

**SWEETWATER AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

February 8, 2021

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Special meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021. Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-29-20 and 33-20, this meeting was held via teleconference. Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

*(*Note: After calling the meeting to order, Chair Martinez established for the record that all Directors were able to hear the proceedings, that all members of the Board were able to hear the Directors participating by teleconference clearly, and that all votes would be taken by a roll call vote pursuant to the provisions of the Brown Act. Chair Martinez further established for the record the process by which public comments would be received by the Board, which process was also described in the Agenda for the meeting.)*

- **Roll Call**

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Steve Castaneda, Hector Martinez, Paulina Martinez-Perez, Jose Preciado, Mona Rios, and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis.

Directors Absent: None

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Tish Berge, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine, Special Labor Counsel Kevin Chicas, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa/ Alison Alpert, and Acting Board Secretary Michael Garcia. Staff Members: Director of Finance Rich Stevenson.

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

- **Opportunity for Public Comment** (Government Code Section 54954.3)

There were none.

- **Directors’ Comments**

There were none.

CLOSED SESSION

At 4:10 p.m. the Board convened in closed session for:

A. Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiator: Kevin Chicas, Special Labor Counsel

Employee Organizations: Sweetwater Authority Employees’ Committee

Sweetwater Authority Middle Management Group
Sweetwater Authority Confidential Group

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2): One case

There were no minutes taken, and the session was not audio-recorded. The Board reconvened in open session at 6:31 p.m., with Directors Castaneda, Martinez, Martinez-Perez, Preciado, and Rios in attendance. Legal Counsel de Sousa reported that the Board came out of Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. There was no reportable action taken by the Governing Board.

- Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVED by Governing Board – February 24, 2021

Hector Martinez, Chair

Attest:

Ligia Perez, Board Secretary