MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKESIDE WATER DISTRICT HELD ON March 1, 2022

At the time and place provided by law for the holding of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lakeside Water District; to-wit at the meeting place of said Board at 10375 Vine Street, Lakeside, California, at 5:30 p.m. the Board duly convened, the following members present.

Directors: Frank Hilliker

Pete Jenkins Steve Johnson Eileen Neumeister Steve Robak

Secretary: Brett Sanders

1) Call to Order by Board President Robak

2) Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge was led by Board President Robak

3) Approval of Agenda. Motion by Director Jenkins to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Jenkins Second: Neumeister

Vote: Ayes 5 Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak

Noes 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

- 4) Opportunity for Public Comment Pertaining to Items <u>Not</u> on the Agenda (Items must meet the requirements of Government Code Section 54954.2).
- 5) Presentation by Carlos Lugo General Manager, and Brian Olney Assistant General Manager of Helix Water District concerning the East County Advanced Water Purification Project. Mr. Lugo opened the presentation by providing a summary of the effort of Helix WD, Padre Dam MWD, the County of San Diego and the City of El Cajon to form a Joint Powers Authority to utilize sewage from the City of El Cajon, the County of San Diego and Padre Dam to be treated by Padre Dam and then piped to Lake Jennings, an open body reservoir of Helix Water District. There will be a significant investment by Helix WD estimated at \$50 Mil to retool the Helix system to accommodate the new water supply. The water is intended to move from Lake Jennings across the street to the R.M. Levy Water Treatment Plant treated again with conventional surface water treatment and distributed to the Helix WD and Padre Dam MWD transmission pipelines. Mr. Olney then described in detail the process of filtration through the Helix facilities and then the process of delivery from the Helix transmission system where their pipelines will also deliver water to Lakeside WD and Otay WD. The new supply is estimated to produce on average 11.5 mgd. This new delivery arrangement intertwines with the East County Treated Water Improvement Program Agreement that transfers San Diego County Water Authority deliveries to the Helix WD treatment system for delivery to Lakeside WD, Padre Dam MWD and Otay WD. The new source doesn't change the agreement with the Water Authority or impact any of the costs for Lakeside, as agreed to in the agreement. The main benefit

of the project is to add a new source of water to the region and also to benefit Padre Dam and the other waste water generators of east county, by limiting waste water flow that would end at having to be treated by the City of San Diego at their Point Loma Plant.

6) Consider Allocation of \$172,000 from the District's "Emergency Infrastructure Repair Reserve" to respond to emergency work scheduled by Helix Water District on Lakeshore Dr. General Manager Sanders provided a recap of the Helix emergency repair work and how it affects Lakeside WD facilities and what type of work is necessary to assist. Motion by Director Hilliker to approve allocation of District funds as presented and assist the Helix WD in the emergency repairs as necessary.

Motion: Hilliker Second: Johnson

Vote: Ayes 5 Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak

Noes 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

7) Approve Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on February 1, 2022. Motion by Director Hilliker to approve the minutes as submitted.

Motion: Hilliker Second: Jenkins

Vote: Ayes 4 Hilliker, Jenkins, Neumeister, Robak

Noes 0

Abstain 1 Johnson

Absent 0

- 8) Review the January 2021 Treasurers Report for the annual audit. Approved to note and file for annual audit.
- 9) Operations Report. Superintendent Johnze reported the following.
 - Johnson Lake Reservoir Re-Coating Project Project contractor is complete.
 Pump stations and reservoir are back in normal operation.
 - Had a utility worker give notice and leave to another water district. We have hired a new full time employee who was our next choice in our last hiring.
 - Searching for new part time meter reader
 - Work with Helix WD for main repairs. Set up temporary highline to service our customers for the repair. First location was Lakeshore Dr. west of Channel Road.
 - Well #5 has not been able to be put into service. Working on achieving a negative coliform test.
 - County of San Diego: Ashwood and Mapleview: Shortened an 8" main to allow for two more storm drain crossings 150' north of the intersection, now complete.

