

# WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

May 3, 2023

The Water Quality Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Pursuant to the Brown Act Government Code Section 54953, this meeting was held in person and via teleconference. Director Castaneda called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

## 1. Roll Call

Directors Present: Steve Castaneda, Paulina Martinez-Perez, and Ron Morrison (participating remotely\*)

\*Director Morrison provided a brief statement regarding his participation in the meeting remotely via videoconference in compliance with the provisions of Government Code section 54953, stating that his remote participation was for "just cause" due to travel while on official business for the City of National City, and that no one 18 or years of age or older was present with him at the remote location. Director Morrison participated through both audio and visual technology.

Directors Absent: None.

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero and Assistant Board Secretary Michael Garcia. Staff members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil and Director of Engineering and Operations Erick Del Bosque. Others present: Karen Henry.

## 2. Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda

There were none.

## 3. Public Comment (Government Code Section 54954.3)

There was none.

## 4. Action Agenda

A. Consideration to Award Annual Contracts for Water Treatment

**Director Martinez-Perez made a motion, seconded by Director Morrison, that the Water Quality Committee recommend that the Governing Board award contracts to the lowest responsive bidders for water treatment chemicals as follows: \$37,800 to Argo Chemical, Inc., Bakersfield, CA for Aqueous Ammonia 19%; \$354,200 to Brenntag Pacific, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, CA (\$18,600 for Ammonium Sulfate, \$40,700 for Liquid Ammonium Sulfate 40%, \$224,900 for Sodium Hydroxide 50%, and \$70,000 for Fluorosilicic Acid 23-25%); \$114,700 to California Water Technologies, LLC., Santa Fe Springs, CA for Ferric Chloride 43%; \$10,500 to Carbon Activated Carbon Corporation, Compton, CA for Activated Carbon Powder; \$19,700 to Chemrite, Inc., Buford, GA (\$14,800 for Sodium Fluoride 90-98% and \$4,900 for Copper Sulfate); \$3,100 to HASA,**

Inc., Spring Valley, CA for Sodium Hypochlorite 12.5%; \$238,700 to International Dioxide, Inc., North Kingstown, RI for Sodium Chlorite 31%; \$459,300 to JCI Jones Inc., Torrance, CA (\$200,800 for Sodium Hypochlorite 12.5% and \$258,500 for Ton Chlorine Cylinders); \$116,000 to Kemira Water Solutions Inc., Lawrence, KS for Ferrous Chloride 33%; \$437,500 to Polydyne, Inc., Riceboro, GA for Cationic Polymer; \$15,800 to Univar Solutions USA, Inc., Kent, WA (\$5,600 for Aluminum Sulfate 45-55% and \$10,200 for Citric Acid); direct staff to execute contracts, and authorize the General Manager to approve cost increases for any awarded water treatment chemical that may occur in the future that is within the General Manger's approval limit. **The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Status Update on National City Wells Iron and Manganese Removal System (Information Item)

Karen Henry gave kudos to Director Castaneda and staff regarding the need of the iron and manganese project, and asked questions regarding the project costs and schedule.

No action was required by the Committee.

C. Water Quality Committee Six-Month Look Ahead FY 2022-23 Q4 and FY 2023-24 Q1 (Information Item)

Karen Henry commented on her interest on the Perdue Master Plan and its Clearwell.

No action was required by the Committee.

**5. Directors' Comments**

There were none.

**6. Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, Director Castaneda adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.