

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

June 9, 2021

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 and 33-20, this meeting was held via teleconference. Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

*(*Note: After calling the meeting to order, Chair Martinez 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 Martinez 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 (6:03 p.m.), Steve Castaneda, Hector Martinez, Paulina Martinez-Perez, Jose Preciado, Mona Rios, and *Alejandra Sotelo-Solis (6:03 p.m.).

Directors Absent: None.

Management, Staff, and Others Present: Interim General Manager Jennifer Sabine, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa, and Board Secretary Ligia Perez. Staff members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Program Analyst Clay Clifton, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Distribution Manager Nathan Golder, Program Manager Dan Hayes, Director of Engineering Ron Mosher, Public Affairs Manager Leslie Payne, Director of Finance Rich Stevenson, Director of Administrative Services Dina Yorba, and Interim Director of Distribution Carl Quiram. Others present: Alison Alpert of Best Best & Krieger and Leanne Hammond of HDR, Inc.

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

(Note: Directors Calderon-Scott and Sotelo-Solis entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.)

Russell Walsh submitted written comments regarding the Authority's sand mining plans, which were read onto the record by the Board Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

- **Chair's Presentation**

ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA

1. Public Hearing

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board via Zoom Webinar/Teleconference and for written comments submitted by members of the public to be read onto the record concerning the Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Chair Martinez announced that the Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority is conducting a public hearing to receive public comments regarding its Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Leanne Hammond provided an overview of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Chair Martinez provided an opportunity for comments or questions by the members of the Board.

At 6:19 p.m., Chair Martinez opened the Public Hearing. He then opened the opportunity for public comments and stated that each speaker has three minutes to speak. There were no comments from the public.

At 6:19 p.m., Chair Martinez closed the Public Hearing.

2. Consideration to Adopt Resolution 21-10, Adopting a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of 6/2/21)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 21-10, Adopting a Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Upon a motion by Director Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Director Rios, the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 21-10

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY
ADOPTING A WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN**

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: Directors Calderon-Scott, Castaneda, Martinez, Martinez-Perez, Preciado, Rios, and Sotelo-Solis

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. Public Hearing

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board via Zoom Webinar/Teleconference and for written comments submitted by members of the public to be read onto the record concerning Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan.

Chair Martinez announced that the Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority is conducting a public hearing to receive public comments regarding its Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan.

Leanne Hammond provided an overview of the Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. Chair Martinez provided an opportunity for comments or questions by the members of the Board.

At 6:38 p.m., Chair Martinez opened the Public Hearing. He then opened the opportunity for public comments and stated that each speaker has three minutes to speak. There were no comments from the public.

At 6:39 p.m., Chair Martinez closed the Public Hearing.

4. Consideration to Adopt Resolution 21-11, Adopting an Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of 6/2/21)
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 21-11, Adopting an Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan.

Upon a motion by Director Preciado, seconded by Director Castaneda, the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 21-11

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE 2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

Ayes:	Directors Calderon-Scott, Castaneda, Martinez, Martinez-Perez, Preciado, Rios, and Sotelo-Solis
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

5. Public Hearing

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board via Zoom Webinar/Teleconference and for written comments submitted by members of the public to be read onto the record concerning the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan

Chair Martinez announced that the Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority is conducting a public hearing to receive public comments regarding its 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.

Leanne Hammond provided an overview of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. Chair Martinez provided an opportunity for comments or questions by the members of the Board.

At 6:49 p.m., Chair Martinez opened the Public Hearing. He then opened the opportunity for public comments and stated that each speaker has three minutes to speak. There were no comments from the public.

At 6:50 p.m., Chair Martinez closed the Public Hearing.

6. Consideration to Adopt Resolution 21-12, Adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of 6/2/21)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 21-12, Adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.

Upon a motion by Director Rios, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 21-12

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY ADOPTING THE 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: Directors Calderon-Scott, Castaneda, Martinez, Martinez-Perez, Preciado, Rios, and Sotelo-Solis

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

7. Public Hearing

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board via Zoom Webinar/Teleconference and for written comments submitted by members of the public to be read onto the record concerning Amending the Drought Response Plan

Chair Martinez announced that the Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority is conducting a public hearing to receive public comments regarding Amending the Drought Response Plan.

Engineering Manager Del Bosque provided an overview of Amending the Drought Response Plan. Chair Martinez provided an opportunity for comments or questions by the members of the Board.

At 6:57 p.m., Chair Martinez opened the Public Hearing. He then opened the opportunity for public comments and stated that each speaker has three minutes to speak. There were no comments from the public.

At 6:57 p.m., Chair Martinez closed the Public Hearing.

8. Consideration to Adopt Resolution 21-13, Amending the Drought Response Plan (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of 6/2/21)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 21-13, Amending the Drought Response Plan.

Upon a motion by Director Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Director Preciado, the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 21-13

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY
AMENDING THE DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN**

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: Directors Calderon-Scott, Castaneda, Martinez, Martinez-Perez, Preciado, Rios, and Sotelo-Solis
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

9. Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered on the Agenda

There were none.

10. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting of May 26, 2021

Director Castaneda made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez-Perez, that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 26, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Calendar Items

Director Castaneda made a motion, seconded by Director Preciado, that the Governing Board approve the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Consideration of Energy Audit Recommendations (Operations Committee Meeting of 6/2/21)
Recommendation: Direct staff to come back with a report on the implementation of the recommendations on page 32 of the Energy Management Review Project including costs, priorities, and feasibilities; implement recommendation No. 14, visiting Helix Water District, and include the findings of this visit in this report; and recommendation No. 5, explore the benefits and cost structures provided through the DA Program and have staff submit a DA Application by the enrollment deadline of June 14, 2021.

12. Consideration of Alternative Fuels and Electric Vehicle Recommendations (Operations Committee Meeting of 6/2/21)
Recommendation: Direct staff to evaluate the consultant recommendations and bring back a proposed implementation plan for alternative fuels and electric vehicles.

Action and Discussion Items

13. Old and Unfinished Business

A. Consideration to Adopt Resolution 21-14, Adopting a Budget for FY 2021-22

Director Rios made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez-Perez, that the Governing Board direct the General Manager to provide Authority promotional merchandise to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and invite the CAC to the Authority's holiday party; directed staff to correct the amount listed in footnote six of the Administration Budget on page 25, and clarify footnote one of the Distribution Budget on page 36 the following resolution; and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 21-14

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FY 2021-22

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

Ayes:	Directors Calderon-Scott, Castaneda, Martinez, Martinez-Perez, Preciado, Rios, and Sotelo-Solis
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

B. Consideration to Approve the FY 2021-22 Strategic Plan Detailed Work Plan (Annual Work Plan)

Director Castaneda made a motion, seconded by Director Sotelo-Solis, that the Governing Board approve the FY 2021-22 Strategic Plan Work Plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Approval of Directors' Attendance at Meetings and Future Agenda Items

Per diem approval for Director Castaneda presenting at the Friends of the Water Conservation Garden meeting on behalf of the Water Conservation Garden – May 27, 2021

Director Rios made a motion, seconded by Chair Martinez, that the Governing Board approve per diem for Director Castaneda presenting at the Friends of the Water Conservation Garden meeting on behalf of the Water Conservation Garden – May 27, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

15. COVID-19 Pandemic Delayed Revenue Balance Dashboard

16. Committee Minutes

17. Report of Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel de Sousa reported on the continuation of videoconferencing/teleconferencing of public meetings pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order; and the ongoing discussions of Cal/OSHA regarding workplace restrictions.

18. Report of Management

Interim General Manager Sabine reported on:

- The Authority's Annual Water Quality Report is now available. Postcards announcing the release were mailed to all customers;
- The San Diego Union-Tribune published an article highlighting the Authority's High School Photo Contest; and
- Previewed the agenda items for the upcoming Finance and Personnel Committee and the Operations Committee meetings.

19. Reports by Directors on Events Attended

A. ACWA Spring Virtual Conference – May 12-14, 2021

Director Martinez-Perez provided a report.

B. WEF Virtual Lower Colorado River Tour – May 20, 2021

Director Martinez-Perez provided a report.

C. Tour of Loveland Reservoir – May 24, 2021

Director Castaneda and Chair Martinez provided a report.

D. Friends of the Water Conservation Garden Meeting – May 27, 2021 (*pending per diem approval*)

Director Castaneda provided a report.

E. South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) Meeting – June 1, 2021

Director Castaneda provided a report.

F. Other Events Attended – There was none.

20. Directors' Comments

Director Rios announced the appointment of the new General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District; and that Interim General Manager Sabine will present at the next City of National City Council meeting regarding the drought and fiscal impacts.

Director Martinez-Perez commented that she appreciates that the board policies allow Directors to attend conferences to learn.

Chair Martinez expressed appreciation for the Authority's representatives to the San Diego County Water Authority.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:51p.m. the Board convened in closed session for:

A. Public Employee Appointment pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:

Title: General Manager

B. Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:

Agency Negotiators: Hector Martinez, Chair
Alison Alpert, Legal Counsel

Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

There was no need for closed session on item:

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

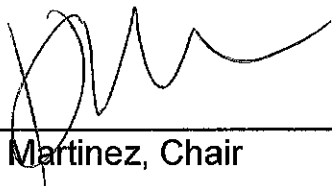
United States, et al. ex rel John Hendrix v. J-M Manufacturing Company Inc., and Formosa Plastics Corporation, U.S.A., Case No. ED CV06-00055-GW

There were no minutes taken, and the session was not audio-recorded.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:28 p.m., with Directors Castaneda, Martinez, Martinez-Perez, Rios, and Sotelo-Solis in attendance. 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 8:32 p.m.



Hector Martinez, Chair

Attest:



Ligia Perez, Board Secretary