

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**January 6, 2021**

The Operations Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and 33-20, this meeting was held via teleconference. Director Rios called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call**

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Steve Castaneda, and Mona Rios

Directors Absent: None

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Tish Berge, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine, and Legal Counsel Nicholas Norvell. Staff Members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Distribution Manager Nate Golder, Equipment Mechanic Supervisor Dan Hayes, Procurement Specialist Sylvia McCain, Director of Engineering Ron Mosher, Director of Distribution Greg Snyder, and Engineering Manager Luis Valdez.

**2. Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda**

Per General Manager Berge's request, the Committee concurred to withdraw item 4. B. from the agenda.

**3. Public Comment** (Government Code Section 54954.3)

There were none.

**4. Action Agenda**

A. Request for Remote Service - Gold Remote Service and Meter Relocation – 3342 Randy Lane A.P.N. 592-030-61

**Director Calderon-Scott made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Operations Committee recommend the Governing Board approve the remote service request and water service relocation with the property owner paying for all costs of installing the private lateral from the newly proposed meter location, through the neighboring parcel to the west (APN 592-030-56) and onto their property; and the property owner and Authority sharing equally in the Authority's costs associated with the relocation of the water service, subject to a Release Agreement between the parties. The motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Consideration to Award a Contract for the Purchase of a Boom Flail Mower Attachment

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

- C. Consideration to Award Contracts for Vehicle Replacement Program

**Director Castaneda made a motion, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, that the Operations Committee decline to make a recommendation and defers to the Governing Board for action, pending additional information providing justification for the purchase. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **5. Directors' Comments**

Director Calderon-Scott welcomed Director Rios to the Operations Committee.

Director Castaneda welcomed Director Rios; extended his recognition and thanks to the General Manager and staff for coordinating a clean up at one of the Authority's well sites; and mentioned a letter received from a developer that was complimentary of staff in resolving a difficult issue.

Director Rios thanked the Committee members for the welcoming words and indicated she is looking forward to learning of Committee assignments; and shared a story about a satisfied Authority customer who was happy with the service and work ethic of Authority staff.

- 6. Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

## **7. Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, Director Rios adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.