

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

**July 10, 2019**

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 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: Jerry Cano, Steve Castaneda, José F. Cerda, Hector Martinez, Jose Preciado, and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

Directors Absent: Josie Calderon-Scott

Management, Staff and Others Present: General Manager Tish Berge, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine, Legal Counsel Nicholaus Norvell, and Board Secretary Ligia Perez. Staff Members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, and Program Specialist Doug Roberts. Others present: Diane Henry and Bruce Rothschild of Gentry Glen HOA, Robert Coleman and Coleen Wisniewski of the City of Chula Vista, and Dave Schlesinger.

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

There were no comments from the public.

- **Chair's Presentation**

A. Presentation of Savings Through Efficiency Program (STEP) Grant to Gentry Glen HOA, 75 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Chula Vista for Irrigation Improvements

B. Presentation of Water Efficiency Education Program (WEEP) Grant to City of Chula Vista for the Relaunch of the NatureScape Program

**ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA**

1. Public Hearing – Sweetwater Authority 2019 Public Health Goals Report

Chair Castaneda announced that the Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority is conducting a public hearing to receive public comments and consider amendments to the Sweetwater Authority 2019 Public Health Goals.

At 6:09 p.m., Chair Castaneda opened the Public Hearing. Assistant General Manager Sabine provided an overview.

Chair Castaneda provided an opportunity for comments by the members of the Board. 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 Castaneda closed the public hearing.

2. Consideration to Accept the Sweetwater Authority 2019 Public Health Goals Report

**Director Sotelo-Solis made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board accept the 2019 Public Health Goals Report. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Calderon-Scott absent.**

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered on the Agenda

There were none.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of June 26, 2019

B. Special Meeting of June 26, 2019

**Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 Regular meeting and the June 26, 2019 Special meeting. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Calderon-Scott absent.**

**Consent Calendar Items**

**Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Sotelo-Solis, that the Governing Board approve consent item 5. Director Sotelo-Solis pulled item 6 for discussion. Director Castaneda recused himself from consideration of warrant numbers 151453 and 151531 due to his contract with Sempra Energy, parent company of SDG&E, which Director Castaneda disclosed on the record. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Calderon-Scott absent.**

5. Approval of Demands and Warrants – Check numbers 151423 through 151541 and electronic fund transfers 28578 through 28844

**Items Pulled from Consent Calendar for Discussion**

6. Consideration of Membership to the Water Conservation Garden Authority for FY 2020-21 (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of 7/3/19, Item 4. A.)  
**Recommendation:** Direct the General Manager to include funds to remain a member of the Water Conservation Garden Authority when preparing the FY 2020-21 Budget

**Director Sotelo-Solis made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board end membership to the Water Conservation Garden but reallocate funds for a conservation garden option in the Sweetwater Authority area. The motion**

failed, with Directors Castaneda, Martinez, and Preciado opposing, and Director Calderon-Scott absent.

### **Action and Discussion Items**

7. Consideration to Support Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 1 (Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting to 7/3/19, Item 4. B.)  
Recommendation: Request direction from the Board.

**Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Governing Board support Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 1. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Calderon-Scott absent.**

8. Old Business

Consideration to Approve Policy 522, Citizens Advisory Committee

Dave Schlesinger commented on water rates; his support of Policy 522; and submitted written comments for the record.

**Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Sotelo-Solis, that the Governing Board direct staff to make revisions and bring the policy back to its July 24, 2019 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Calderon-Scott absent.**

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

A. Per diem approval for Directors' who wish to attend the Legislative Roundtable with Senator Brian Jones, San Diego – Monday, July 15, 2019 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

B. Council of Water Utilities, San Diego – The Butcher Shop Steakhouse – Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – Presentation by Pat Mulroy

C. Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend the San Diego County's Water Resilience Portfolio: Multi-Benefit Solutions for the Southwest, Carlsbad – July 19, 2019, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

D. 2019 Third Avenue Village Association Lemon Festival – Sunday, August 4, 2019

E. Chula Vista HarborFest – Saturday, August 17, 2019

F. Per diem approval for Directors who wish to attend the South County Economic Development Council Annual Economic Summit, San Diego – September 13, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Director Sotelo-Solis made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board approve per diem for directors who wish to attend the Legislative**

Roundtable with Senator Brian Jones, San Diego – Monday, July 15, 2019; the San Diego County's Water Resilience Portfolio: Multi-Benefit Solutions for the Southwest, Carlsbad – July 19, 2019; and the South County Economic Development Council Annual Economic Summit, San Diego – September 13, 2019. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Calderon-Scott absent.

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### 10. Report of Legal Counsel

There was none.

### 11. Management Report

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

B. Report of General Manager

General Manager Berge reported on the recent tour of the Desal Facility for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Moroccan and African Delegation; scheduling a Special Board meeting on July 23, 2019; the Budget in Brief publication; and in partnership with Helix Water District, the Authority received a grant from Metropolitan Water District for Flume Home Water Monitoring System rebates.

### 12. Reports by Directors on Events Attended

Western Coalition of Arid States (WESTCAS) Annual Conference – June 26-28, 2019

Director Martinez provided a report.

### 13. Directors' Comments

Director Cerda commented on a leak in National City and stated he was impressed on how Authority staff handled the incident.

Director Sotelo-Solis thanked staff for their handling of the water leak in National City; commented on her attendance at the U.S. Conference of Mayors and meeting the Mayor of Flint, MI; and the potential for the Authority's involvement in the National Night Out.

Director Martinez received kudos from neighbors on the Authority's handling of street pavement and water laterals; he received negative comments on taste and odor and requested an update from staff; and commented on the replacement of offset fittings.

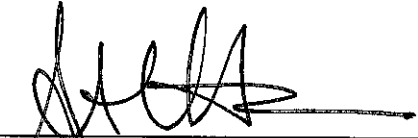
Director Preciado commended staff on their social media efforts; and stated he would like the Communications Committee to review the Water Conservation Garden outreach efforts.

Director Cano thanked the General Manager for alerting him of the leak in National City.

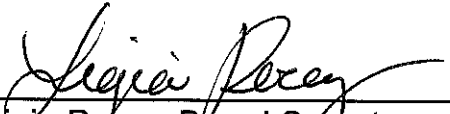
CLOSED SESSION – There was none.

14. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Chair Castaneda adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

  
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Steve Castaneda, Chair

Attest:

  
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Ligia Perez, Board Secretary