

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

May 18, 2020

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Special meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 and 33-20, this meeting was held via teleconference. Chair Castaneda called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

*(*Note: After calling the meeting to order, Chair Castaneda 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 Castaneda 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, *Jerry Cano (4:03 p.m.), Steve Castaneda, José F. Cerda, Hector Martinez, *Jose Preciado (left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.), and *Alejandra Sotelo-Solis (4:29 p.m.)

Directors Absent: None

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Tish Berge, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa, and Board Secretary Ligia Perez. Staff Members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Director of Engineering Ron Mosher, Director of Distribution Greg Snyder, Director of Finance Rich Stevenson, and Director of Administrative Services Dina Yorba.

(Note: Director Cano entered the meeting at 4:03 p.m.)

• **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

There were none.

ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA

1. Draft FY 2020-21 Budget for Review and Comments

(Note: Director Sotelo-Solis entered the meeting at 4:29 p.m.)

No action was required by the Governing Board.

2. Continued Review of Draft FY 2020-21 Strategic Plan Work Plan (Annual Work Plan)
No action was required by the Governing Board.

- **Directors' Comments**

Director Martinez commented on the valuable process of reviewing draft documents and will be submitting any notes regarding the draft documents to the Board Secretary and Legal Counsel for distribution to Directors.

Director Sotelo-Solis thanked staff for their work on the draft budget and Strategic Plan presentations.

Chair Castaneda thanked staff for their work on the draft documents; and said he is glad to see that the beautification of the wells housing is being looked at.

(Note: Director Preciado left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.)

CLOSED SESSION


At 6:08 p.m., the Board convened in closed session with legal counsel for:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2): One Case
- B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:
Title: General Manager

There were no minutes taken, and the session was not audio-recorded. At 6:53 p.m., Chair Castaneda declared the meeting to be in open session. No reportable action was taken by the Governing Board.

- **Adjournment**

With no further business before the Board, Chair Castaneda adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.



Steve Castaneda, Chair

Attest:



Ligia Perez, Board Secretary