

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

**March 13, 2019**

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at the Sweetwater Authority Administrative Office, 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, California. Vice Chair Preciado called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Jerry Cano, \*Steve Castaneda (6:06 p.m.), José F. Cerda, Hector Martinez, Jose Preciado, and \*Alejandra Sotelo-Solis (6:06 p.m.)

Directors Absent: None

Management, Staff and Others Present: General Manager Tish Berge, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa Mills, and Board Secretary Ligia Perez. Others present: Melody McDonald, Andy Sells, and Kathy Tiegs of ACWA-JPIA, Issac Lee, Elizabeth Sabre, and Mike Sampsel

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

Mike Sampsel spoke to the value of a citizen's advisory committee.

Issac Lee of Soapy Joe's, Inc. requested that the Board reconsider their recent decision denying a one-time bill adjustment for their account.

Elizabeth Sadre spoke to a leaky irrigation valve at her private residence that caused a high water bill and appealed to the Board for a bill adjustment. (*Note: Directors Castaneda and Sotelo-Solis entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.*)

- **Chair's Presentation**

- A. Recognition of 2019 High School Photo Contest Winners
- B. Acceptance of Refund from ACWA-JPIA for Liability, Property and Workers' Compensation Programs
- C. Municipal Information Systems Association of California Award for Excellence in Information Technology Practices

**ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA**

1. Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered on the Agenda  
There were none.

2. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of February 27, 2019

**Director Sotelo-Solis made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the February 27, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

### Consent Calendar Items

**Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board approve the consent calendar. Director Castaneda recused himself from consideration of warrant numbers 150660 and 150698 due to his contract with Sempra Energy, parent company of SDG&E, which Director Castaneda disclosed on the record. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Approval of Demands and Warrants – Check numbers 150626 through 150711 and electronic fund transfers 26591 through 26651

### Action and Discussion Items

4. New Business

A. Discussion on 2019 Board Calendar

Chair Castaneda directed staff to create a revised Board Calendar increasing the number of committee meetings per month, for consideration at the next Board meeting.

B. Request to Concur in Nomination to the California Water Insurance Fund Board of Directors (an ACWA/JPIA Captive Insurance Company)

- Paul E. Dorey, Vista Irrigation District

**Upon a motion made by Director Preciado, seconded by Director Cano, the following resolution:**

#### **RESOLUTION 19-07**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY  
CONCURRING IN THE NOMINATION OF PAUL E. DOREY TO THE CALIFORNIA WATER  
INSURANCE FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA  
WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ("ACWA/JPIA")**

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

Ayes:	Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, Castaneda, Cerda, Martinez, Preciado, and Sotelo-Solis
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

5. Approval of Directors' Attendance at Meetings and Future Agenda Items

A. Council of Water Utilities Meeting, San Diego County - Hotel Karlan San Diego – Tuesday, March 19, 2019

## REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 6. Report of Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel De Sousa Mills provided legislative updates.

### 7. Management Report

#### A. Report of Assistant General Manager

Assistant General Manager Sabine reported on the Loveland-Sweetwater Reservoir water transfer; rainfall; and an upcoming trip to Washington, DC, to meet with the Authority's federal lobbyist.

*(Note: Director Sotelo-Solis left the meeting at 7:12 p.m. and reentered the meeting at 7:14 p.m.)*

#### B. Report of General Manager

General Manager Berge reported on media coverage of the Loveland-Sweetwater Reservoir water transfer; OnTap customer newsletter; AMI vendor meeting; and staff presentation at an AWWA conference regarding staff development.

### 8. Reports by Directors on Events Attended

There were none.

### 9. Directors' Comments

Director Cano shared his unique, dual-use water bottles, in the shape of dumbbells.

Director Preciado reported on his upcoming special Board meeting of the San Diego County Water Authority and the special subcommittee meeting of the Engineering and Construction committee that will review construction cost projections.

Director Martinez commended the report on the Loveland-Sweetwater Reservoir water transfer; inquired about expenses to ACWA-JPIA and historical spending; and is looking forward to the upcoming Strategic Plan Workshop and Ad-hoc Committee meetings.

Director Castaneda spoke to an upcoming meeting of Chairs, Board Presidents, and General Managers of neighboring water districts to discuss working together for the benefit of ratepayers.

Director Sotelo-Solis invited the Board to the City of National City's State of the City Address on Thursday, March 28, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center in National City.

## CLOSED SESSION

At 7:32 p.m., the Board convened to meet in closed session with legal counsel for:

- A., Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2): One Case
- B., Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4): Two Cases

There was no need for a closed session on item:

- C., Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1); United States, et al. ex rel John Hendrix v. J-M Manufacturing Company Inc., and Formosa Plastics Corporation, U.S.A., case No. ED CV06-00055-GW.

There were no minutes taken, and the session was not audio-recorded. At 8:07 p.m., Chair Castaneda declared the meeting to be in open session. No reportable action was taken by the Governing Board.

10. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Chair Castaneda adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.



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Steve Castaneda, Chair

Attest:



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Ligia Perez, Board Secretary