Main break – 0, Service leak – 0 poly service leaks, Fire hydrant damage - 1

10) Approve the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Notice of Exemption Determination for the Emerald Grove Pipeline Replacement Project. General Manager Sanders provided a summary of the CEQA determination process and that the Emerald Grove project meets the conditions of an exempt project under of the guidelines of CEQA. Motion by Director Neumeister to approve the project determination by the General Manager and submit the application to the California Office of Planning and Research.

Motion: Neumeister Second: Jenkins

Vote: Ayes 5 Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak

Noes 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

11) Consider Revision to Administrative Code Section 14.1, Return to Work Policy. General Manager Sanders provided a summary of the revision suggested by the District's insurance carrier ACWA/JPIA. Sets a limit of 90 days for eligible light duty work. Motion by Director Johnson to approve the code revision as presented.

Motion: Johnson Second: Hilliker

Vote: Ayes 5 Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak

Noes 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

- 12) Review Joint Powers Insurance Authority Liability Property, and Workers Compensation Low Loss "President's Special Recognition Awards" for the 2017 to 2020 policy periods. General Manager Sanders provided an update on the three classes of awards and what the District's personnel has accomplished to achieve and maintain the high level of safe work procedures. Also, shared appreciation to Superintendent Johnze and Safety Coordinator Malinoski for the continued excellent effort to minimize and keep to zero liability and property damage claims over the last five years.
- 13) Presentation of the Draft Asset Management Plan Update for 2022. General Manager Sanders provided a Board Report and presentation of key changes and updates for the 2020 AMP update. Two key points are how the District should manage the increasing valuation of the District's assets and how budgeting and funding should be realistically accomplished to keep from depleting reserves and the need to increase rates too quickly. The goal is to balance inflationary levels with funding levels to maintain replacement at a level which keeps catastrophic failures from happening, while also being able to target vulnerable aging assets.
- 14) Approve Demands of the Treasurer for February 2022. Motion by Director Johnson to approve the Demands of the Treasurer as submitted.

Motion: Johnson Second: Jenkins

Vote: Ayes 5 Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak

Noes 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

15) CWA Report. Director Hilliker reported that the Finance Strategy Work Group continues to meet, in addition the General Managers and the Finance Officers will participate in forming rate strategies to submit to the Workgroup for discussion. Also,

the WA approved multiple service contracts and amendments for various out sourced specialty contracts. Also reported that an emergency contract was approved for J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1.135 mil for the emergency repair of Pipeline 4 at West Lilac.

- 16) Director's Report and Ad Hoc Sub-Committees Reports. No Reports
- 17) Manager's Report. The General Manager reported on:
 - 1) Vine Street Well Field Production:
 - * Total Dissolved Solids testing show normal levels. New equipment was purchased to eliminate false readings.
 - * Problem with passing well #5 bacteriological tests. Only one negative test since mid-December. Now trying aggressive methods to chlorinate well, flush and test.
 - * Using our backwash reclaim tanks to be used as a chlorination supply storage to continue consistent chlorination of Well #5.
 - 2) Water Supply Outlook:
 - * After above average December no significant rain was recorded in January or February.
 - * Colorado River Basin is critically low bringing down Lake Powell to 26% of capacity and Lake Meade to 34% of capacity.
 - 3) SDCWA Rate Meetings:
 - * Meetings have started to find a method to increase fixed charges as compared to variable charges.
 - * This new rate allocation is required because of the "new local agencies supply" being brought on line and lessening the demand on the Water Authority.
 - 4) Johnson Lake Reservoir:
 - * Evidence of leakage on the eastern portion of the reservoir
 - * Instructed our engineer to work on a floor replacement plan
 - * We will start on new method to take tank out of service to minimize the overtime Required to bypass the reservoir with synchronized pump station operation.

The manager also summarized current expenditures for capital improvements. Total demand for January 2022 was 218.6 AF. Well production was 23.4 AF or 11% of demand.

Articles Included:

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Seven Weeks of Near Record Drought for the Colorado River Basin CWA Regional water delivery system repairs start march 1, 2022.

18) Adjourn; There being no further business the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Allesi.		
Brett Sanders, Board Secretary	Steve Robak	