

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

April 13, 2022

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Pursuant to provisions provided for by Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was held via teleconference. Chair Sotelo-Solis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

*(*Note: After calling the meeting to order, Chair Sotelo-Solis established for the record that all Directors were able to hear the proceedings, that all members of the Board were able to hear the Directors participating by teleconference clearly, and that all votes would be taken by a roll call vote pursuant to the provisions of the Brown Act. Chair Sotelo-Solis further established for the record the process by which public comments would be received by the Board, which process was also described in the Agenda for the meeting.)*

- **Roll Call**

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Steve Castaneda, Hector Martinez, Paulina Martinez-Perez, Jose Preciado, Mona Rios, and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis.

Directors Absent: None.

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa, and Board Secretary Ligia Perez. Staff members: Engineering Manager Christopher Bauer, Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Interim Director of Engineering Erick Del Bosque, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Director of Finance Rich Stevenson, and Director of Administrative Services Dina Yorba. Others present: Doug Gillingham of Gillingham Water.

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

Russell Walsh submitted written comments regarding his advocacy for fishing, pool levels, and threats at the Loveland Reservoir, which were read onto the record by the Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

- **Chair's Presentation**

ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA

1. Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered on the Agenda

There was none.

2. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting of March 23, 2022

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez-Perez, that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 23, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Calendar Items

Director Rios made a motion, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, that the Governing Board approve the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Findings to Continue Holding Remote/Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361
Recommendation: Make the following findings: 1) The Governor-declared COVID-19 State of Emergency remains in effect and the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency; 2) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and 3) For the next thirty (30) days, the meetings of the Board, its committees, and any other Authority legislative bodies including the Citizens Advisory Committee, shall be held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 54953(e), allowing legislative body members and members of the public to participate in meetings remotely in accordance with that section.
4. Consideration to Authorize Task Order to V&A Consulting Engineers to Conduct Tank Condition Assessments (Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee Meeting of 4/4/22)
Recommendation: Authorize a task order to V&A Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$91,910 for performing fourteen tank condition assessments; and defer the implementation of the Cherry Hills Tank Relining and Bonita Valley Reservoir Drain Valve Replacement project after the tank inspection is completed.
5. Water Shortage Contingency Plan Update (Information Item) (Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of 4/6/22)
Recommendation: No action was required by the Governing Board.
6. Consideration of Request for Quotes for Water Treatment Chemicals) (Water Quality and Distribution Committee Meeting of 4/6/22)
Recommendation: Direct staff to issue the Request for Quotes, as presented, for Water Treatment Chemicals.

Action and Discussion Items

7. New Business

- A. Information on the San Diego County Water Authority Rate Escalation and Loveland to Sweetwater Conveyance (Information Item)

Recommendation: No action was required by the Governing Board.

Mike Sampsel submitted written comments regarding the data used in the Gillingham Update to the 2020 Water Supply Feasibility Study, which were read onto the record by the Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

Dave Schlesinger submitted written comments regarding the data used and the benefits of a Loveland to Sweetwater reservoirs pipeline in the Gillingham Study, which were read onto the record by the Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

No action was required by the Governing Board.

- B. Consideration of Appointment of Nominee to the Citizens Advisory Committee

Chair Sotelo-Solis made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Martinez-Perez, that the Governing Board approve Director Sotelo-Solis' nomination and appointed Ditas Yamane as the Citizens Advisory Committee Member from National City. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Developer's Workshop (No Enclosure)

Recommendation: Direct staff to hold a workshop at the May 2, 2022 Engineering, Capital and Development Services Committee to receive feedback on the Authority's Development Services processes.

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez, that the Governing Board direct staff to hold a workshop at the May 2, 2022 Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee to receive feedback on the Authority's Development Services processes. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Per diem approval for the Chair and Vice Chair's meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee Chair to discuss changes to Board Policy 522 – March 24, 2022
- B. Per diem approval for Directors who attended the SCEDC Membership Luncheon, Chula Vista, CA – April 6, 2022
- C. Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend the Reception Honoring ACWA President Pam Tobin and ACWA Vice President Cathy Green, Laguna Hills, CA – April 21, 2022 (Note: RSVP deadline is 4/11/22)

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Governing Board approve per diem for items 8.A. through 8.C. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. COVID-19 Pandemic Delayed Revenue Balance Dashboard

10. Committee Minutes

11. Informational Reports

- Quarterly Report of One-time Water Bill Adjustments – Third Quarter FY 2021-22
- Quarterly Consultant Report – Third Quarter FY 2021-22
- Quarterly Vendor Agreement Listing – Third Quarter FY 2021-22
- Quarterly Report on Communications Plan Metrics – Third Quarter FY 2021-22

12. Report of Legal Counsel

There was none.

13. Report of Management

General Manager Quintero reported on:

- The Metropolitan Water District will increase its water rates by 5 percent; and
- Recognized several staff for their years of service, with over 110 years of commitment to the Authority.

14. Reports by Directors on Events Attended

A. South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) Elected Officials Webinar – March 31, 2022

Directors Martinez and Castaneda provided a report.

B. SCEDC Membership Luncheon – April 6, 2022 *(Note: pending per diem approval)*

Director Martinez provided a report.

C. Other Events Attended

There were none.

15. Directors' Comments

Director Martinez commented on the progress of the Citizens Advisory Committee; and the timely presentation by Doug Gillingham.

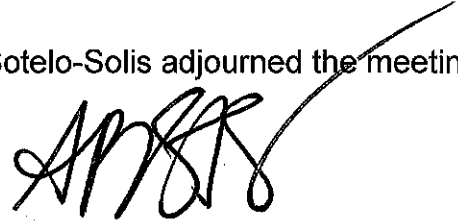
Director Calderon-Scott commended Chair Sotelo-Sotelo on the appointment of Ditas Yamane to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Chair Sotelo-Solis thanked the Board members for their support of her appointment of Ditas Yamane to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

CLOSED SESSION – There was none.

16. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Chair Sotelo-Solis adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.



Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Chair

Attest:



Ligia Perez, Board Secretary