

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

**May 24, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom and at
Sweetwater Authority Administration Building
505 Garrett Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910**

- **Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call**

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at the Sweetwater Authority Administrative Office, 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, California. Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Steve Castaneda, *Manny Delgado (5:07 p.m.), Hector Martinez, Ron Morrison, and Ditas Yamane

Directors Absent: Paulina Martinez-Perez

Staff Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa, Board Secretary Ligia Hoffman, Human Resources Specialist Ryan Baranov, Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Director of Engineering and Operations Erick Del Bosque, Assistant Board Secretary Michael Garcia, Program Manager Dan Hayes, Human Resources Technician Asha Howard, Public Affairs Manager Leslie Payne, Director of Finance Rich Stevenson, and Director of Administrative Services Dina Yorba

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

- **Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were none.

- **Chair's Presentation**

- **Comments from Public Regarding Agency Staff**

General Manager Quintero introduced staff Asha Howard and Ryan Baranov who were recently promoted to the Human Resources department.

ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA**1. Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered on the Agenda**

There were none.

2. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2023

Motion by: Director Morrison

Seconded by: Director Castaneda

that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 26, 2023.

Ayes (5): Director Calderon-Scott, Director Castaneda, Director Martinez, Director Morrison, and Director Yamane

Absent (2): Director Delgado, and Director Martinez-Perez

Motion Carried Unanimously (5 to 0)

Consent Calendar Items

Director Castaneda recused himself from consideration of Agenda Item 3 due to his contract with Sempra Energy, parent company of SDG&E, which Director Castaneda disclosed on the record.

Motion by: Director Yamane

Seconded by: Director Morrison

that the Governing Board approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes (5): Director Calderon-Scott, Director Castaneda, Director Martinez, Director Morrison, and Director Yamane

Absent (2): Director Delgado, and Director Martinez-Perez

Motion Carried with Director Castaneda recused from Item 3 (5 to 0)

3. Approval of San Diego Gas & Electric Demands and Warrants – April 2023**4. Approval of Demands and Warrants (excludes the San Diego Gas & Electric Demands and Warrants) – April 2023****5. Consideration to Award Annual Contracts for Water Treatment Chemicals (Water Quality Committee Meeting of 5/3/23)**

Recommendation: 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.

6. **Status Update on National City Wells Iron and Manganese Removal System (Information Item)** (Water Quality Committee Meeting of 5/3/23)
Recommendation: No action was required by the Governing Board.
7. **Update on Rate Outreach Plan (Information Item)** (Legislative Affairs and Communications Committee Meeting of 5/8/23)
Recommendation: No action was required by the Governing Board.

Action and Discussion Items

8. **Consideration of Request for Proposals for the Sweetwater Reservoir Enhancement Project** (Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of 5/15/23)
Recommendation: Provide input on the draft Request for Proposals to select a Reservoir Enhancement Entity for the Sweetwater Reservoir Enhancement Project; direct staff to amend the draft Request for Proposals based on the input received by the Committee, and any further input provided by the Board; direct staff to issue the amended Request for Proposals to Vulcan Materials Company and Griffith Company/Dutra Joint Venture; and direct staff to submit proposals to the Board for consideration.

(Note: Director Delgado entered the meeting at 5:07 p.m.)

Motion by: Director Castaneda
Seconded by: Director Calderon-Scott

that the Governing Board provide input on the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a Reservoir Enhancement Entity for the Sweetwater Reservoir Enhancement Project; direct staff to amend the draft RFP based on the input received; direct staff to issue the amended RFP to Vulcan Materials Company and Griffith Company/Dutra Joint Venture; and direct staff to submit proposals to the Board for consideration.

Ayes (6): Director Calderon-Scott, Director Castaneda, Director Delgado, Director Martinez, Director Morrison, and Director Yamane

Absent (1): Director Martinez-Perez

Motion Carried Unanimously (6 to 0)

9. Old and Unfinished Business

Presentation of Board Room Improvement Project Alternatives and Technology Update Project for Review, Input, and Comment

Motion by: Director Castaneda

Seconded by: Director Yamane

that the Governing Board direct staff to go back to the architect to negotiate additional work that would include plans on expanding the Board Room’s footprint capacity and room flexibility; and for the Chair to create an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the Board Room improvement project.

Ayes (5): Director Calderon-Scott, Director Castaneda, Director Delgado, Director Martinez, and Director Yamane

Noes (1): Director Morrison

Absent (1): Director Martinez-Perez

Motion Carried (5 to 1)

10. New Business

Consideration to Adopt Resolution 23-10, Approving Sweetwater Authority’s 2023 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) Annex, Incorporating Sweetwater Authority into the San Diego County MJHMP

Motion by: Director Yamane

Seconded by: Director Morrison

that the Governing Board adopt Resolution 23-10, Approving Sweetwater Authority’s 2023 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) Annex, Incorporating Sweetwater Authority into the San Diego County MJHMP.

