

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

**March 27, 2019**

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at the Sweetwater Authority Administrative Office, 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, California. Chair Castaneda called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Jerry Cano, Steve Castaneda, José F. Cerda, Hector Martinez, \*Jose Preciado (6:31 p.m.)

Directors Absent: Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

Management, General Manager Tish Berge, Assistant General Manager  
Staff, and Others Jennifer Sabine, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa Mills, and  
Present: Board Secretary Ligia Perez. Staff Member: Director of  
Engineering Ron Mosher. Others present: Mike Sampsel and  
Baron Willis.

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

Mike Sampsel requested a correction to his comment in the March 20, 2019 Operations Committee meeting minutes.

The Board provided an opportunity for a member of the public who arrived after the Public Comment period to comment later in the meeting. See Opportunity for Public Comment following agenda item 4.

- **Chair's Presentation**

Comments from the Public Regarding Agency Staff and Agency Recognition in the Press

**ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA**

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered on the Agenda  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

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of March 13, 2019

**Director Cano made a motion, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously, with Directors Preciado and Sotelo-Solis absent.**

### Consent Calendar Items

**Director Cano made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez that the Governing Board approve consent items 3 and 5. Director Martinez pulled item 4, and Director Calderon-Scott pulled items 6 and 7 for discussion. Director Castaneda recused himself from consideration of warrant numbers 150740 and 150779 due to his contract with Sempra Energy, parent company of SDG&E, which Director Castaneda disclosed on the record. The motion carried unanimously, with Directors Preciado and Sotelo-Solis absent.**

3. Approval of Demands and Warrants – Check numbers 150712 through 150807 and electronic fund transfers 26652 through 26891
5. Request for Remote Service – Vistas Chulitas Subdivision, Chula Vista A.P.N. 568-351-04 and 568-351-05 (Operations Committee Meeting of 3/20/19, Item 4. C.)  
Recommendation: Approve the remote service request following the parcel map recordation, with the owner paying all costs associated with the installation of new water services.

### Items Pulled from Consent Calendar for Discussion

4. Consideration to Award a Contract – Vehicle Replacement Program – Light Duty Trucks, Sport Utility Vehicle, and Ten-yard Dump Truck (Operations Committee Meeting of 3/20/19, Item 4. A. and 4. B.)  
Recommendation: Declare the bid for Item # 3 from Raceway Ford non-responsive; award contracts as follows: \$108,438.67 to Penske Ford, La Mesa, CA., for bid items #1 (\$33,973.10) and # 3 (\$74,465.57); and \$178,854.34 to Dion International Trucks, San Diego, CA., for the HX620 Ten-yard Dump Truck.

Mike Sampsel spoke to the Authority's Vehicle Replacement Program, submitted a document for the record regarding vehicle replacement factors, and asked that this item be deferred to a future meeting. (*Note: Director Preciado entered the meeting at 6:31 p.m.*)

**Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board refer this item back to the Operations Committee. The motion carried, with Director Preciado abstaining, and Director Sotelo-Solis absent.**

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

Baron "Barry" Willis, a candidate to the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission Regular Seat, introduced himself to the Board and submitted his resume for the record.

6. Consideration to Modify Approval Requirements in Purchasing Policy (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of 3/20/19, Item 4. A.)  
Recommendation: Revise the Procurement Policy to increase the approval requirement for purchases to \$75,000 for the General Manager.

**Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board revise the Procurement Policy to increase the approval requirement for purchases to \$75,000 for the General Manager. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Sotelo-**

**Solis absent.**

7. Review of Board Policies and Procedures – Policies 512 through 516, 518, 519, and 521 (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of 3/20/19, Item 4. B.)

Recommendation: Approve the recommended changes.

**Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Chair Castaneda, that the Governing Board approve the recommended changes to Policies 512 through 516, 518, 519, and 521 as presented. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Sotelo-Solis absent.**

**Action and Discussion Items**

8. Old Business

- A. Review of Board Policies and Procedures – Policies 504 and 506

**Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Chair Castaneda, that the Governing Board approve the recommended changes to Policy 504. The motion carried, with Director Calderon-Scott opposing, and Director Sotelo-Solis absent.**

**Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Chair Castaneda, that the Governing Board approve the recommended changes to Policy 506. The motion carried, with Director Calderon-Scott opposing, and Director Sotelo-Solis absent.**

- B. Consideration to Approve Revisions to 2019 Board Calendar Policy 507

**Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Preciado, that the Governing Board approve the revised 2019 Board Calendar and recommended changes to Policy 507. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Sotelo-Solis absent.**

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

Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend a tour of Sweetwater Authority with Councilmember Galvez – April 4, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Directors who want to participate should contact the Board Secretary.

**Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez, that the Governing Board approve per diem for Directors who wish to attend a tour of Sweetwater Authority with Councilmember Galvez – April 4, 2019. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Sotelo-Solis absent.**

**REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

10. Discussion on Loveland Reservoir Emergency Storage (Information Item) (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of 3/20/19, Item 4. D.)

11. Committee Minutes

12. February 2019 Financial Reports

General Manager Berge reported being above budget on revenues and under budget on expenses. The recent rainfall led to a decrease in water purchase but expects revenues

to climb over the rest of the year.

13. Management Report

A. Report of Assistant General Manager

There was none.

B. Report of General Manager

General Manager Berge spoke of Assembly Bill 1588 (Gloria/Gray) being placed on a future agenda for consideration of support; and the Authority's attendance at the upcoming Olivewood Garden's Cooking for Salud graduation luncheon.

14. Report of the South Bay Irrigation District Representative and the City of National City Representative to the San Diego County Water Authority

Director Preciado reported on a presentation regarding escalating costs of construction; a presentation on the Metropolitan Water District's Local Water Resources Program; a desire for a presentation by SDCWA at a future Board meeting on the complexities of access to the Colorado River water; state legislation related to water; and provided copies of the presentations to the Board Secretary to forward to all Directors.

15. Reports by Directors on Events Attended

A. Local Government Commission Yosemite Leadership and Policy Conference – March 14-17, 2019

*(Note: Director Preciado left the meeting at 8:01 p.m. and reentered the meeting at 8:04 p.m.)*

The following Directors provided a report: Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, Castaneda, and Martinez.

B. Council of Water Utilities Meeting – March 19, 2019

The following Directors provided a report: Directors Castaneda, Cerda, and Martinez.

16. Director's Comments

Director Martinez shared his great experience and graduation from the San Diego County Water Authority's Citizens Water Academy.

Director Cerda commented that he tweeted about the graduates from the San Diego County Water Authority's Citizens Water Academy which were Director Martinez, Robert Moreno who works with Gil Galvez, Delfina Gonzalez, and his friend Nora Vargas.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:29 p.m., the Board convened to meet in closed session with legal counsel for:

A. Conference with Real Property Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

Property:

Assessor Parcel Numbers:

505-231-28, 580-010-48, 505-672-11,

505-672-12, 580-010-50, 580-220-03  
580-220-05, 580-010-49, 580-220-01,  
580-220-02, 580-220-04, 580-220-06

Agency Negotiators: Tish Berge, General Manager  
Jennifer Sabine, Assistant General Manager  
Paula de Sousa Mills, Legal Counsel

Negotiating Party: H & S Sweetwater, LLC.

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

There was no need for a closed session on item:

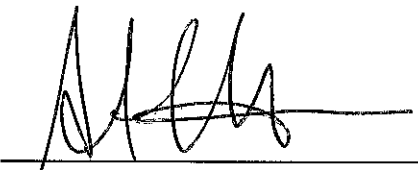
B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1):

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

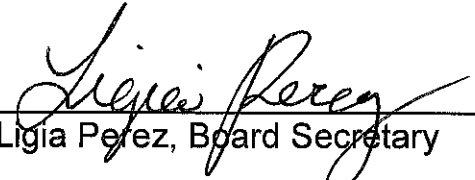
There were no minutes taken, and the session was not audio-recorded. At 8:50 p.m., Chair Castaneda declared the meeting to be in open session. No reportable action was taken by the Governing Board.

17. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Chair Castaneda adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

  
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Steve Castaneda, Chair

Attest:

  
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Ligia Perez, Board Secretary