

**HELIX WATER DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011 - 2:00 P.M.**

**7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427**

1. President Verbeke called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Roll Call showed Directors Verbeke, Linden, Hedberg, Muse, and Smith present.

Staff Present: Weston, Lugo, Bartlett-May, Umphres, Irvine, Hayman, Breece, Salois, Barnes, Lawler, Tomasulo, Valdez, Geitz, Masterson, Clark, Sullivan, Doubrava, T. Smith, Jones, Annett T. Ross, and Counsel Scott Smith

Others Present: Customer John Wood

2. Director Smith offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda approved:

Motion: Linden  
Second: Hedberg  
Vote: 5 ayes

4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on any item under the subject matter jurisdiction of the District.

Mr. John Wood stated all the Board members were elected to be on the ratepayers' side and it appears that not all the Board members are doing that. He stated during the next election he will be working against the three Board members up for election.

5. Consent Agenda approved:

Motion: Linden  
Second: Smith  
Vote: 5 ayes

- a) Operating Account checks submitted for ratification

- i. list dated 05/10/11
- ii. list dated 05/17/11

- b) Warrant(s), as listed, submitted for approval

<u>Warrant No.</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1764	05/17/11	HWD Operating Account	\$ 406,692.55
1765	05/17/11	HWD Operating Account	<u>\$1,100,000.00</u>
		Total	\$1,506,692.55

- c) Memorandum dated May 18, 2011 from Board Secretary submitting expenses and per diems for approval.

- d) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2011.

- e) The Board adopted the following Resolution:

- i. 11-28 approving and authorizing execution of the Quitclaim of six blanket easements and three aligned easements over portions of Lot 5 of Map No. 830, Lots 1 and 2 of Map No. 2124, and Lot 4, Section 18, Township 16 South, Range 1 East, according to United States Government Survey, approved September 22, 1873, in El Cajon (APNs 514-190-44, 514-212-01 & 02)

- f) Reports for the month of April, 2011

- i. Claims Report  
ii. Treasurer's Report  
iii. Budget Summary  
iv. Rainfall, Use and Storage Report  
v. System Demand Report  
vi. Conservation Status Report  
vii. Monthly Demand Report

- g) Attendance Consideration:

- i. Water Talks: Investing in Reliability  
Sponsored by the San Diego County Water Authority  
Tuesday, May 31, 2011, 5-7 p.m.  
SDCWA Headquarters, San Diego

6. The Board approved in concept, Helix Water District's Draft 2010 Urban Water Management Plan and established Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. as the date and time to hold a public hearing regarding the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan.

Motion: Smith  
Second: Linden  
Vote: 5 ayes

7. General Manager Weston presented the Vision 2020 Plan Update, the Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2011-12, and the matrix of the last four years of Goals and Objectives. He stated this is an important planning document that is updated annually and includes the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan update. He stated the list of Goals and Objectives is created by the departments to identify additional work to maintain continuous improvement in the District. He requested the Board provide comments and approve the Vision 2020 Plan and receive and file the Goals and Objectives.

President Verbeke suggested adding encouragement of rainwater harvesting.

Director Hedberg suggested adding encouragement of graywater usage also.

Motion: Smith  
Second: Linden  
Vote: 5 ayes

8. The Board adopted the following Resolution:
  - i. 11-29 declaring construction complete and authorizing filing a Notice of Completion for Pipeline Project 1636; El Granito Ave., Mesa Vista Ave., Mesa Terrace, Sunset Ave., Starlight Lane, Ward Lane, Alto Dr., Easement off of Weston Rd., and Easement off of La Cresta Rd.; WO 1636

Motion: Muse  
Second: Smith  
Vote: 5 ayes

9. The Board discussed modifying the Policies and Procedures Manual Section 9.1-14(B) regarding payment of per diems to non-voting alternates and concluded the policy would be left as is.
10. Service Award Presentation to Chris Magill, Senior Engineering Technician, for 30 years of service.

Introduction: Principal Engineer Tim Smith  
Background: General Manager Mark Weston  
Presentation: Director John Linden

**DISCUSSION:**

- A. President Verbeke stated a compliment had been received from a member of the public regarding great customer service provided by Customer Service Representative Mary Lamm.

She reported on her attendance at the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Breakfast, the East County Economic Development Council meeting, the Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) conference including the Region 10 meeting, the Water Agencies' Standards golf tournament to benefit Water for People, the Cuyamaca

College Foundation Dinner, the Grossmont-Mt. Helix Improvement Association Garden Tour, the City of La Mesa Environmental Sustainability Commission meeting, the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce Taste of La Mesa event, and the Council of Water Utilities meeting.

- B. Director Linden reported he attended the ACWA conference as well as ACWA’s Joint Powers Insurance Authority meetings, and the Council of Water Utilities meeting. He mentioned that the Discovery Channel has a series currently running regarding inspecting and upgrading infrastructure. He also reported that the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) has had its revenue bond rating reduced from AAA to AA+.

Director Hedberg stated she attended the H2O Art of Conservation exhibition at the Water Conservation Garden, the ACWA conference including the Water Quality and Water Management Committee meetings, and the Council of Water Utilities meeting.

Director Muse reported that he attended the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Breakfast, the San Diego River Conservancy meeting, the H2O Art of Conservation exhibition at the Water Conservation Garden, the ACWA conference as well as ACWA’s Joint Powers Insurance Authority meetings, and the Council of Water Utilities meeting.

Director Smith reported he attended the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Breakfast, the ACWA conference including the Groundwater Committee meeting, and the Council of Water Utilities meeting. As the District’s County Water Authority (CWA) representative, he attended a subcommittee meeting where they received a briefing and a tour of the Lake Hodges Pump Station.

- C. General Manager Weston stated he attended a CWA briefing on MWD’s elimination of conservation and local water supply funding. A report will be brought back to the Board on this funding. MWD is \$200 million over budget and their Rate Stabilization Fund will have been reduced from \$250 million to \$150 million by the end of this year. He also reported that a District vehicle was totaled in a traffic accident caused by the other driver. The employee is fine. He reported that the 51” pipeline from the Grossmont Reservoir along the trolley track has been inspected for leaks because water has been observed for some time in the area. No leaks were found in the pipeline.

The Board went into Closed Session at 3:55 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

- A. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES  
Government Code §54957  
Consultation with: La Mesa Police Department
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
[Government Code §54956.9(a)]  
Name of Case: El Capitan Golf Club, LLC v. Helix Water District

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The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:05 p.m. There was no reportable action.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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Secretary

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President