

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

April 27, 2022

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Pursuant to provisions provided for by Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was held via teleconference. Vice Chair Martinez-Perez called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

*(*Note: After calling the meeting to order, Vice Chair Martinez-Perez 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. Vice Chair Martinez-Perez 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, and Mona Rios.

Directors Absent: Alejandra Sotelo-Solis.

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa, and Board Secretary Ligia Hoffman. Staff members: Engineering Manager Christopher Bauer, Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Interim Director of Engineering Erick Del Bosque, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, and Director of Finance Rich Stevenson. Others Present: Jennifer Pillsbury of The Water Conservation Garden, and Amber Recklau.

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

Amber Recklau inquired about the knowledge of staff and Board members regarding the water history at Loveland Reservoir; and commented on the operating hours of the fishing program at Loveland Reservoir.

Louis Lopez submitted written comments regarding the operating hours of the fishing program at Loveland Reservoir, which were read onto the record by the Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

Michael Beetson submitted written comments regarding the operating hours of the fishing program, which were read onto the record by the Acting Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

Russell Walsh submitted written comments regarding the Board's role in the water levels at Loveland Reservoir, its Fishing Program's boundaries, and operating hours, which were read onto the record by the Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

Carolyn McGavock submitted written comments regarding public recreation at Loveland Reservoir, which were read onto the record by the Acting Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

- **Chair's Presentation**

"The Water Conservation Garden," presented by Jennifer Pillsbury, Executive Director and CEO, The Water Conservation Garden

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 April 13, 2022

Director Castaneda made a motion, seconded by Director Rios, that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 13, 2022. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Sotelo-Solis absent.

Consent Calendar Items

Director Castaneda recused himself from consideration of Agenda Item 4 (approval of San Diego Gas & Electric Demands and Warrants – check number 157613, 157640, and 157652) due to his contract with Sempra Energy, parent company of SDG&E, which Director Castaneda disclosed on the record.

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

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. Approval of San Diego Gas & Electric Demands and Warrants – March 2022

5. Approval of Demands and Warrants (excludes the San Diego Gas & Electric Demands and Warrants) – March 2022
6. Review of Board Policies and Procedures (Policy 507) (Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of 4/20/22)
Recommendation: Approve the changes as presented.

Action and Discussion Items

7. Consideration to Award Construction Contract for the FY 2021-22 Pipeline Replacement and Master Plan Programs (Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee Meeting of 4/18/22)
Recommendation: Award a contract in the amount of \$2,471,154 to SRK Engineering of Escondido, CA; and allocate \$170,712 from the Capital Contingency Reserve.

Director Rios made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Governing Board award a contract in the amount of \$2,471,154 to SRK Engineering of Escondido, CA, to construct the FY 2021-22 Pipeline Replacement and Master Plan Programs; and allocate \$170,712 from the Capital Contingency Reserve. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Sotelo-Solis absent.

8. Consideration of Draft FY 2022-23 Five-year Financial Plan for Review and Comments (Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of 4/20/22)
Recommendation: Provide comments to staff to incorporate in the Draft FY 2022-23 Five-year Financial Plan for completion of the Draft FY 2022-23 Budget for presentation at the May 23, 2022 Special Board meeting.

The Governing Board provided comments to staff.

No action was taken by the Governing Board.

9. New Business

Consideration to Adopt Resolution 22-03, Amending and Adopting Local Guidelines for Implementing the 2022 California Environmental Quality Act

Upon a motion by Preciado, seconded by Castaneda, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 22-03

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY AMENDING AND ADOPTING LOCAL GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE 2022 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: Directors Calderon-Scott, Castaneda, Martinez, Martinez-Perez, Preciado, and Rios

Noes: None

Absent: Director Sotelo-Solis

Abstain: None

10. Approval of Directors' Attendance at Meetings and Future Agenda Items
 - A. Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend the 2022 High School Photo Contest Winners Artists Reception at the Bonita Museum & Cultural Center – May 12, 2022
 - B. Council of Water Utilities Virtual or In-person Meeting, – Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – Program Title: "Importance of a Data-driven Future for Water Management," presented by Dorene D'Adamo, Vice Chair, State Water Resources Control Board *(Note: RSVP deadline is April 28, 2022)*

Director Castaneda made a motion, seconded by Director Rios, that the Governing Board approve per diem for item 10.A. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Sotelo-Solis absent.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. COVID-19 Pandemic Delayed Revenue Balance Dashboard
12. Committee Minutes
13. Committee Look Ahead
 - Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee Six-Month Look Ahead FY 2021-22 Q4 & FY 2022-23 Q1 (Information Item) (Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee Meeting of 4/18/22)
Recommendation: No action was required by the Governing Board.
 - Finance and Administration Committee Six-Month Look Ahead FY 2021-22 Q4 & FY 2022-23 Q1 (Information Item) (Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of 4/20/22)
Recommendation: No action was required by the Governing Board.
14. Informational Reports
 - Financial Reports – March 2022
 - Quarterly Capital Projects Report – Third Quarter FY 2021-22
 - Quarterly Performance Measurement Report – Third Quarter FY 2021-22
 - Quarterly Report of Directors' Expenses – Third Quarter FY 2021-22
15. Report of Management

General Manager Quintero commended staff for their efforts on managing two water distribution and quality emergencies, and that reports will be presented upcoming Committee meetings.
16. Report of Representatives to the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)

Director Preciado reported on the rate-setting actions taken by the Metropolitan Water District and its impact to regional water agencies' budgets; the SDCWAs diverse water supply

is protected; the Water Resources and Planning Committee is reviewing the provided legal services for long-term financial savings by renegotiation of existing contracts; and that the SDCWA will convene member agency public relations teams to collaborate on drought and conservation-related campaigns.

Director Rios thanked Director Preciado for his thorough report and had no further comments.

17. Reports by Directors on Events Attended

A. Reception Honoring ACWA President Pam Tobin and ACWA Vice President Cathy Green, Laguna Hills, CA – April 21, 2022

Director Castaneda provided a report.

B. Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Luncheon, Temecula, CA – April 22, 2022

Director Martinez provided a report.

C. Other Events Attended

18. Directors' Comments

Director Martinez requested a presentation on how the Desalination Facility is being used during the drought and maximizing its use.


Director Preciado commented that a resident reached out to him and shared a positive interaction they had with the Authority.

Vice Chair Martinez-Perez commented on her coordination with the Public Affairs to expand the Authority's social media platforms.

CLOSED SESSION – There was none.

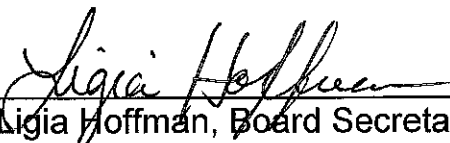
19. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Vice Chair Martinez-Perez adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.



Paulina Martinez-Perez, Vice Chair

Attest:



Ligia Hoffman, Board Secretary