

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

March 22, 2019

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Special meeting on Friday, March 22, 2019, at the Sweetwater Authority Administrative Office, 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, California. Chair Castaneda called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Jerry Cano, Steve Castaneda,
*José F. Cerda (4:04 p.m.), Hector Martinez,
*Jose Preciado (4:07 p.m.), and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

Directors Absent: None

Management, General Manager Tish Berge, Assistant General Manager Jennifer
Staff and Others Sabine, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa Mills, and Acting Board
Present: Secretary Michael Garcia. Others Present: Mike Sampsel.

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

Mike Sampsel commented on the Authority's recent purchase of a backhoe. (Note: Director Cerda entered the meeting at 4:04 p.m.) (Note: Director Preciado entered the meeting at 4:07 p.m.)

ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA

- **Second Workshop on Work Plan Development**

General Manager Berge provided an overview of the Annual Work Plan process. The Board participated in a prioritization exercise and had general discussion on Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI); exploring alternative energy initiatives; expanding community partnerships; expanding the Authority's water portfolio; and maximizing reservoir assets. The Board asked that the following items be added for future consideration: Citizens Advisory Committee as part of Community Partnerships; information on rates and funding of projects; and staffing considerations. Ms. Berge informed the Board that the direction provided would be incorporated into the Strategic Plan Work Plan and presented to the Board at a future meeting for consideration.

(Note: Director Cerda left the meeting at 5:49 p.m. and reentered the meeting at 5:52 p.m.)

No action was required from the Governing Board.

- **Directors' Comments**

There were none. (Note: Director Castaneda left the meeting at 6:07 p.m.)

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:07 p.m., the Board convened to meet in closed session with legal counsel for:

- Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2): Two Cases

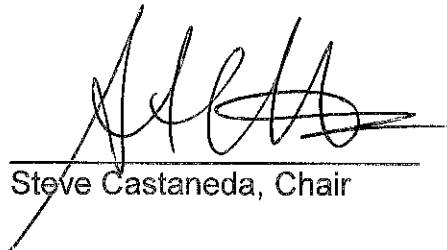
(Note: Director Castaneda reentered the meeting at 6:09 p.m.)

There were no minutes taken, and the session was not tape-recorded. The Board returned to open session at 6:36 p.m. On one item there was no reportable action.

On the other, **Chair Castaneda made a motion, seconded by Director Sotelo-Solis, that the Board direct Legal Counsel de Sousa Mills to issue a letter to Director Martinez, on which the Board of Directors and General Manager will be copied, with a summary of Legal Counsel's analysis of the impact of the 2014 Settlement Agreement on Director Martinez's position on the Sweetwater Board. Legal Counsel concludes that there is no impact. The motion carried unanimously.**

- **Adjournment**

With no further business before the Board, Chair Castaneda adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.



Steve Castaneda, Chair

Attest:



Michael Garcia, Acting Board Secretary