

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

March 17, 2021

The Operations 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 Rios called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Paulina Martinez-Perez, and Mona Rios

Directors Absent: None

Management, Staff, and Others Present: Interim General Manager Jennifer Sabine and Legal Counsel Nicholaus Norvell. Staff Members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Distribution Manager Nate Golder, Program Manager Dan Hayes, Director of Engineering Ron Mosher, Director of Distribution Greg Snyder, and Director of Finance Rich Stevenson.

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda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 Plan for Local Business Procurement Efforts

Director Martinez-Perez made a motion, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, that the Operations Committee recommend that the Governing Board provide input for the Plan for Local Business Procurement Efforts and the Proposed Revisions to the Preferential Purchasing for Local Businesses Section of the Procurement Policy; and direct staff to bring back the changes for Board adoption in conjunction with the annual review of Policy 517 – Financial Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration to Award a Contract for Heavy Equipment Replacement

Director Rios made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez-Perez, that the Operations Committee recommend that the Governing Board award a contract in the amount of \$141,256.32 to RDO Equipment Company, Lakeside CA., for the purchase of one (1) John Deere 410L Backhoe Loader with attachments. The motion carried with Directors Martinez-Perez and Rios in favor, and Director Calderon-Scott opposing.

C. Request for Input on Water Treatment Chemicals Procurement Process

Director Calderon-Scott made a motion, seconded by Director Rios, that the Operations Committee recommend that the Governing Board direct staff to issue the RFQ utilizing the vendor outreach plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Directors' Comments

Director Calderon-Scott wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Director Martinez-Perez commented on being at ease with the revised Board Policy 517 and looks forward to the product of the revised policy.

Director Rios commented on her appreciation for staff's good work on presentations and the time put in to the agenda items.

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

7. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, Director Rios adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.