

**SWEETWATER AUTHORITY FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**July 15, 2020**

The Finance and Personnel Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and 33-20, this meeting was held via teleconference. Chair Sotelo-Solis called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

**1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call**

Directors Present: José F. Cerda, Jose Preciado, and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

Directors Absent: None

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Tish Berge and Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine. Staff Members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Director of Engineering Ron Mosher, Public Affairs Manager Leslie Payne, Director of Finance Rich Stevenson, and Director of Administrative Services Dina Yorba.

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda**

Per General Manager Berge's request, the Operations Committee concurred to move agenda item 4. B. before item 4. A.

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

There were none.

**4. Action Agenda**

B. Strategic Plan Reporting – Year-end Detailed Work Plan Status Report  
(Information Item)

There was no action required by the Committee.

A. Consideration to Provide Hard Copies of Documents to Citizens Advisory Committee and Possible Revisions to Board Policies 522 - Citizens Advisory Committee and 608 – Mailed Notice of Meetings

Upon a motion by Director Preciado, seconded by Director Cerda, the Finance and Personnel Committee recommends that the Governing Board direct staff to provide hard copies of Board agenda packets in a cost-effective manner to the Citizens Advisory Committee members and alternates upon their request for the next six months; and for staff to track the cost to produce hard copies of these documents and reported back to the Finance and Personnel Committee to evaluate whether revisions should be made to Board Policies 522 and 608. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Directors' Comments**

Director Preciado commented that Caltrans has nearly completed a sound wall near his residence.

Director Cerda thanked Director Sotelo-Solis for her leadership on the recent fire event on the U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard and expressed his concern for the missing person at Sweetwater Reservoir.

Director Sotelo-Solis reported on the U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard that caught fire off the coast of National City on Sunday and created a plume of black smoke over the area. The City of National City issued a notification to residents to stay indoors to avoid any negative health effects from the smoke. In cooperation with regional leaders, the Port of San Diego took emergency action to allocate \$200,000 to create an impact fund for immediate assistance to those impacted by the fire in zip codes 92113, 92102, 91950. Residents in these zip codes can register for a two-night stay at a hotel due to air quality conditions to be paid from the impact fund. The impact fund will also allow residents to purchase air purifiers for their homes.

**6. Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, Director Sotelo-Solis adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.