

**SWEETWATER AUTHORITY
GOVERNING BOARD
AND
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

June 8, 2021

The Governing Board and the Citizens Advisory Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Special Joint meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 and 33-20, this meeting was held via teleconference. Governing Board Chair, Hector Martinez, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

*(*Note: After calling the meeting to order, Chair Martinez established for the record that all Directors and Members were able to hear the proceedings, and that all votes would be taken by a roll call vote pursuant to the provisions of the Brown Act. Chair Martinez further established for the record the process by which public comments would be received by the Board, which was also described in the Agenda for the meeting.)*

- **Roll Call**

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Hector Martinez, Paulina Martinez-Perez, *Jose Preciado (5:08 p.m.), Mona Rios, and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis.

Directors Absent: Steve Castaneda

CAC Members and Alternates Present: Aida Castaneda (Alternate), Cesar Fernandez, Kevin O'Neill, Arcelia Magaña, Jeanette Reyes, Mike Sampsel, Dave Schlesinger (Alternate), and Todd Voorhees.

CAC Members Absent: William Sendt

Management, Staff, and Others Present: Interim General Manager Jennifer Sabine, Legal Counsel Nicholas Norvell, and Board Secretary Ligia Perez. Staff members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Public Affairs Manager Leslie Payne, Director of Finance Rich Stevenson and Interim Director of Distribution Carl Quiram. Others present: Danell Scarborough of The Centre for Organization Effectiveness.

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

(Note: Director Preciado entered the meeting at 5:08 p.m.)

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

There were none.

Action Calendar Agenda

- A. Introduction of Board Members and Citizens Advisory Committee Members
No action was required by the Governing Board.
- B. Review of Mission and Values of the Citizens Advisory Committee
No action was required by the Governing Board.
- C. Review of Citizens Advisory Committee Accomplishments
No action was required by the Governing Board.
- D. Discussion of Increasing the Effectiveness of the Citizens Advisory Committee
No action was required by the Governing Board.
- E. Next Steps for the Citizens Advisory Committee, Including Possible Recommendation to Board Policy 522, for Future Consideration by the Sweetwater Authority Governing Board
No action was required by the Governing Board.

- **Directors' Comments**

CAC Member O'Neill commented on the levels of expertise of the various members and the concerns of the community, including water safety and costs.

CAC Alternate Member Schlesinger commented on the proposed initiatives presented to the CAC by himself and Member Sampsel.

CAC Alternate Member Castaneda commented on looking forward on how to be most useful to the Authority, in particular for those affected by the pandemic.

CAC Vice Chair Reyes commented on her experience and that she appreciates the education provided.

Director Sotelo-Solis commented on her appreciation and value of the CAC members input and thanked them for their work, and is looking forward to the long-term dialogue.

CAC Member Voorhees commented on the great meeting, appreciated the idea of a proposed decision roadmap, and the process moving forward.

Director Martinez-Perez thanked everyone for their time and dedication; and looks forward to future joint meetings.

Director Calderon-Scott commented on the suggestions made; encouraged Directors to meet with their CAC members; and the benefit of having the CAC for community input.

CAC Member Sampsel commented on potential in-person meetings in the future; and on the potential changes to Board Policy 522.

Director Rios thanked everyone for their work; commented on the value of Directors receiving the same information from members to ensure sound decision-making and supports transparency.

Director Preciado commented on extending the Authority's affinity for the CAC by providing branded items and invitations to annual events.

CAC Chair Magaña commented on her role as the CAC Chair and the importance of collaboration with the Governing Board.

- **Adjournment**

With no further business before the Board, Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.



Hector Martinez, Chair

Attest:



Ligia Perez, Board Secretary