

**WATER QUALITY AND DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**June 1, 2022**

The Water Quality and Distribution Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Pursuant to provisions provided for in Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was held via teleconference. Director Rios called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Directors Present: Paulina Martinez-Perez and Mona Rios

Directors Absent: Josie Calderon-Scott

Management, General Manager Carlos Quintero and Acting Secretary  
Staff, and Others Michael Garcia. Staff members: Customer Service Supervisor  
Present: Miguel Alvarez, Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Cross  
Connection Control Supervisor Ricardo DeLeon, and Director  
of Administrative Services Dina Yorba. Others Present:  
Ronald Shipley

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda**

There were none.

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

There were none.

**4. Action Agenda**

A. Consideration to Authorize a Sole-source Contract to Hazen and Sawyer for Assistance with Lead and Copper Rule Revision Requirements

**Director Martinez-Perez made a motion, seconded by Director Rios, that the Water Quality and Distribution Committee recommend that the Governing Board award a sole-source contract for assistance with Lead and Copper Rule Revision requirements to Hazen and Sawyer as presented in an amount not to exceed \$127,000. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Calderon-Scott absent.**

B. Consideration to Extend the Due Date of All Single Swing-check Upgrades on Fire Service Laterals

Mariam Binba submitted written comments supporting a 2-year extension on the upgrades of the backflow devices, which were read onto the record by the Acting Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

Ronald Shipley commented on the need for Authority-wide backflow device upgrades but supported an alternative exemption for fire hydrants that are routinely flushed.

**Director Rios made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez-Perez, that the Water Quality and Distribution Committee recommend that the Governing Board approve a two (2) year extension of the due date until April 25, 2025, for customers with a non-compliant backflow prevention device on the fire service lateral to bring the device into compliance. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Calderon-Scott absent.**

**5. Directors' Comments**

There was none.

**6. Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, Director Rios adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.