

## Special Board Meeting - May 3, 2021

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## AGENDA

### Special Meeting

### Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority

**Monday, May 3, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.**

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OR

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- **Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call**

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

- **Opportunity for Public Comment**

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board (Government Code Section 54954.3)

- **Directors’ Comments**

Directors’ comments are comments by Directors concerning Authority business that may be of interest to the Board. Directors’ comments are placed on the Agenda to enable individual Board members to convey information to the Board and the Public. There is no discussion or action taken on comments made by Board members.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2): Two Cases

- **Adjournment**

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## Garcia, Michael

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First Name	Carolyn
Last Name	McGavock
Address	Montiel Truck Trail
City	Jamul
State	CA
Zip Code	91935
Meeting Date and Time	May 3rd, 4:00 pm, Special Board Meeting
I wish to speak under public comment:	No
Action Item Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Enter Your Comments	Good afternoon. I'm writing to you as a private citizen of Jamul living near Loveland Reservoir. My neighbors and I have not given up in believing that your organization has a responsibility to maintain the fishing program at Loveland. In fact, the Loveland fishing program is cited in the County's Alpine Community Plan as a conservation resource with a goal to maximize fishing there. Beyond East County, recent press

coverage reflects a broader interest in your doubtful activities. We hope that you will see how Loveland Reservoir is interwoven into the interests of multiple constituents. You have the real estate and water that you negotiated for. Our communities ask that you uphold your side of the bargain. Please do not draw the water down further, and reinstate the originally agreed upon operational hours.

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First Name	Russell
Last Name	Walsh
Address	Montiel Truck Trl
City	Jamul
State	CA
Zip Code	91935
Meeting Date and Time	5/3/2021 Special Board Meeting
I wish to speak under public comment:	No
Action Item Number	Field not completed.
Enter Your Comments	It is very clear that SWA can keep its obligation to the fishing program and have sufficient capacity and water transfer potential above that, this includes pass through of high runoff from the 100 square mile watershed as occurred in a recent past year. We should not be witnessing devastation to our lake via excessive drawdowns in a drought year.

Draining our lake to even further extremes, which your organization has shown to be a huge threat to the public against your obligations, only actually creates a one-time gain. Upper elevation storage capacity will not be used again until when and if SWA plan were drastically modified to a pro storage stance in the future, which we know isn't likely. In other words, this planned hostile taking of our lake will not other than this one-time gain enrich the SWA one bit. We cannot believe that if Alpine and Jamul had equitable board representation, officially or unofficially, that this deconstruction of our lake and fishery would be tolerated.

There is no defense by logic of water security issues. As you all know SWA has a highly workable model, if managed properly. That is with legitimate uses of the Sweetwater and Loveland Watersheds and access to other water through the San Diego County Water Authority. Cancelling our lake because your agency has decided it wants to manage storage differently going forward is also illegal by civil law. If our partners in government chose to exercise public service powers this will hurt the Authority.

Under the larger umbrella of open space management, one sees the operation of water resources for Potable water and protection of a sensibly scaled lake amenity and fishing program to be the highest use, again also compatible with your commitments. Win-win!

I hope that the SWA would adopt a holistic view of your broader communities needs and respond appropriately with a public annulment of the threats you have projected through your contracted studies from Gillingham Engineering and Water, board meetings, and Chairman Martinez' recent comments for an Inewsourc interview and report on these issues.

We would like SWA to take no nonsense commitment to abiding by the easement and original design of the fishing program including appropriate water levels and sunrise to sunset operation.

It is not just to keep and the gains acquired through acquisition of multiple thousands of acres of federal public lands from the Cleveland National Forest and stiff the public on what they were compensated with in return. We have not seen any motion to return the land, take down the dam, or restore uses lost to the public over these decades with your ownership of these formerly public lands.

Loveland reservoir, even with appropriate water harvesting, is now one of the most beautiful and multi-useful features on past and current Cleveland National Forest property. It offers better



proximity to county populations than the rest. Please Let's let it stay that way.

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