

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

May 18, 2022

The Finance and Administration Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Pursuant to provisions provided for under Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was held via teleconference. Director Castaneda called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Directors Present: Steve Castaneda, *Jose Preciado (4:38 p.m.), and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis.

Directors Absent: None.

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine, and Acting Secretary Michael Garcia. Staff members: Customer Service Supervisor Miguel Alvarez, Director of Finance Rich Stevenson, and Director of Administrative Services Dina Yorba. Other Present: Aaron Easterly.

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda

There was none.

3. Public Comment (Government Code Section 54954.3)

There were none.

4. Action Agenda

A. Consideration of Award of Contract for the Purchase of a Meter Test Bench

Aaron Easterly submitted written comments expressing disagreement with the lowest total cost bid outcome and requested that the Governing Board review further the staff recommendation, which was read into the record by the Acting Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comment.

(Note: Director Preciado entered the meeting at 4:38 p.m.)

Director Castaneda made a motion, seconded by Director Sotelo-Solis, that the Finance and Administration Committee recommend that the Governing Board award a contract to Ferguson in the amount of \$228,500.44 for the purchase of a Ford Meter Test Bench; allocate \$25,388 from the capital contingency; and reallocate the remaining unused funds from the completed FY 2021-22 Pipeline Replacement Program - Trench Pavement (Distribution) project in the amount of \$54,162. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consideration to Approve the South Bay Irrigation District FY 2022-23 Budget, pursuant to the Fund Transfer and Reimbursement Agreement between Sweetwater Authority and South Bay Irrigation District

Director Sotelo-Solis made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Finance and Administration Committee recommend that the Governing Board approve the South Bay Irrigation District FY 2022-23 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Directors' Comments

There were none.

6. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, Director Preciado adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.