

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA, 92249**

Thursday, September 17, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District was held at the District's meeting room and called to order at 6:09 pm by President Valdez-Belmonte.

2. ROLL CALL:

Directors present at roll call: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, E. Valdez-Belmonte, and M. Lizarraga. Also present General Manager, Laura Fischer, Board Secretary Raquel Carrillo and General Counsel, Mr. Steve Walker. Director Diahna Garcia-Ruiz arrived at 6:24 pm.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Eduardo Valdez-Belmonte.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Motion to Approve the Agenda as presented was made by Director T. Sandoval, seconded by S. Escobedo.

Motion approved by Roll Call:4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, E. Valdez-Belmonte, & M. Lizarraga

NOES:

ABSENT: D. Garcia-Ruiz

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENT:

Mr. Gildardo Delgado thanked the Board for the petition that was sent out to Supervisor Terrazas.

The Board may set time limits on the amount of time any speaker can use to address the Board. Members of the public are allowed to make comments about anything not listed on the agenda. If the comments concern an agenda item, they must wait until that item is up for discussion. If you wish to address the Board, please fill out a "Request to Speak Form" and hand it to the Clerk of the Board and when recognized by the President of the Board, go to the podium and address the Board. The Board can't take action on any item not on the agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed and placed under New Business at the request of any Board Member or member of the Public.

A. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 20, 2015.

B. Approval of Current Demands for August 2015.

The Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda was made by Director Lizarraga, seconded by Director Sandoval.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, E. Valdez-Belmonte, & M. Lizarraga

NOES:

ABSENT: D. Garcia-Ruiz

7. REPORTS:

A. Operations Report for August 2015 – Information only.

B. President and Director’s Comments

Director Sandoval asked Mr. Lo and Mr. Cordova sent a copy of Resolution 2015-12 to engineers.

C. General Manager’s Report. Information to the Board was provided.

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

A. Authorize Contribution to Proyecto Heber’s Zombie 5k Mud Run and Monster Mile – General Manager

General Manager Laura Fischer presented the Board with information regarding the Zombie 5k Mud Run and asked the Board to waive the restriction on alcohol at Tito Park on October 31st and November 7th. After a lengthy debate, Motion to lift the Ordinance of no-alcohol in the park for one day for both events, also have HPUD donate a total of \$1,000.00 for both events was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Lizarraga.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 3/0

AYES: T. Sandoval, M. Lizarraga, and D. Garcia-Ruiz

NOES: S. Escobedo, E. Valdez-Belmonte.

ABSENT:

9. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

A. Information Only Regarding the Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project – Laura Fischer

General Manager mentioned that project was over bid she does not want to re-bid again and wants to work on finding a resolution on what can be done to resolve issue.

B. Approve the Heber Public Utility District Policy Manual – General Manager

General Manager mentioned to the Board that some corrections would have to be made to the policy. Motion to table HPUD Policy Manual for next meeting was made by Director Garcia-Ruiz, seconded by Director Escobedo.

Motion to approve by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, E. Valdez-Belmonte, M. Lizarraga, & D. Garcia-Ruiz

NOES:

ABSENT: T. Sandoval

C. Approval of Amendment to Employment Contract with General Manager.

The Motion to Approve the Amendment to Employment Contract with General Manager with a salary increase of 5% and extend the term through November 12, 2018, was made by Director Garcia-Ruiz, seconded by Director Lizarraga.

Motion to approve by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, E. Valdez-Belmonte, M. Lizarraga, & D. Garcia-Ruiz

NOES:

ABSENT: T. Sandoval

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday @ 8:30 am 940 W Main St., El Centro

B. California Special District Association www.csda.net

11. CLOSED SESSION:

The Motion to go into Closed Session was made @ 8:19 pm by Director Escobedo, seconded by Director Lizarraga

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, E. Valdez-Belmonte, M. Lizarraga, & D. Garcia-Ruiz

NOES:

ABSENT: T. Sandoval

A. Government Code Section §54957. Public Employee Evaluation of Performance (General Manager)

Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:34 pm. Director Lizarraga left Meeting after Open Session. Director Sandoval left meeting at 7:20 pm
No Reportable Action was taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm was made by Director Garcia-Ruiz, seconded by Director Escobedo.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 3/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, E. Valdez-Belmonte, and D. Garcia-Ruiz

NOES:

ABSENT: M. Lizarraga, T. Sandoval

Minutes of the Regular Meeting for September 17, 2015 were prepared by Raquel Carrillo – Secretary of the Board.

Raquel Carrillo

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