Ayes (6): Director Calderon-Scott, Director Castaneda, Director Delgado, Director Martinez, Director Morrison, and Director Yamane

Absent (1): Director Martinez-Perez

Motion Carried Unanimously (6 to 0)

11. Approval of Directors' Attendance at Meetings and Future Agenda Items**Motion by:** Director Calderon-Scott**Seconded by:** Director Delgadothat the Governing Board approve per diem for Items 11.A through 11.D.

Ayes (6): Director Calderon-Scott, Director Castaneda, Director Delgado, Director Martinez, Director Morrison, and Director Yamane

Absent (1): Director Martinez-Perez

Motion Carried Unanimously (6 to 0)

- A. Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend the Urban Water Institute Annual Water Conference, San Diego – August 23-25, 2023**
- B. Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend the CSDA Annual Conference, Monterey – August 28-31, 2023**
- C. Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend the NADBank Summit 2023, San Antonio, TX – August 30-31, 2023**
- D. Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend the Olivewood Gardens Seedling Soiree, National City – June 3, 2023**

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**12. Delayed Revenue Balance Dashboard****13. Financial Reports - April 2023****14. Committee Minutes****15. Committee Look Ahead**

- **Water Quality Committee Six-Month Look Ahead FY 2022-23 Q4 and FY 2023-24 Q1** (Water Quality Committee Meeting of 5/3/23)
Recommendation: No action was required by the Governing Board.
- **Engineering and Operations Committee Six-Month Look Ahead FY 2022-23 Q4 and FY 2023-24 Q1** (Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting of 5/15/23)
Recommendation: No action was required by the Governing Board.

16. Report of Management

General Manager Quintero reported:

- Loveland Reservoir Recreation Program is reopening May 30, 2023;
- Monday, May 29, 2023 is Memorial Day and offices are closed; and

- A Special Board meeting has been scheduled for June 13, 2023 to continue discussion of the Water Rate Study.

17. Report of Sweetwater Authority Director to the Water Conservation Garden Authority

Director Castaneda provided a report, including the upcoming expiration of the current joint power's agreement and the formation of an ad hoc to look at a new agreement.

18. Report of Representatives to the San Diego County Water Authority

Director Yamane reported that at the upcoming meeting there will be discussion on the SDCWA budget and legislative bills; and conversations have begun regarding the search for a new general manager.

Director Castaneda reported on the upcoming meeting items, and shared that the budget process this year has been more arduous and involved than in previous years.

19. Reports by Directors on Events Attended

A. High School Photo Contest Artist Reception – April 27, 2023

Directors Calderon-Scott, Castaneda, Delgado, and Martinez provided a report.

B. South County Economic Development Council Economic Summit – April 28, 2023

Directors Calderon-Scott, Martinez, and Morrison provided a report.

C. SoCal Water Coalition Quarterly Luncheon – April 28, 2023

Director Delgado provided a report.

D. South County Economic Development Council Meeting – May 2, 2023

Director Castaneda provided a report.

E. ACWA Spring Conference – May 9 - 11, 2023

Director Calderon-Scott, Castaneda, Delgado, Martinez, and Morrison provided a report.

F. San Diego Chapter CSDA Quarterly Meeting – May 18, 2023

Directors Castaneda, Delgado, and Morrison provided a report.

G. Other Events Attended

There were none.

20. Directors' Comments

Director Morrison commented on a Memorial Day event at La Vista Cemetery in Lincoln Acres.

Closed Session

At 6:48 p.m. the Board convened in closed session for item A as stated on the agenda. There was no need for closed session on Item B.

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:

Title: General Manager

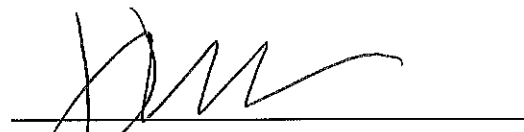
B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1):

United States, et al. ex rel John Hendrix v. J-M Manufacturing Company Inc., and Formosa Plastics Corporation, U.S.A., Case No. ED CV06-00055-GW

There were no minutes taken, and the session was not audio-recorded. The Board came out of closed session at 7:04 p.m. p.m. and reconvened in open session. There was no reportable action taken by the Governing Board

21. Adjournment

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



Hector Martinez, Chair

Attest:



Ligia Hoffman, Board Secretary