

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

March 4, 2021

The Operations Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Special meeting on Thursday, March 4, 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 4:01 p.m.

## 1. Roll Call

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, \*Paulina Martinez-Perez (4:06 p.m.), and Mona Rios

Directors Absent: None

Management, Staff, and Others Present: Acting General Manager Jennifer Sabine. Staff Members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Engineering Manager Erick Del Bosque, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Distribution Manager Nate Golder, and Director of Engineering Ron Mosher. Others Present: Kevin Alexander, Nicole Blute, Nathan Boyle, Silvana Ghiu, and Tim Suydam with Hazen and Sawyer; Shanka Gedara, Michelle Hoalton, Andy Komor, Duncan Lee, and Jacob Peterson with PACE Water; and Zee Al, Lansana Coulibaly, Sarp Ersoylu, Prateek Harne, Steve Kain, Bill Malyk, Debra McGrew, and Marcus Millett with Wood.

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda

There were none.

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

There were none.

## 4. Action Agenda

Consideration to Select Consultant for National City Wells Iron and Manganese Removal System

*(Director Martinez-Perez entered the meeting at 4:06 p.m.)*

**Director Rios made a motion, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, that the Operations Committee recommend that the Governing Board select Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc (PACE) as the highest qualified firm; and direct staff to negotiate a contract and fee with PACE, set the scope of work and a not-to-exceed limit for the total fee for the established scope of work. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Director Martinez-Perez made a motion, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, that the Operations Committee recommend that the Governing Board select Hazen and Sawyer as the second-highest qualified firm; further, if staff is unable to negotiate a fair and reasonable price proposal with PACE, direct staff to negotiate a contract and fee with Hazen and Sawyer. The motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Directors' Comments**

Director Martinez-Perez commended staff and the Committee on the consultant selection process.

Director Rios commented on the value of staff's input on the consultant selection process; and enjoys working on this Committee.

**6. Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, Director Rios adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.