

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**March 17, 2021**

The Finance and Personnel Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and 33-20, this meeting was held via teleconference. Director Preciado called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Directors Present: \*Steve Castaneda (4:43 p.m.), Jose Preciado, and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis.

Directors Absent: None.

Management, Staff, and Others Present: Interim General Manager Jennifer Sabine. Staff Members: Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Director of Engineering Ron Mosher, and Director of Finance Rich Stevenson. Others Present: Legal Counsel Lutfi Kharuf of Best Best & Krieger.

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda**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

A. Consideration of Selection Process for Federal Lobbyist

**Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Sotelo-Solis, that the Finance and Personnel Committee recommend that the Governing Board extend the contract with Thomas Walter and Associates for six months through November 30, 2021; and reevaluate the scope of work and decision to issue a Request for Proposals at that time. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Castaneda absent.**

*(Director Castaneda entered the meeting at 4:43 p.m.)*

B. Review of the Draft FY 2021-22 Five-year Financial Plan Assumptions (Information Item)

No action was required by the Committee.

C. Consideration of Allocation of Authority's Portion of the \$44.4 Million in MWD Overcharges Being Returned to San Diego County Water Agencies

**Director Castaneda made a motion, seconded by Director Sotelo-Solis, that the Finance and Personnel Committee recommend that the Governing Board direct staff to allocate the \$874,367.74 received from SDCWA for the Authority's portion of the \$44.4 million in overcharged MWD rates to the Authority's Rate Stabilization Reserve. **The motion carried unanimously.****

**5. Directors' Comments**

There were none.

**6. Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, Director Preciado adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.