

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

June 12, 2019

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at the Sweetwater Authority Administrative Office, 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, California. Chair Castaneda called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Jerry Cano, Steve Castaneda, José F. Cerda, Hector Martinez, Jose Preciado, and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

Directors Absent: None

Management, Staff and Others Present: General Manager Tish Berge, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine, Legal Counsel Nicholas Norvell, and Board Secretary Ligia Perez. Staff Members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Program Analyst Clay Clifton, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Director of Engineering Ron Mosher, Director of Distribution Greg Snyder, Director of Finance Rich Stevenson, and Director of Administrative Services Dina Yorba. Others present: Efren and Ily Nierva, Dave Schlesinger, and Andrew Vanover.

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

Dave Schlesinger distributed written comments to the board; spoke on the committee meeting minutes; the final FY 2019-20 Budget; and employee salaries and benefits.

Andrew Vanover spoke on his residential development project and related construction fees.

- **Chair's Presentation**

Presentation of Sweetwater Authority's Winner of the 2019 WaterSmart Landscape Contest

ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered on the Agenda

Per General Manager Berge's request, the Governing Board concurred to move agenda item 5. B. before item 5. A.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Special Meeting of May 20, 2019

B. Regular Meeting of May 22, 2019

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 Special meeting and the May

22, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Calendar Items

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board approve consent items 3 and 4. Director Castaneda recused himself from consideration of warrant numbers 151178, 151223, and 151261 due to his contract with Sempra Energy, parent company of SDG&E, which Director Castaneda disclosed on the record. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Demands and Warrants – Check numbers 151148 through 151265 and electronic fund transfers 27878 through 28334
4. Consideration to Approve the South Bay Irrigation District FY 2019-20 Budget, pursuant to the Fund Transfer and Reimbursement Agreement between Sweetwater Authority and South Bay Irrigation District (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of 6/3/19, Item 4)
Recommendation: Approve the South Bay Irrigation District FY 2019-20 Budget.

Action and Discussion Items

5. Old and Unfinished Business

B. Consideration to Approve the FY 2019-20 Strategic Plan Detailed Work Plan

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Sotelo-Solis, that the Governing Board approve the FY 2019-20 Strategic Plan Work Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

(Note: Director Martinez left the room at 6:48 p.m. and reentered the room at 6:49 p.m.)

A. Consideration to Adopt Resolution 19-14 Adopting a Budget for FY 2019-20

Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Preciado, that the Governing Board move the Pipelines Budget of \$2,809,300 and the Fleet Budget of \$1,065,000 to the Operating Reserve Fund until its respective studies are completed; and adopt Resolution 19-14. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 19-14

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

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

6. New Business

A. Consideration to Adopt Resolution 19-12, Adopting the FY 2019-20 Pay Schedule

for All Employees Effective July 1, 2019

General Manager Berge and Legal Counsel Norvell provided a brief summary and an announcement that the proposed pay schedule included a two percent increase in the salary ranges of various positions, including Department Directors and the Assistant General Manager.

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

**RESOLUTION 19-12
RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY
ADOPTING THE FY 2019-20 PAY SCHEDULE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019**

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

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

B. Consideration to Adopt Resolution 19-13, Adopting Revised Board Policy 510 and 511

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

**RESOLUTION 19-13
RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
SWEETWATER AUTHORITY ADOPTING REVISED BOARD
POLICIES 510 AND 511**

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

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

C. ACWA Election: Call for Candidate Nominations for the 2020-21 Term

Director Cerda made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board nominate Director Sotelo-Solis to ACWA's Region 10 Board. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Council of Water Utilities Meeting, San Diego County – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, San Diego – Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – Business: A) Establishing a Bylaws Committee; B) Discussion and Possible Amendments to the Bylaws; and C) Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair.

No action was required by the Governing Board.

- B. Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) 2019 Western Water Seminar, Portland, OR – August 7-9, 2019.

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board approve per diem for Directors who wish to attend the National Water Resources Association 2019 Western Water Seminar, Portland, OR – August 7-9, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend the Hydro Station Grand Opening at the Richard A. Reynolds Desalination Facility – August 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board approve per diem for Directors who wish to attend the Hydro Station Grand Opening at the Richard A. Reynolds Desalination Facility – August 15, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Report of Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel Nicholas Norvell provided a report on an Irrigation District case in April 2019.

9. Management Report

A. Report of Assistant General Manager – There was none.

B. Report of General Manager

General Manager Berge reported on the Hydro Station soft launch; her participation at the National City Neighborhood Council breakfast; and her attendance at the AWWA conference in Denver, CO where she accepted an Authority award and participated in a roundtable discussion on diversity.

10. Reports by Directors on Events Attended

Water Education Foundation Bay-Delta Tour – June 5-7, 2019

Director Cerda provided a written report. Director Cano provided a verbal report.

11. Directors' Comments

Director Cerda provided additional information on his attendance at the Bay-Delta Tour.

Director Sotelo-Solis thanked the Board for making the iron and manganese removal project a priority; and commented on her attendance at the North American Mayors Summit.

Director Martinez is looking forward to the work ahead.

Director Preciado reported on the the San Diego County Water Authority's budget; water conveyance study; and their search for a new general manager.

Director Cano thanked General Manager Berge for attending the National City Neighborhood Council; and would like for the City of National City representative to the SDCWA to provide a report to the Sweetwater Authority.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:55 p.m., the Board convened to meet in closed session with legal counsel for:

A. Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiators: Tish Berge, General Manager
Jennifer Sabine, Assistant General Manager

Employee Organizations: Sweetwater Authority Employees' Committee
Sweetwater Authority Middle Management Group
Sweetwater Authority Confidential Employees' Group

There was no need for a closed session on item:

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. At 8:22 p.m., Chair Castaneda declared the meeting to be in open session. No reportable action was taken by the Governing Board.

12. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Chair Castaneda adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.


Steve Castaneda, Chair

Attest:


Ligia Perez, Board Secretary