

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

May 8, 2019

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at the Sweetwater Authority Administrative Office, 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, California. Vice Chair Preciado called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Directors Present: José F. Cerda, Hector Martinez, Jose Preciado, and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

Directors Absent: Josie Calderon-Scott, Jerry Cano, and Steve Castaneda

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

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

Mike Sampsel spoke on the Citizen Advisory Committee; committee agendas for the public; the Five-year Financial Plan; his attendance at meetings; and Otay Water District.

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 12.

- **Chair's Presentation**

Government Finance Officers Association's Award of Financial Reporting Achievement

ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered on the Agenda

Per General Manager Berge's request, the Governing Board concurred to move agenda item 8 before item number 2.

8. Overview of Financial Policies – Part 2 of 3, Budget Policy (Information Item) (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of 4/17/19, Item 4. B.)

Director of Finance Stevenson provided an overview of this item.

2. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of April 24, 2019

Director Cerda made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez, that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the April 24, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously, with Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, and Castaneda absent.

Consent Calendar Items

Director Cerda made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Preciado, that the Governing Board approve consent calendar items 3 and 4. Vice Chair Preciado pulled item 5 to allow for public comment and discussion. The motion carried unanimously, with Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, and Castaneda absent.

3. Approval of Demands and Warrants – Check numbers 150998 through 151075 and electronic fund transfers 27579 through 27651
4. Recommendation to Issue Notice to Proceed for Phase 2 Work in FY 2018-19 for Distribution System Remote Terminal Unit Evolution Project (Operations Committee Meeting of 5/1/19, Item 4. A.)
Recommendation: Issue a Notice to Proceed to Enterprise Automation, Irvine, CA, in the amount not to exceed \$469,930.

Items Pulled from Consent Calendar for Public Comment and Discussion

5. Consideration of One-time Adjustment to Customer Water Bill – Pasha Automotive Service (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of 5/1/19, Item 4. A.)
Recommendation: Approve a one-time adjustment in the amount of \$4,699.09.

Mike Sampsel spoke against the Authority's One-time Adjustments to Customer Water Bills.

Vice Chair Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez, that the Governing Board approve a one-time adjustment in the amount of \$4,699.09 to Pasha Automotive Service. The motion carried unanimously, with Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, and Castaneda absent.

Action and Discussion Items

6. New Business

A. Directors' Attendance at Community Outreach Events for Spring/Summer 2019

Director Sotelo-Solis made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Preciado, that the Governing Board approve expenses only for Board members who wish to attend the community group presentations. The motion carried unanimously, with Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, and Castaneda absent.

B. Consideration of Support for AB 533 (Holden)

Mike Sampsel commented on his experience with artificial turf.

Director Martinez made a motion that the Governing Board support AB 533 (Holden). The motion failed for lack of a second.

7. Approval of Directors' Attendance at Meetings and Future Agenda Items
 - A. Per diem approval for Directors' attendance to the Stakeholder Interviews for the Communications Master Plan

Vice Chair Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Cerda, that the Governing Board approve per diem for Directors' attendance to the Stakeholder Interviews for the Communications Master Plan. The motion carried unanimously, with Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, and Castaneda absent.

- B. California Special Districts Association – San Diego Chapter Quarterly Meeting – Thursday, May 16, 2019, 6:00-9:00 p.m., The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, Kearny Mesa; Program Title: "Renaissance on the Bay," presented by Garry J. Bonelli, Chairman, Port of San Diego. Directors who wish to attend this event will contact the Secretary.
- C. Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend the Water Education Foundation Bay-Delta Tour 2019 (Field Trip – Begins/Ends at Sacramento International Airport) – June 5-7, 2019. Directors who wish to attend this event will contact the Secretary.

Director Sotelo-Solis made a motion, seconded by Director Cerda, that the Governing Board approve per diem for Directors who wish to attend the Water Education Foundation Bay-Delta Tour 2019, Sacramento, CA – June 5-7, 2019. The motion carried unanimously, with Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, and Castaneda absent.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Report of Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa Mills provided a high-level overview of the Levine Act.

10. Management Report

A. Report of Assistant General Manager – There was none.

B. Report of General Manager

General Manager Berge reported on her presentation at the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce; the Authority's new flyer highlighting Water Efficiency Programs; and the upcoming Developer's Forum.

11. Reports by Directors on Events Attended – There were one.

12. Directors' Comments

Director Martinez commented on the water efficiency programs, suggesting that Staff consider adding a footnote on documentation related to the programs, that recipients should "consult your tax advisor."

Director Cerda inquired the status of Customer Bill of Rights for the lobby. General Manager Berge replied that it will be in the Strategic Plan Work Plan for Board consideration.

Director Sotelo-Solis commented that she took part in her Stakeholder Interview and it was great providing feedback and hearing some of the questions the organization is asking stakeholders; that she attended the Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL)

Conference in March and found it interesting; (*Note: Director Martinez left the meeting at 6:54 p.m. and reentered the meeting at 6:56 p.m.*) and announced that the City of National City selected Brad Raulston as the new City Manager.

Director Preciado suggested that the Communications Committee see if there is a way to communicate with business customers the standard responsibilities for checking their facilities for water leaks; and asked that staff review some of the costs and benefits of water efficiency programs, what is the net effective and if it is advantageous as a conservation strategy.

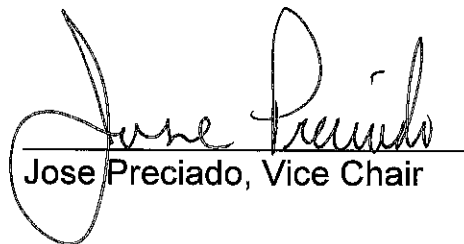
- **Opportunity for Public Comment** (Government Code Section 54954.3)

Barry Willis shared that he was very excited getting elected to the LAFCO Regular Special District Member seat; was sworn in on Monday, May 6; and that he would like to get to know the Sweetwater Authority Board and hear any concerns that the Board may have.

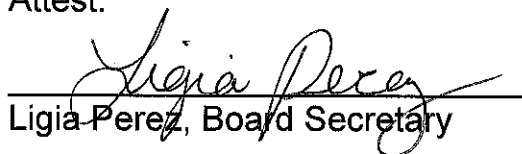
CLOSED SESSION – There was none.

13. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Vice Chair Preciado adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.


Jose Preciado, Vice Chair

Attest:


Ligia Perez, Board Secretary