 60-inch butterfly valve with actuator and a replacement actuator for an existing 60-inch butterfly valve. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Scalzitti

Second: McMillan

Associate Engineer Karah N. Kingsbury provided a PowerPoint presentation and clarified with the assistance of General Manager Brian M. Olney and Director of Engineering Timothy J. Ross the existing and future locations of the equipment, as well as the estimated total project costs following the design phase. Director McMillan clarified that the funds had been approved during the budget process and were being appropriated at this time to begin the design and pre-purchase of the valve with actuator.

11. The board appropriated funds in the amount of \$150,000 from the fiscal year 2022-23 capital improvement budget, for the Carmichael pipeline project CIP19016. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: McMillan

Second: Gracyk

Director of Operations Kevin D. Miller presented the item and reported that the pipeline serves as a major artery for the Helix 1 system east to Bancroft Drive and serves as a secondary feed to the Dictionary Hill system. Mr. Miller clarified that the appropriation represents the third year of a 10-year replacement program.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. Directors Hedberg, McMillan, Gracyk and Scalzitti provided written reports. In addition, Director McMillan presented Director Scalzitti with his five-year service award from the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors. Vice President Verbeke reported that the Association of California Water Agencies Membership Committee is seeking to increase and maintain membership numbers already at 90% to 99%. There were no public comments.

13. President Hedberg opened discussion regarding the price of water in the United States in dollars per cubic meter and shared that a chart would be sent to the board via email. President Hedberg requested that the Association of California Water Agencies 2022 Fall Conference proposed, amended and restated bylaws be placed on the October 26, 2022, Committee of the Board meeting for discussion prior to the vote during general session at the conference.

President Hedberg requested Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen share that the district received a customer compliment regarding Utility Crew Member Peter J. Spangler. There were no additional public comments.

14. General Manager Brian M. Olney reminded the board that he would be out of the district October 6-10, 2022 and expressed staffs' gratitude to the board for the food treats provided during Water Professionals Week. There were no public comments.

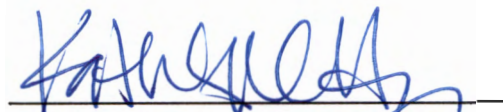
Mr. Olney detailed the agenda items to be covered during the:

- 4 p.m. October 12, 2022, Engineering and Operations Committee meeting.
- 9 a.m. October 13, 2022, special Parks, Land, Lakes & Garden Committee meeting.
- 3 p.m. October 19, 2022, regular board meeting.
- 3 p.m. October 26, 2022, Committee of the Board meeting.
- 3 p.m. November 2, 2022, regular board meeting.

15. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull provided a written report detailing that Assembly Bill 2449 and Senate Bill 1100 were signed into law effective January 2023. In addition, Assembly Bill 361 will remain effective until January 1, 2024. The California Brown Act update will allow for continued remote meetings and for the removal of disruptive attendees. Ms. Hull shared that the report will be reviewed in detail at a future meeting. There were no public comments.

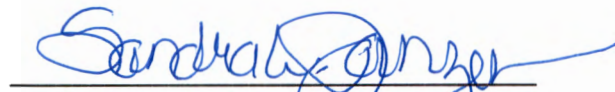
ADJOURNMENT

16. President Hedberg adjourned the regular board meeting at 4:45 p.m.



Kathleen Coates Hedberg, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board